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Re: Documentary?

From: Sam Sherman <FLEXARET2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:02:20 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 20:10:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Documentary?

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 11:30:08 -0800
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Documentary?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 14:33:50 -0500
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: Documentary?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:37:21 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Sam Sherman <FLEXARET2@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Documentary?
>>>To: 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:

<snip>

The Mexico City footage looks like a light object pulled by a
wire having little or no mass as we know it. The shape and its
rotation are somewhat compelling even so, as is the testimony of
the 2 witnesses on the show, while others were mentioned. What
is suspicious is the mysterious way the footage was first
delivered.

Having the testimony of an eye witness, who is credible is
essential to confirming UFO/sighting/photography.

As for the agenda of ETs..... How many types are there, from
where, how do they live, what is their social structure and what
do they want?? And..... how many angels can dance on the head of
a pin...?

- Sam Sherman

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Sam Sherman <FLEXARET2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:20:35 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 20:15:45 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

I will be glad to help Philip Mantle with his book on the Alien Autopsy.

All he has to do is get his friend Ray Santilli to supply a foot or so of the original footage. Write to me here at this email address and I will provide my film company's mailing address.

Then we will fairly analyze the footage and issue a report to Philip.

We may agree that the footage is authentic or disagree. I would drop all preconceived notions in light of testing the footage.

Until I can make a hands-on analysis, or somebody else in the film field does their own credible analysis, this whole subject can take a walk.

- Sam Sherman

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Re: Filer's Files #52--1999

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 15:39:46 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 21:09:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #52--1999

Happy New Year

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THE GREAT AWAKENING FOR A REMARKABLE NEW CENTURY

It is obvious that there is new interest and excitement over the realization that UFOs are real, and we might not be alone in the universe. To sum up my knowledge as an Ufologist, I have learned that most media personnel, scientists, military, congressional and government employees know very little about UFOs. Most have never studied the subject or been privy to highly classified and compartmentalized data. You the average reader know a great deal more than 99% of these people. Most of you have visited web sites with released government documents that indicate about 30% of the sightings are unknowns and insufficient information. We are in a sense the teachers and experts. You are very important to the future of our world because of this knowledge. Recently there have been more than 400 sightings reported each month by concerned witnesses. The majority of these reports involve multiple witnesses who spend several hours reporting their sighting. The craft are frequently seen at low altitudes well below normal air traffic. Most of the observations were for several minutes' duration. This is very different from a conventional aircraft conducting normal business; they seldom stay in view for more than a minute. Often the reports involve an object hovering just above the trees. We are also obtaining more frequent UFO reports from pilots and radar operators. Many of my Air Force friends and I have chased them. I've met with several of our astronauts who have seen them. We are obtaining video footage from our Space Shuttle missions that show them. Our satellites and Deep Space Sensors are also observing them. When we send our probes to Mars less than a third make it through. I feel the "Environmental Space Sciences" book authored by Colonel Don G. Carpenter and taught at the United States Air Force Academy is correct. Page 696 states: "From available information, the UFO phenomenon may have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years." (snip) "This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFOs." If these craft and their crews have come to earth on a regular basis, we can assume they have influenced our lives throughout history.

We are nearing the time for elections for many politicians. I encourage you to support those candidates that will not be stonewalled by pat answers to the UFO problem. Jimmy Carter had his own sighting and ran partially on a platform to provide answers about UFOs. After being elected, he ignored the subject and still does today. John Moss a California politician is the author of the Freedom of Information Act. He was surprised to learn that its primary use is for obtaining information on UFOs. They remain of great interest to the American people. I have been writing Filer's Files for three years and sending it out to several hundred people a week. A few months ago Chuck Warren volunteered to build a Web Site for me. I want to thank Chuck for his hard work. During December, a half million people

visited our Web Site. This is proof of the amazing interest in UFOs. I want to thank my wife Janet for making these Files possible, she goes to work selling real estate, while I stay home and put them together.

Its time to say farewell to the 1900s, where I learned a couple important lessons in my life that you might enjoy. (1) Love one another, especially your spouse! (2) UFOs are real and we owe alot to great persons like Major Donald Keyhoe, Leonard Stringfield, J. Allen Hynek, Karla Turner, and James McDonald who have passed on in the search for the truth. (3) Ancient religious writings have great wisdom. I encourage everyone to receive the comfort of religious faith in his or her life. (4) I learned that when you see certain code words such as fire in the sky and clouds in ancient religious writings, they mean UFOs. The Bible, Book of Dyzon, Koran, Maha-Brharata, and Torah are some of the best UFO books ever written. (5) Wars are bad, its time to stop them. (6) It is important to search for the truth since it is the foundation of all knowledge. Schools that don't teach about the various religions fail to produce well-rounded students. (7) Our search for the truth over the Internet builds friendships that can change the world. I look forward to a happy, progressive, prosperous, and wonderful future together. Happy New Year.

RECENT NASA SHUTTLE FLIGHTS SHOW UFOs?

Videos take from Shuttle Flights, STS 48, 80, 96 and 103 show anomalies that appear to be unexplained fast moving unidentified flying objects. Sam Sherman an expert in filming, Dr. Jack Kasher a Ph.D. in physics and many other experts have questioned NASA's forth rightness in explaining the anomalous objects as ice crystals or camera lens smudges. Sam writes: "I am a longtime film producer. Recently working on documentary films, I have had cooperation from various divisions of NASA and I can tell you that this entire subject has not been thrown away by them as being of no importance. Furthermore, I also have D-2 Digital Video clones of the NASA Master tapes of the STS-48 event which I have taken to a high end video studio for analysis. I can report that our initial study reveals that the subject cannot be easily explained away. Physicist Dr. Jack Kasher has written a book on the STS-48 events, which has his scientific analysis and is quite compelling. Without knowing the exact technical specs of the camera being used to record the STS-48 events, including Lens formula and specs. Video pickup CCD or tubes and other information, these multiple and different visual events cannot be simply explained away. The STS-48 tapes show at least a dozen or more distinct events each different from one another and not commonly seen on other shuttle tapes. If these were normal occurrences they should be seen in repeat viewing as commonly noted visual events which could be exactly identified as what normal occurrences they are, not merely explained away to conveniently drop the subject. When I state that NASA has refused to give me technical information to be used in making a further analysis of the tapes, that is the specific truth.

As media, we are entitled to get this information, unless it is classified, from a US Government agency. The refusal by NASA to deal with the subject with us clearly indicates to me that the subject may have some part of US security implications, which their sister agency DOD does not wish to have media light shined on. When our questions are properly answered by NASA we will complete a fair evaluation of the tapes, regardless which way the answers should result. The failure to deliver such information, gives the conclusion that NASA has something to hide. Thanks to Sam Sherman. Editor's Note: NASA is spending billions of taxpayers dollars to find life on Mars. Most of their recent satellite missions to Mars are a failure, including the last two. Whoopie Goldberg, stated yesterday, "It appears the Martians don't want us there."

CONNECTICUT BLUE BALL OF LIGHT

YANTIC -- Neaba writes that on December 22, 1999, at 6:12 PM, I was driving my car and looking for the last full moon of the year. It was reported to be the brightest in 122 years. Suddenly a bright blue white ball went past flying west to east in the sky. I saw this for only a few seconds. It had no tail and did not change color in the short time it was visible. Thanks to Neaba.

NEW YORK UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT VIDEOTAPED BY DR. CORNET

PINE BUSH -- On December 18, 1999, Dr. Bruce Cornet took Herm Fischer, a colleague from California, on a tour of the Wallkill River Valley, where he had conducted seven years of research on the Pine Bush Phenomenon. Sightings of Anomalistic Observational Phenomena (AOP) activity in Pine Bush has been rare in the last two years. Cornet and Fischer spent several hours watching from a farm field near the old Jewish Cemetery on Route 52. All they saw were conventional aircraft. At about 8:40 disappointed they began their trip back home. They drove to the town of Walden and then took Rte 208 south to I-84. As they approached a traffic light just before the super highway interchange Cornet spotted a bright light off in the distance, which seemed to be pacing their car. Fischer was driving. Cornet had his camcorder ready, because on several occasions in the past AOP had shown up either just before or just after he got on the highway. At 9:00 PM, Cornet began videotaping the light through the windshield of their Chevy Impala. The AOP seemed to be pacing the car. That fact became clear when Fischer stopped for a red light and the AOP slowed down and stopped also. The light was to the left of and ahead of the car, and in view by both driver and passenger. It was about a mile away when it stopped in midair. Cornet suggested that when the traffic light turned green, he should pull over to the shoulder of the road and stop, which Fischer did next to an industrial park. The AOP moved forward with the car, and then stopped again as the car stopped. The AOP reversed direction and headed back towards them. Cornet zoomed in on the AOP as it made a rapid approach. The AOP descended rapidly from the southeast as if simulating a conventional aircraft on approach to an airport runway, but there is no airport in the area. To their surprise the AOP descended below roof top level and behind a cluster of buildings across the road. There was no crash or explosion. They drove back and checked out the area to make sure there was not a landing strip or place there where a plane could land. Bruce states, "We finally had to accept the fact that we had been had, the Pine Bush Phenomenon had struck again!!" A 37 second video was shot with a Sony Handycam video Hi 8, model CCD-TRV81.

The Pine Bush Phenomenon is not dead, just mostly dormant. It may be waiting for us to develop a strategy, a plan, and a method for analyzing the information they are willing to give us. That will require the use of the latest instruments and technology available, which means that it will cost a lot. It will also require more mainstream scientists and engineers to become challenged by the phenomenon and want to investigate it. It will require government and/or private funding to pay for the salaries of those who are hired to work on the project. It will require the very same type of effort NASA employs to send probes to Mars. It is time for a change. Anomalistic Observational Phenomena will not go quietly into the night and disappear. The methods and tactics of ridicule, disinformation, and unavailability of funding used to date have not worked in silencing the phenomenon. They have instead made humans look stupid. Are you one of them? Let's prove that humans can investigate a phenomenon which appears to challenge conventional science, and do it correctly and with conviction and funding. In the past humans studied life on this planet which is less intelligent than us. The tables may have been reversed. For the first time modern scientists are studying an intelligence equal to or greater than our own (certainly one that possesses technology that surpasses human technology). Are we up to the challenge? I think so. Detailed analysis of the case may be seen at: <http://members.xoom.com/XMCM/cornetbr1/uturn.htm>
Thanks to Bruce Cornet. bcornet@monmouth.com Editor's Note: I've gone hunting with Bruce and also video taped some very strange lights.

NEW JERSEY TEARDROP UFO

WOODBIDGE - December 10, 1999, On three separate occasions over a three-minute span, we saw objects moving around and interweaving with each other at a high speed and they appeared to be moving upward. On a clear, cold, windy night at 9:30 PM, two witnesses who had never seen anything like this before. The lights were so fast compared to an airliner. They also disappeared very quickly. We have never seen anything so spectacular before. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC.

LUMBERTON - On December 26, 1999, a large Flying Wing was spotted in the night sky at 8:30 PM coming from the north. It had six large brilliant lights shining forward on each wing. Three witnesses observed the craft flying at approximately 2,000 feet. Its size appeared much larger than any other aircraft in the night sky. It made a sweeping turn over the South Jersey Regional Airport and headed west towards Philadelphia. There were no blinking strobe or standard warning lights visible. Only a large red light was visible behind the forward lights. Thanks to Anastasia.

GEORGIA LIGHTS AND UFO

BLAIRSVILLE -- Tom Sheets, MUFON's State Director writes, "Our fellow member Carroll Watts sent me an update before leaving on a holiday trip. He indicated that on the evening of the December 22, 1999, an object or light was spotted. It apparently remained in the area and was also observed the next morning from darkness up to 7:45 AM, first in the SW, then moving incredibly fast to the SE. Carroll observed with binoculars and saw red, green and blue lights, changing colors rapidly, shimmering, with the standard erratic movement. He also observed smaller objects that were ejected from the larger, then returning after going only a short distance.

MOULTRIE -- On December 26, 1999, about 9:00 PM, I received a call from what we believe to be a reliable source. He indicated that he was right at that moment watching a bright white star like object about 35 degrees above the SE horizon (this is flat rural area, dark as a coal mine). He indicated that it was making all sorts of erratic movements back and forth, moving in an area larger than the spread hand extended AAL. He viewed it through binoculars, but it did not reveal any detail. MUFONGAS Earle Blanton may be able to spot it if it returns.

TROUP COUNTY -- John Thompson reports that on Monday morning a 44-year-old landowner and his 12-year-old son came in my office and related a dramatic on December 26, 1999, close-encounter. At 8:15 PM the father was outside his truck listening for the bay of coonhounds in a nearby patch of woods. Standing on a hill on Dennis Smith Road he saw a large, round, white-yellow light approach from the west-southwest. His son who was still in the pickup said, "Daddy, look at that plane." The father replied, "It's not a plane. Get out and look!" By this time the unknown "plane," according to father and son, was at ground level and jumping a stand of pine trees to avoid hitting them. As the boy hurriedly exited the parked pickup, the cab and bed lights of the truck came on. Immediately, the UFO did a "zigzag" maneuver. Going first left (north), straight (WSW), right (south) and then left again, it arched upward. While flying in front of the witnesses, who were facing north, the UFO had the appearance of a huge meteor. The round or egg-shape UFO, however, had a thin, gray, "belt-like" horizontal line across its middle. Behind the ball was a stream of "sparks" and "ashes." The combined ball and sparks gave the craft a teardrop shape. At no time was any sound heard. The UFO according to the landowner, whose property the UFO crossed at its closest, flew at speeds of fighter jets seen swooshing by in the past. This would be approximately 400 knots.

Because the father's total familiarity with the land, he estimated that the UFO covered over a mile in ten seconds. At its closest, the UFO was only 200 yards away when the cab and bed lights of the truck came on. It is the witnesses' distinct impression that the UFO somehow sensed the lights coming on and flew the zigzag pattern as a means to evade, perhaps, ground fire. On completing its zigzag, the UFO did not continue its straight-line path as before. The father and son said they lost sight of the UFO as it flew upward. The white-yellow light around the craft and backend sparks "turned off." Instead, what remained was only a faint red ball that quickly dimmed to nothing. They are unsure if the UFO accelerated out of sight or turned back to the west. In any event, the father feels the UFO was mimicking a fireball as a form of camouflage. This camouflage he says was turned off by intelligent control. It can be speculated on leaving straight away that the red exhaust of the UFO's engine was only seen. The father believes that what he saw was not a true UFO; rather, it was an exotic stealth cruise missile. If so, it can be presumed that the car size missile was partially guided by onboard, terrain hugging, radar controls. The missile would have also needed infrared or laser sensors to take the evasive action it did after detecting the

nearby flashes of light. The local authorities have no reports. The father and son said there were eight airplanes flying in the area at the time of their sighting. The UFO had an apparent size at 200 yards of slightly larger than a full moon. At no time did the UFO appear high enough for radar detection. After newspaper reports that the shuttle, perhaps, was mistaken for a UFO in south Mississippi around the same time of the LaGrange incident, the witnesses were re-interviewed. This, they said, was "not the shuttle!" There have been many reports of several types of UFOs in Troup and Harris counties in the last 60 days. The reports come from multiple first and second hand sources. Some of the sightings have been low enough to illuminate the ground beneath. Weather conditions were excellent visibility, unlimited ceiling, and temperature 34 F. with 5-10 mph northwest wind. Copyright 1999, John C.Thompson. All rights reserved.

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MADISON -- Benjamin Kenneth McGill, reports he observed a fast moving object on December 26, 1999, at 8:00 PM on I-55 south. It looked just like a shooting star, except it was going much slower and we could see that it was leaving a long tail with pieces of fire falling from it. It was not descending it was flying on a level plane in a northwest heading. Thanks to Ben McGill, Madison, MS. 39110

Ken Fink and Todd Twilley of the Sun Herald reports that several reports of a UFO came in to local authorities and the Sun Herald concerning a sighting on December 26, 1999, at 7:00 PM. 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. An Ocean Springs police dispatcher said personnel at Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport said they saw the object as well. A caller to the Sun Herald described the object as a white light with a tail and sparks. Witnesses said the object was moving too slowly to have been a meteorite. NASA stated the STS 103 Shuttle passed over New Orleans at 5:34 PM, and over Natchez at 5:42 PM Sunday night," said Lanee Cooksey, a spokeswoman at the John C. Stennis Space Center reported the Discovery passed over the Coast at an altitude of 368 miles and a speed of 16,926 mph covering 280 miles per minute. For shuttle info go to: www.spaceflight.nasa.gov. Editors Note: The times are over an hour apart, so it seems unlikely the eastern moving shuttle that passed over in seconds is responsible for all the reports.

FLORIDA UFO

ORLANDO -- On Sunday night December 12, 1999, I went outside on my patio and noticed this bright object in the air at 8:10 PM. At first I thought it was a couple of planes. But to my surprise it was a UFO floating in the air. It was a bright around circle of lights floating in the sky. It looked like a mountain of diamonds brightly shinning. It was floating down. It was bright lights and had an oval shape on top and under the bottom of the round circle. Under the bottom of the object it had like a black shadow. I ran downstairs to my friend's house and told her to come outside and to see. By the time she came out the UFO was still there and she saw it. It was floating down and going behind a building. There were planes flying very low in a circle. I went back upstairs and try to use my computer and it was not working right. The next day at work, many of the computers seemed effected. Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director, NUFORC, www.ufocenter.com

ARKANSAS LIGHT

HOT SPRINGS -- Jessie Grider writes on December 23, that for months now I have been seeing a strange light over the city as I drive home from work down Malvern Avenue. At first I speculated that I was seeing an airplane, but after seeing one again tonight I feel that it is definitely not a plane. I would call it a UFO or it could be something experimental that the public is not aware of. The light blinks very fast like a strobe light and is usually white but I have seen other colors. It moves very fast in a straight line and blinks very fast, not like the slow steady blink of an airplane. Somehow I get the impression that it knows I see it, because as I look at it, it usually just blinks out a few seconds later. It is very reliable; I have been seeing one in the sky almost every night on my way home from work. I just wanted to report it; maybe someone in the area can

set up a video camera and get some film of it. Thanks to: Jessie Grider jgrider@ipa.net

OREGON SIGHTING

COOS BAY -- I experienced a UFO sighting on December 20, 1999, to be exact at about 5:35 PM. The object was low in the southern sky appeared to rise slowly, got very bright, white with an orangish cast, flickered and shimmered at its height it got as bright as anything I've ever seen in the sky. At least 3-4 times that or Venus the slowly went out with an afterglow like something very hot cooling off. This all occurred on a clear twilight night. I'm a former Professional Pilot currently sell Real Estate. Also, my wife and I experienced two orange-red lights that did a similar thing about two years ago in February 97.' Curiously that was also near the Full Moon, also. Another thing was the proximity of some sort of little putt-putt type aircraft--either that or they hide behind a hologram of a Cessna. I had friend whose career as an UPS pilot was nearly ruined because he came forward. Thanks to UPS pilot.

TEXAS GOLDEN FLYING TRIANGLE

BEAMOUNT -- On December 10, when I saw my golden triangular object, I really hoped it was a sign, an angel. I have read several things on the Internet since then. Some say that the aliens we see, UFO's, are the fallen angels, bad angels. I want to believe that my golden object is a good angel from heaven, maybe God just letting us know that he is real and he is in control. I have also heard several accounts in the Bible talk of UFO's. Deep in your heart, what do you really think? Do you think someone or something is trying to communicate with us? Do you think the scriptures in the Bible are really talking about UFO's? Thanks to sankysuel3. Editor's Note: Yes, they are.

TEXAS SIGHTING

SAN Antonio - Carol Potter writes my boyfriend and I were watching the sky on December 19, 1999, about 5:00 AM, when we saw a shooting star like object overhead. It flew by and burned as if hitting the atmosphere and went out. Then it became a light again, flew a little way, went out, came back on, and went out. This kept up until it flew out of our sight. It was definitely not a plane or a satellite. About 10 minutes later in the northern part of the sky, a very bright object appeared. It was much brighter than a star. It got bright then dimmed and floated away. I was able to see it through some high powered binoculars and it looked like there were two objects. They moved towards each other then went in opposite directions and disappeared. We watch the sky almost every weekend. We have seen a lot of strange things, but these were the strangest by far. If you have any info, it would be appreciated. Thanks to Carol Potter martell@swbell.net

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. 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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Re: Corso

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Fwd Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 21:17:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 17:06:45 +0000
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Corso
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 18:41:27 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Corso
>>To: 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.

Dearest John, List,

I just had to write to you, John, in order to cauterize the hole
in my bile duct and staunch the flow of blood, venom and last
night's dinner.

>And just how would you expect a "psychotic liar hungry for
>money" 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
>serenne all the way to the bank.

Cheeses John, Corso is " ... a psychotic liar hungry for money
and fame ..."?

And he (Corso):

>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
>serenne all the way to the bank." ?

I suppose you know this to be a fact and can back up your
comments with proof positive from the manner in which Corso lead
his life? You know, lied all the way to his bank with all the

money he started making as a result of his book. Liar liar pants on fire. Thank you for exposing this fiend to the rest of us maroons.

Hey, Rimmer! You ever writ a book? Ever dealt with a publisher? They are a lot like lawyers. They promise to call you with each new piece of evidence in your case and deliver a positive verdict, and make you a ton of money in the process. More than enough to pay their fee and leave a ton for you. You never have to call them to find out what's goin on. They call you. Every day.

Listen up pal, you don't make a lot of money with a book, especially on that subject. And at his age, it was highly unlikely that he would have been doing a lot of appearances on shows which pay nothing, not even travel expenses sometimes. San Marino aside.

Money grabbing liar? You, sir, have a problem.

>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?

Yah, and my logic on debunkers goes, "The man is a debunker because he looks and sounds like a con artist." Well, of course he does, that's his job isn't it, he's trying to get your opinion off you? If he took your money and wasn't abnormally and annoyingly a petulant little snit, he wouldn't be a mother in law.... mugger, sorry.

>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.

Well duh. It's not them folks you gotta watch out for, it's the ones with their hand stuck inside the center of their shirts and them silly hats.

>>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?

I had dinner with Charley (Manson) once and he was very polite. I see your point. Say, do you need a special hat for that or what?

>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

>--

>John Rimmer
>Magonia Magazine
>www.magonia.demon.co.uk

Doctor J. Jaime (Hi-Mee) Gesundt,
Bagonia Magazine - If the Foo Sh*ts, Wear It.
www.clinton.com

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Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 01:10:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 09:11:41 -0400
>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<giant snip>

>Anderson's story checks out except for the phone bill.....
>Stan Friedman

Really? What about the suspect diary he provided? Doesn't ring any alarm bells? And isn't it true that you sent Anderson a packet of your own Roswell writings before conducting a series of in-depth personal interviews with him? In hindsight, was that a prudent thing to do -- for an investigator or a journalist?

As for the presence of a windmill, pardon me if I'm not impressed. I don't think anyone has ever argued that Anderson wasn't familiar with the local lay of the land. But the presence of a windmill where Anderson remembered it hardly substantiates the claim of a crashed saucer (with bodies) nearby.

Merry Y2K to all!

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Traces Of The Ancients

From: **Bill Alford** <googong@interact.net.au>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 01:16:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:14:48 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>So if they're here [ETs], then it's not because we have
>something they want, in any recognized sense.

I refer you to Zecharia Sitchin's book "The Twelfth Planet" to see that they have been here in the past mining for gold and other minerals. I do have disagreements with Zecharia Sitchin, which you can see at the url given below, but I don't disagree with him about what I wrote in the previous sentence.

Bill Alford

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Alfred's Odd Ode #332

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 01:18:56 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #332

Apology to MW #332 (For January 1, 2000)

High in Chinese mountains and on the border with Tibet, a team of archeologists were conducting digs, it's said. The routine exploration of a set of linking caves was detailed and scientific -- when they came upon some graves. The graves, arranged so neatly, were to yield what portends . . . yet another haunting mystery -- did it happen? Bet it did.

The graves gave up their contents, and the men just stood aghast. Their mouths were hanging open for credulity was cast! Within these graves the bones were *strange* -- perhaps some kind of ape?!? The heads too large, the bones too small, and tiny (!) -- how they gaped! "Ape men" was a silly stretch, these scientists were seasoned -- what kind of ape will BURY dead? They HAD to come to reason.

And then it was they found the *stones*, and what *ape* crafted these? Tiny hieroglyphics spun in spirals one could see. How like a "stone age gramophone", they thought, and were to say, but that was nineteen thirty-eight, and this is present day. Twelve thousand years had passed to dust from times too dark and fabled. The disks of stone were ancient, too explicably mislabeled. Even those who had them had no clue what they were for -- dismissed as cultish objects, they are locked in Chinese drawers.

The plates resemble records that a *caveman* would have played, a big hole in the center and the spiraled tight display. The glyphs display like feathers of a paranormal bird as they fan imagination in the way that they've been curved. There's nothing, then, quite like the way that they were crafted out. There is the plate of Lollidof (another Dropa shout!), which COULD be serendipity if there is a GRAIN of truth, but this just won't be talked about, so some can stay aloof.

For YEARS the disks are studied, and they vex the greatest minds. The Chinese keep it to themselves not knowing what they'll find. They ARE so *strangely* puzzled; it's compelling, so bizarre, 'till finally they DO crack it (!), and we see just where we are. The contents are so shattering, tumultuous, and sincere that the lid is clamped upon them and they're silenced by the fear! Ridiculed, at present, by our sacrosanct *elite*, these are stories that inflame the mind, but for SOME demand retreat.

Dr. Tsum (?) (our brave code breaker) likely opted for discussion. He saw the different paradigms in a burst of light's concussion? For years he argues quietly (he would fear the prison camp?), but then Peking decided. They would light that secret's lamp! The year, by now, was sixty-five, and I was still in school; a green-eared lad of fifteen years, a sophomore . . . a fool <g>. But I remember vaguely in a paper from a friend . . . which spoke of Chinese UFO's -- that "Dropa" word again. And today in nineteen ninety-nine, I see that word once more, and the story (plus some pictures!) rather put me through the floor.

It WAS twelve thousand years ago, and from the trackless sky . . . descends a *ship* in trouble -- call it fable, myth, or lie.

They land, contact the people, called the Ham (they lived in caves). Some are slaughtered for their trouble, and so end their hapless days. They're hunted down on horseback, "gaunt and yellow" -- not like men. Their *ugliness* transcends belief -- stranger *strangers* . . . sans some friends. Some must live to make it known that they are quite sincere, have peaceful, kind intentions -- and are really not that queer. They mix genetic *essence* with the people of the Ham. Those folks, today (?) -- anomalous, unexplained . . . a mystery, Sam. The "plates"? They're still the mystery, their construction isn't plain. Containing too much cobalt, and by *wattage* marked and stained. Electrical components would be "scarred" in such a way, and the plates have *other* properties. They hum when spun they say. In sum a scary story, or a message from the past, that it's true -- we're not IN Kansas, and the secret's out at last.

Just another cruel enigma, wrapped in years of crass denial? The plates contest *reality*, so a look is NOT worthwhile? And we don't look, we ridicule, and mock, or smirk -- or worse, we're back-step dancing shufflers -- it's no blessing; it's a curse. A curse of shallow sightlessness, and a waste of useful talent, a choice for all the worst ideas -- the short view's selfish challenge. But for them we'd live . . . tall lives in space . . . in constructs that we made, respecting individuals, and the TEAMS that they would make! Satisfaction so achievable that it's in the air you breath, respect that's so forthcoming you can chew it with your teeth. Freedom that's decided as the common right of birth, education's focus is "you make your *own* choice", Burt! You're given information which might change the way you feel, and you buy in, the choice is YOURS . . . you strike an honored deal.

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Pronounced *drohzz-pa*.

Restore John Ford.

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Re: Top 10 UFO Stories of 1999

From: Ignatius Graffeo <Ufoseek@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 01:25:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Top 10 UFO Stories of 1999

Top 10 UFO Stories of 1999 and Tampa UFO Poll Results

FINAL RESULTS: Jan. 1, 2000

Top 10 UFO News Stories of 1999

Source: <http://www.ufoseek.org>
Links to all the original news stories at website.

What was the most important UFO News story of 1999?
173 votes total - 459 hits total

1. The French Report on UFOs and Defense (27) 16%
2. Sept. 7 Tampa Triangle Smoking-Gun Video (23) 13%
3. Mexico UFO Daylight Live TV Photos (21) 12%
4. NASA Loses Contact with Mars Climate Orbiter and Polar Lander
17) 10%
5. (tie) Clinton's Statement on Groom Lake/Area 51 (12) 7%
5. (tie) SETI Home PC's Search For ET (12) 7%
6. Undeniable Evidence of ET Invasion - CAUS Sues Federal Gov't
(10) 6%
7. Researchers Suggest Huge Unseen Planet Orbits Edge of Solar
System (9) 5%
8. (tie) Two Pilots Spot Huge Flying Triangle (8) 5%
8. (tie) Elk Abduction in Washington State (8) 5%
9. (tie) Sept. 1 Northwest Mass Sightings (7) 4%
9. (tie) EgyptAir Flight 990 Crash (7) 4%
10. UK Reveals UFO Cover-Up-by-Legislation (6) 3%

Tampa UFO Video Poll
What do you think the Fox 13 Tampa UFO video revealed?

Final Results:

Total Votes: 545 Total Hits: 1309

- Triangular craft (320) 59%
- Not sure what it was (133) 24%
- Rocket booster (47) 9%
- Bolide or meteor (45) 8%
- ..

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The Photon-Belt Encounter

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Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 15:00:30 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 01:33:54 -0500
Subject: The Photon-Belt Encounter

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<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~noelh/photonbelt.htm>

THE PHOTON-BELT ENCOUNTER
By Noel Huntley, Ph.D.

By means of satellite instrumentation, astronomers in 1961 discovered what appeared to be an unusual nebula. We normally understand the nebula phenomenon as a vast cloud-like mass of gas or dust. However, this one appeared to have anomalous properties and was named the Golden Nebula. The public's attention was not drawn to this unusual revelation until much later, presumably when it was realised that this nebula's location was coincident with the projected orbit of our solar system. Around the early 1980s a radio announcement in the U.S. was made (heard by the author) that our solar system was, in fact, going to collide with an "electromagnetic cloud" in the not too distant future. However, this incredibly important statement of astronomical and historical significance was expressed in the usual casual and indifferent manner as though of little consequence--just as was, about that time, the announcement that the FDIC (bank-depositor's insurance) was penniless! Follow-up data was then suppressed and another government cover-up was contrived for the typical purpose of exploiting where possible natural events to camouflage contrived chaos.

What is this electromagnetic cloud, this golden nebula, sometimes referred to as the radiant nebula by ETs? Its more universal designation is "photon belt", consisting of many bands, and any encounter with this belt is recognised by extraterrestrials as of great import.

Let us outline the mechanics of this anticipated encounter of our solar system with the photon belt. The whole universe is held together by means of vortices within vortices of centripetal energy--with their associated electromagnetic fields--like whirlpools on water, within larger whirlpools (this is the machinery behind Einstein's spacetime topology of general relativity). These spiralling energies give rise to natural spacetime orbits: satellites around planets, planets around stars, solar systems around other more major vortex centers, and so on. Our planet Earth orbits the Sun once a year but our solar system as a whole also traverses an orbit in this section of the galaxy with a period of about 24,000 years. There are many other solar (star) systems in this cyclic motion (just as there are numerous planets orbiting the Sun). The Pleiades, about 400 light years from us is part of this system and in fact our solar system orbits the central sun of the Pleiades, Alcyone; the photon belt encircles the Pleiades system. In fact it consists of many photon bands emanating from the centre of the galaxy, associated with the spiral arms of the galaxy.

Thus our solar system, and therefore planet Earth, takes some 24,000 years to come back to its same point in this particular orbit. Picture several star systems in a massive orbit, but now

envisage overall a toroid or doughnut-shaped cloud cutting across these orbiting star systems. This is the photon belt, or a photon band. This means our solar system goes through the belt twice each cycle of 24,000 years (that is, every half cycle). The thickness of the photon cloud is such that it takes about 2000 years for our solar system to pass through, and therefore about 10,000 years between each encounter with this belt ($2 \times 10,000$ plus $2 \times 2000 = 24,000$ years).

When will this occur? Scientists around the globe in 1992 predicted that the encounter would occur within months to a year; with significant disagreements. However, a particular source of Pleiadian extraterrestrials indicated that it would not occur until just after 2010 and that it was difficult to predict since the belt was oscillating randomly. There are in fact huge discrepancies in channelled material regarding the date of this revelatory occurrence, ranging from 1987 to 'definitely before the end of this century' to 2003 and finally about 2011-2012. Other Pleiadians tell us that our solar system skimmed the belt for a few days in 1987, then over a week in the following year, and then the Sun went in fully in 1998. However, the information indicates that Earth does not enter fully until 2012. At the present time we are being informed that the Earth is in the belt (for the period December, 1998 and June, 1999).

What does the photon belt consist of? What will be its effects on the life on our planet, positive or negative? Also what is its purpose, if any? The radio announcement used the term "electromagnetic" to describe the phenomenon--this is the same as photon, which is a particle of light or electromagnetic radiation.

The photon belt is an immense region of space which is radiating intense electromagnetic radiation throughout the visible spectrum and beyond, into high-frequency invisible light; even including some x-ray spectra. Reference has already been made through the media to huge increases in intensity of "dangerous" radiation entering through the holes in the ozone layer in certain regions of our planet. Nevertheless it appears that for mankind on this planet the photon belt encounter will be essentially a spiritual experience--but this really depends on man. If we are sufficiently evolved at the time, great advancements will occur in our consciousness as we attune to the high-frequency photon rays. If we are negative, that is, possess too many lower vibrations, the result of selfish actions, we are not expected to survive the radiation. In other words, there will be a natural spiritual selection.

This interaction with the photon belt has been referred to in channelling as the Christus. Moreover, the event is supposed to be the true nature of the ascension or rapture, well known in the prophecies of Christianity.

Other spectacular effects, some of a temporary nature, are expected as our Sun system moves into the belt. Earth is circling the Sun, thus it is alternatively ahead of the Sun and behind in its linear translation towards the belt. Consequently, either the Sun or our planet may enter first. It is impossible to predict which, since, as stated, the photon belt is expanding and contracting randomly. If the Sun reaches the photon cloud before Earth it has been channelled that darkness will ensue for about three to five days (obviously this didn't occur if we have been entering and exiting the belt since 1987). It will be expected to be pitch dark with probable cancellation of electrical power sources. However, if Earth goes in first then the darkness is avoided.

We were told by one source of ETs that as our planet enters the bands, which will be at a relatively high velocity, we will experience an immediate electric shock, lasting about one tenth of a second, but not dangerous. But of greater concern are said to be the effects of the intense photon activity on the radiation belt around Earth and the sudden compression of the atmosphere and expansion, which is expected to be such that the radiation belt could ignite. If it does, within minutes the sky will be lit up with intense light, more powerful than from a welder's torch. If eyes are not protected it will cause blindness. This intense light is expected to last three days. Another spectacular feature will be the effect of the intense photon activity on matter. High excitation of atoms will occur, causing fluorescence of all objects, and as a result there will

be no normal night time for 2000 years.

In 1992, many people were purchasing dark goggles; what was this all about? After the original announcement on the radio of the oncoming electromagnetic cloud collision, further information was withheld by the government, then disinformation took over. As mentioned, scientists in different parts of the world were predicting the moment of full encounter with the belt in around 1992--there were discrepancies but all were within months or about a year of one another. According to the Phoenix Liberator (now called 'Contact')--a small but very significant newspaper protected by the Pleiadian group--the One-World Government planned to ignite the radiation belt and blame it on the natural event, the Earth/photon-belt collision. Special weapons were developed, but all efforts to achieve this heinous act failed. The purpose? The usual one: to create sufficient havoc, introduce martial law and establish the New World Order.

Published in the Phoenix Liberator was an article sent in by a teenager unknown to his parents who worked for the secret government on these weapons (and who subscribed to the newspaper). The youngster knew about the photon belt and the threat of blindness, and his parents made him carry at all times the protective goggles and keep them by his bedside when asleep.

The photon-belt encounter will play a significant role in the (biblical) Transformation of man. The term "Christus" apparently expresses the Second Coming of Christ. (Christ is a state of being/consciousness--some ETs refer to it as the "Christ office". Jesus was not Christ but he could attune to this state.) There will be a rebirthing of planet Earth. We are told it will divide; each part retaining wholeness though, producing a 3rd density (frequency density) Earth and a 4th density Earth. This will not be perceived physically; the planets will be in different dimensions. One will be in a parallel universe relative to the other.

(Note that serious books on physics cover parallel-universe theories--there is nothing particular weird or new about this. It has been channelled that we sometimes move into parallel-universe planes and back, which are usually virtually identical. A further example is that an advanced civilisation exists in the center of the Earth but this particular civilisation is in a parallel plane which is reached by entering "electromagnetic" corridors near the openings at the poles and certain other regions.)

Possibly the only sad event will be that some families will be split up by the natural spiritual selection of the photon-belt encounter. Some individuals will go with the more evolved Earth, referred to as 4th density, and others with the 3rd density Earth, which could permanently separate their evolution by several thousands of years (in rare instances one person taking the more evolved path may suspend progress to wait for the other).

Now the photon-belt cycle is synchronised with the end of a number of greater cycles, for example, 225 million years (the Reptilian cycle), 26,000 years (precession of the equinoxes), and 104,000 years (a prominent evolutionary peak of four cycles of 26,000 years), culminating in a harmonic convergence at about the time of the encounter, 2012. It is also recognised that this point in time coincides with the universe reaching its maximum point of expansion. Synchronisation of such nodes would be expected to open up the dimensional strata for the influx of new energy and the subsequent changes.

The photon cloud has a high density of electrons and positrons (positive, anti-electrons). When an electron and a positron collide they are annihilated and the mass is converted into energy radiation--photons. However, the presence of these positrons have been predicted to interfere with electricity, which is due to the flow of electrons. It has been indicated that before this event occurs it would be possible to redesign the present polarity system, giving a reversal of our polarity to compensate for this problem (we haven't noticed any effect yet!). However, the photon energy as a result of the collision of electrons and positrons will become a major source of free energy (and at this time the NWO will be unable to suppress its use). Psychological characteristics of entering the belt are the effect of uprooting hidden, secret, or withheld material,

bringing it to the surface for transmutation. This means psychological and physical disease patterns will be forced to the surface, that is, the conscious mind. This will give tremendous opportunity to make advancements but also where there is too much to handle will cause illness, depressions, disease and death.

According to channelled information, the Galactic Federation will be aiding our transition during this photon-belt event. It is stated that they altered (years ago) the basic polarity of the Sun to allow it to maintain the integrity of the Sun's planetary system. However, at a later time NASA's space probe Ulysses detected that the magnetic field of the Sun now no longer has a north and south pole! The Sun's magnetic field was found to have changed dramatically into a homogeneous field. No scientific explanation was given, and of course it has been withheld from the public. Furthermore, the SOHO satellite more recently revealed that the Sun responded abnormally to the impact of cosmic bodies causing an eruption of some 30 to 35 solar flares, which is unprecedented.

The photon-belt encounter is intended to be a positive experience but only man with sufficient discipline to improve and elevate his consciousness can ensure that the anticipated Golden Age will manifest.

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36

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Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36

>Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:25:24 +0000
>From: Joseph Trainor <Masinaigan@aol.com>
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>A CENTURY OF UFOs
> 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.

Actually, not to be too "nit-picky" but Lt. Moncla's plane was an F-89C Northrop Scorpion, and let's not forget that also on board was radar operator Lt. Robert Wilson. Even though I agree with the significance of this case the information available on whether or not the plane was "hauled aboard by a tractor beam" is tiny to say the least. It is much more probable that the F-89 crashed into Lake Superior, alas the evidence for this is almost as small as the evidence for the UFO scenario, almost.

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Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 01:38:22 -0500
Subject: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

Hi All,

Just going over a very well known case " 9th November 1979, Bob Taylor, the town of Livingston near Edinburgh, Scotland".

Are there any of the original researchers who investigated this case on this list?

Were there any leanings toward a Military connection?

Roy..

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From: Rense E-News <jocelyn@dewittec.net>
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* FROM JEFF'S DESK *

Happy New Year...we made it.

We have received a couple emails from semi-thoughtless people who complain that Y2K was a 'hype' and 'propaganda' and feel they have been somehow conned into being concerned over a 'non-issue.' This is about as near-sighted, self-serving, and dunderheaded as it gets.

Rather than praise the apparently miraculous and heroic work by a million plus programmers around the world, not to mention the trillion plus dollars spent, it is a sorry sight to see a few individuals myopically hurling bricks at those countless IT professionals, journalists, technicians, consultants, economists, government and military leaders, and millions of others, who expressed, and continue to express, serious concern over the legitimate danger Y2K presents.

If this was a 'joke' or 'propaganda' and just a 'bump in the road' why did the Premier of Japan, the Government of Italy, and many other government leaders go into underground bunkers? Why did hundreds of thousands of other government and corporate officials and management people take this threat so seriously that they spent over a trillion dollars to correct it? Why did the DOD and the Pentagon and virtually every city, state, county, and federal governmental agency give this the highest priority possible? Were they all tricked? Are they stupid?

Many of those now so quick to criticize and mock conveniently overlook the long history of Y2K warnings and concern expressed by many of the world's most powerful governments and individuals as well, including the likes of Ed Yardeni, the chief economist of the financial giant Deutschbank. Many of the scoffers, pollyannas, and armchair gladiators did nothing to prepare for possible trouble themselves and now, lustily, gloat in justifying their do-nothing laziness by claiming Y2K is/was a non-event.

What about the false prophets, alarmist doomsday-loving wackos who have been predicting the end of the world at the hands of ruthless space aliens, deadly plant pathogens, pole shifts, asteroid impacts, earthquakes, and a dozen other clichéd scenarios? Shouldn't they be first in line for criticism? How about a call to accountability for them? At least we KNOW Y2K was/is a real

threat.

The Y2K computer problem was/is an enormous event, which has apparently, at least initially, been handled by human ingenuity, dedication, and sweat. Let's spend a little time praising the heroic efforts of professional IT, systems programmers, and those who sought to inform the general public rather than howling at them. These people performed a great human service by forcing attention, and then action, to address and then, hopefully resolve the dilemma.

There is a difference between tabloid-brained merchants of doom and professional computer, information, industry, and government experts who labored for years to raise consciousness levels to appropriate intensity so that the problem would get the funding and the attention required to tackle it.

So, let's do a little thinking about the big picture before demanding that heads rolls at high noon. Certainly, there are hucksters ready to cash in on anything negative. But with Y2K, our own government, and governments around the world, knew/know the potential for not taking Y2K seriously was nothing less than potentially catastrophic.

The bottom line: EVERYONE benefits from Y2K. The numbers of systems that have been upgraded and streamlined are countless; the consciousness of SOME people about needing to become more self-reliant has been elevated to all-time highs; our government has demonstrated it has the intelligence to deal with a crisis environment, and above all, hundreds of millions of people were taken to a higher level of awareness of how thin the line of comfort we are attached to is.

Furthermore, the world-threatening issues of nuclear weapons safety and nuclear power plant security have never received more news coverage. The unprecedented military cooperation between Russia and the US is, hopefully, a harbinger of better communications in the future. This note from Reuters uses the word 'elated'...the significance of that should not be overlooked...

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (Reuters) - U.S. and Russian military experts who worked around the clock to prevent any Y2K computer bugs from triggering a nuclear nightmare were elated on Saturday that there had been no disasters.

And then there is the following statement from Deputy Secretary of State John Hamre:

"Did we overreact? Absolutely not. The Department of Defense is the bedrock of American national security, and America's defense is the bedrock of stability around the world," Hamre said. "This was an investment we had to make and it was a good investment. I don't know if we've seen all of the problems we're going to face yet, and many of them will come up in the next few days."

US Y2K czar John Koskinen talked about the enormous gains Y2K has given the world:

"Individual organizations of virtually all sizes for the first time now have an inventory of what the information technology is they're using," he said. "And large companies in the United States and large government agencies have never had that kind of an inventory," primarily because of the rapid growth rate of computer dependence.

Koskinen and countless others are more than aware of perhaps the most important area of Y2K benefit: national and world security. The incredible efforts of government and military to deal with Y2K has yielded unprecedented cooperation and understanding between government, military, and private industry, which together operate over 90% of the world's critical infrastructure.

"We have begun to look at the question of how can we build on this, sort of, unprecedented amount of cooperation and work together," Koskinen said.

"We have private sector associations and industries headquartered right now in federal agencies, working together

hand-in-glove, exchanging information, making sure that if there any issues, we all deal with them immediately," he added.

U.S. businesses have also gained because, in preparing for Y2K, they have consolidated information systems and begun "to think much more systematically about their future (technology) spending," said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America.

Let's see how good the Y2K fixes prove to be over the coming days and weeks. Self-indulgently rushing to judgment and spouting "I told you so" is not the most productive path to take. Instead, let's breathe a little easier and take pride in what appears to be one of the developed world's finest achievements...a truly inspiring note of cooperation and resource upon which to begin the next thousand years.

-Jeff

Hydra-headed missiles...

And to all a glorious new century
The New Millennium
The sparrows and robins are flitting around
the garden and bathing in the stone pond
There is a slight breeze and the sky
is a patchwork of cirrus clouds and blueness
These are the events in the non-human world.
In our world of calendars and clocks
we celebrate a turning more of our subjective
sense of time than of any objective celestial measure.
Yet we make our best of the century lists
honoring the heroes, acts and works
we both admire and despise.
As the roses are thrown and the champagne poured,
we stand between a sense of exhaustion
from a century of war and brutishness
and a hopefulness and dread for the future.
While we turn away from the past
one third of the world's nations
are involved in armed conflicts
and the H-bombs are still loaded
on the hydra-headed missiles
and the world destroying submarines.
We project our ideals into the future
where our intellect and our love must
unite to overcome the scarcity, greed
and anger that has dominated our history.
Armed only with the silicon chip
a super battery to replace fossil fuels
a great love of our planetary unity
and a new selflessness we will samba
into this century of 10 billion humans
eager to overcome the dance of death
that inhabits our nightmare prophecies.
We shall see that promised land
where poverty is overcome,
intolerance is a distant memory
and war a forgotten travesty.
So as I turn to the future
I celebrate the life force
its origins, its variety and its destiny
and I look to love, yes I continue
to look to love, to bring us together
to finally evolve our full humanity.

Allen Cohen - December 31, 1999

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"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

-Henry David Thoreau, Walden

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* A VITAL CHANGE *

We posed the questions: What do you intend to do differently this year? What has changed for you? How has your view of life altered? What do you intend to do to 'change the world' or even just your own space which alters the world?

Your answers?

A wake up call indeed! Until this Y2K situation came to light, I was blissfully ignorant of the complete dependence I have on the "Grid". In the coming years, provided we don't suffer cataclysmic changes, I will do everything in my power to regain some independence.

I will learn to grow a garden, I will invest in solar power. My dream has changed now from having a nice home in the city to having acreage with access to a clean source of water. I want to teach myself and my son how to recognize plants and animals, to be aware of the world around us, and to appreciate and respect nature, while we still have it.

Renee Montgomery

In the year 2000, and the years beyond, I will continue to do what I have always done: enlighten people to the fact that there are many, many "doomsday" prophecies floating around every year, and there have been for millennia, and I guess always will be. "Y2K" is just the first one to gain a measure of credibility by being given so much coverage in the "legitimate" press. What most people don't know is that there are prophecies every year detailing horrific events and changes that will occur...these prophecies are not vague, but specific as to time, date, place of occurrence, etc. And of course, the hallmark of these prophecies is that they never occur! Sadly, instead of these false prophets followers learning a lesson and waking up to reality, many either continue to follow them or seek another one equally as phony. What is in our nature that makes us crave deception? An overblown need for melodramatic entertainment, perhaps? I don't know, but when Y2K has come and gone without the world coming to an end, as I predicted over a year ago that it would not, I pray a few people will wake up.

Happy New Year!
Rev. John Russell, C.T.M., Ct.Psy.

Perhaps then I will remember to pray each day even as the apostle did--"Even so Lord, Come quickly."
Mary Louise Hooker

This past year has been a real "wake-up call" for us, beginning last New Year's Day (1999). We lost our electricity, due to an ice storm. We'd planned to use that weekend to do some "y2k practicing" anyway, but let me tell you--- choosing to turn the heat and electricity off at the box is different from not having that choice. Whether or not this "y2k thing" will be a showdown or a no-show, we have learned and are still learning to become more self reliant, less of a throw-away mentality, depending less on the "grid" and Corporate America, and finding within ourselves the "true-grit" integrity, resilience, compassion, and sense of community that was prominent in the hearty souls who were the backbone of this country a few generations ago.

Collectively, we have lost those qualities; It may very well take a "y2k wake-up call" to regenerate these qualities to rebuild our society on a firm foundation of faith, hope and charity.

I am not Martha Stewart. Therefore, I cannot change the whole World (she would find a way, I'm sure)....but I can attempt to change my personal corner of the world by being an example of what I want to see around me, in my city. That's how change begins : individually, one by one, each committing to being "the first one" to start the ball of change rolling. That is what my small part will constitute. Trying to be the example of what I want our city to become.

Deborah McCabe

I'm 66 and maybe people of my generation were taught to be a little more responsible for their actions and well being. I am prepared in most every way possible for problems in the coming year and I pray to God that I have just been overly cautious. God gave us all a brain to use! Some will use this problem to sharpen up their abilities and some will do nothing and expect the Government or someone else to take care of their short comings. This maybe a lesson in survival of the fittist!

Happy Holidays. John L G nra8

This year I believe will be one of drastic changes.... What I will do differently is by God's grace, keep my cool, spend a lot less time at the computer, try to remember where I put all those items necessary for emergency living.

What I intend to do to 'change the world' is simply, the Hardest thing I can think of.....completely submit to the Supreme Remodeler of the Universe...who merely wants me to place myself on the drawing table daily to that * I * will be changed.....

Mimi MacDonald
Victor, Montana

I see the coming year as a wake-up call for all of us who Depend Too much on technology, to the detriment of human integrity and ingenuity. We have forgotten over the years the true meaning of freedom..... freedom of spirit, freedom of thought, freedom to be true to ourselves as well as to the next generation. We live in a morally filthy society, where the line between right and wrong has been totally removed.

My only grandchild, Angel, will be one year old on Jan. 2, 2000, and I can only pray we can promise her a better future than the past we have left for her. May God watch over her, and may the world be a kinder place because of her. This would be my wish for her and all of the children of the world.

Sincerely,
E. Hames

Feeling jubilant today, I'm looking forward to new chances to help reshape this world gone wrong. Just look at the simple purity of the numbers of this year: 00... a void waiting to be filled, a new beginning, a new chance. Each change for the better, however small, continues the reshaping of our world.

But we must DO. We can no longer afford the luxury of simply observing. "There is so little time and so much to do."

Do. Feel. Love. Be. But above all, do.
- Jocelyn

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* TOP STORIES *

Just a few of last week's most intriguing!

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- * UFOs And The New Century - A Great Awakening
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- * GOES Satellite Captures Perfect Contrail (?) Grid In Clouds
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- * Gordon Michael Scallion's Predictions Since 1994 Listed...
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- * Study Finds HIV Infection Attacks Women Differently Than Men
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- * Going My Way? - The Bus Ride To Hell
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MON 1-3
 Antonio Mendez: My Secret Life In The CIA

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Re: The Immediate Future

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 18:15:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 02:54:55 -0500
Subject: Re: The Immediate Future

Subject: UFO UpDate: The Immediate Future

Hello, and Happy Totally Uneventful (except for a rather nasty Hangover) New Year.

>...and a Happy New Year to you all...

>The words of my buddy Michael sum it all up...

>ebk

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>Well what a ripoff. I've waited patiently
>more than 47 years for this and... nothing's
>different. No flying cars, no atomic barbecues...
>Oops, hold up a minute. We suddenly appear to
>be surrounded by killer robots. Okay, much better.
>AAAHRRRRRGGGGG!

You Know folks, I knew Molt Taylor the guy who actually (this guy was up there with Douglas, Northrop, or Lear a real genius - unappreciated) invented the Aerocar; a car with detachable wings and reasonable highway performance. Molt thought that with little effort that the sky would be much better to fill with flying cars rather than tear up good earth for freeway - he did have something there, he even thought that you could deal with the noise problem with all those little Areocars whizzing about. (Personally I think that we have to conquer Gravity, ala; 'The Jetsons') But, he was still a man for prolific thoughts and concepts.

Oh, what happened to the Aerocar(s)? Well, the FAA couldn't recognize them as Aircraft and the DOT couldn't recognize them as Autos so he couldn't market them ;"Sorry Mr. Taylor (Faceless Beaurau- crat speaking.) but your product has to be either/or not both. Have a nice day!....Sound familiar.

Any way, off subject, but again, Happy New Year, (at least I don't have to worry about the Semi-Load of freeze dried food that this guy I know bought)

---- GT McCoy

P.S. My only regret is that I'm not submitting this from a server on the Moon or Mars..

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Re: "A century of UFOs" UFO Roundup 31/12/99

From: Bill Chalker <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Jan 97 18:41:11 PST
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 04:11:13 -0500
Subject: Re: "A century of UFOs" UFO Roundup 31/12/99

Joseph Trainor lists in his latest roundup what he describes as "significant" sightings for each year.

I saw that a number of Australian reports are mentioned. Some comments are appropriate to correct some errors and problems with their presence. I'll leave others to address other country cases if they are so inclined. My purpose here is to ensure that readers have accurate information as the Roundup newsletter is circulated widely. As its a new century lets hope all researchers focus on accurate reporting and help clarify any errors or inaccuracies that might circulate.

1900 Hanging Rock! Lets keep this affair where it belongs - an enduring and haunting piece of fiction. Unless there's information I don't know about, this story never happened. It is fiction - exquisite fiction penned by Joan Lindsay in her wonderful book "Picnic at Hanging Rock" (1967) and made into a great film directed by Peter Weir. Hanging Rock exists - I've camped there, but the tale is a literary creation.

1918 - a luminous cruciform UFO over Lismore. Thats a new one on me, unless it relates to the following. By cruciform I take it to mean cross shaped. That set me thinking. The only cross shaped mystery I recollect Lismore being associated with was of a glowing "cross" that titillated locals mainly during 1978. Is the 1918 a typo for 1978, and there never was a cross shaped "UFO", just a glowing cross, that was never unidentified and never flew. The cross belong to the grave of one William Steenson who died in 1907. I don't recollect tales of it glowing between 1907 and 1978. In 1978 the affair was the centre of a short lived media circus. If there is a more substantial source to a real UFO event in 1918 I'd love to hear it.

1930 Mandurah humanoid - shot to death by a terrified farmer after asking for water! Some story - I have a vague recollection of something about this tale but if someone knows anything further let me know. However there was an "ET" story in Mandurah during 1930. It differs from the account given in the Roundup. See my "Early Australian Historical Encounters" at <http://www.project1947.com/bcausenc.htm> for a detailed account.

1931 Chichester did not "chase" the "UFO". He was thinking about it until it disappeared on him. Again see my report mentioned above for the full quoted account.

1933 Nambour small disk - the boy did not grab or touch the disk. See again my historical encounters report.

1978 Frederick Valentich. His middle initial was P for Paul not M. And he was heading for King Island not Hobart. His radio call was not "frantic" but he was starting to show some signs of apparent alarm as the conversation with Steve Robey, Moorabin ground control progressed.

1979 the New Zealand videoing occurred on December 31st, 1978 not 1979, and the locality is called Kaikoura not Keikoura. The early 1979 filming that some refer to was spurious ground based filming of misinterpreted astronomical objects.

1988 The Knowles family experience referred to occurred in Western Australia.

I hope these clarifications help for those seeking accuracy on UFO accounts.

Best wishes for the new century from Australia - the land of Oz.

Bill Chalker,
author of "The Oz Files - the Australian UFO Story"

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Roswell To Aliens - New Years Eve 1999

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Stig

Earth to aliens: It's a new millennium, so give us a call

Saturday, January 1, 2000

By JIM MOORE
SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

ROSWELL, N.M. -- All cut from the same kooky cutter, the people arrived as UFO believers, gathering last night at the site of an old missile launcher to watch the world's brightest laser show.

At midnight, beams of light danced against the starlit sky, stretching as high as 60,000 feet.

It was more than a spectacle. This is where a spaceship was said to have crashed in 1947, leading to a supposed governmental cover-up in what became known as "The Roswell Incident."

In an attempt to re-establish contact with the aliens, one of the lasers carried more than 10,000 electronic greetings into outer space. The objective: to see if E.T. or anyone else was home.

By press time, the aliens had yet to click reply on their laptops. If they do, they will be embraced here.

A drive around town reveals an "Aliens Welcome" sign at Arby's, a restaurant called "Outer Limits," a party at the Best Western featuring a baby alien in a glassed-in cocoon, and a UFO museum.

"People ask me if I've seen any aliens," said Gary Thomas, owner of Badger Construction. "I say: 'Yeah, I like 'em. They taste just like chicken.'"

Most of the earthlings' messages were warm and fuzzy, talking about hope and love and peace.

Others were more amusing.

"Hey Aliens! Git your hands off our wimmen," wrote Todd, spelling-challenged in cyberspace.

"Yo homies," wrote another. "Whussup?"

"Please bring chips and dip with you. I've got cookies in the oven for you when you arrive. Say hi to Chewbacca for me. Love you bunches," from Ted.

"Hi out there! I don't have a great life and I need a weird fun friend," wrote a lonely soul.

Others wanted a spaceship delivered, preferably with the owner's

manual included. Some wanted to be beamed up, tired of life on this planet. One man is sick of dating human beings.

"Send me some alien babes," he said.

The two men behind last night's extravaganza were Charlie Waters, chief executive officer of the Roswell Chamber of Commerce, and Frank Costantini, co-owner of starlite.com and lord of the lasers.

"We're promoting Roswell and the biggest mystery of the millennium," said Watters, who would otherwise be selling a charming farming community.

Costantini produced the show, which had a Seattle connection with music from Jimi Hendrix, more specifically from a cut called "And The Gods Made Life."

"It's so appropriate," Costantini said. "Amazing stuff, so spacy."

Picture taking a left turn off of Highway 26 anywhere between Royal City and Othello and you'll get an idea of what last night's site looked like.

The difference is that in Eastern Washington you will never see a 25-foot inflatable alien waving with his (hers? its?) three-fingered yellow hand to passers-by.

Like everything else, the alien was sponsored, wearing a sign from Roswell Toyota.

By 11 o'clock last night, the curious assembled at the corner of dysfunction junction and lunatic fringe, 20 miles west of town. Reporters were here from Time and Newsweek magazines and Fox News.

The lasers radiated from a 180-foot cavern where a missile was once poised for destruction overseas.

Theoretically, the light will travel endlessly, relaying messages to other life forms in the universe.

"We're capturing a piece of immortality," Costantini said.

"If they have the equipment to receive that, they will know the signals are intelligent. We're hoping to find out."

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Hi Errol, All

I have in my possession some old copies of 'UFO Encounters'. I have the pair that make up 'UFO Encounters' and 'UFO Mysteries' and another 'UFO Encounters' which has the Washington encounter, and the Lubbock lights stories. I think they are the original 1968 copies but I don't know how to date them.

These are comic book like formats which tell a basic story of about sixty sightings in each issue.

I am putting these up for offer to all interested parties. Please contact me direct.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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1. Operation BlunderPope.

In the last issue of 'Nick Pope's Weird World', our man at the Ministry reported:

"There have been several recent Internet posts about my work at the Ministry of Defence, and regrettably, some of what has been claimed is inaccurate. It all started when James Easton wrote to the MOD asking for some details about their policy and views on UFOs, and enquiring about my official research and investigation".

It's inauspicious when this is inaccurate to begin with.

Gaynor South, current incumbent at the Ministry of Defence's 'UFO desk', had previously been helpful during my research into the infamous December 1980, 'Rendlesham Forest UFO landing' story.

Investigations into that case proved to be worthwhile and most significantly I unearthed previously unpublished, original witness testimonies. As now known, these contained fundamental, documented proof that Orfordness lighthouse was at least partly responsible for the 'UFO' terror. This was something known to all participants and which they neglected to mention when later recounting 'UFO' tales for the media.

Copies of my research papers [some yet unpublished, but soon to be] were forwarded for the Ministry's information and Gaynor expressed their appreciation for such unprecedented feedback.

I recently wrote to Gaynor:

I should be grateful if the Ministry would please answer the following questions:

1. During Mr Pope's tenure at the 'UFO desk', what was his exact job title?
2. What were his main duties?
3. Approximately how much of that time was spent on 'UFO related' investigations?

4. Has the job title, its main duties and the allocation of time to 'UFO' matters changed since Pope's day?

5. Have the Ministry of Defence ever, as Pope alleges, investigated to any significant extent a single case where a 'crop circle', 'alien abduction', or 'animal mutilation' ('cattle mutilation') has been reported and if so, what was the outcome? [End]

Contrary to Pope's statement, there were no queries concerning the MOD's policy or views on 'UFOs' (which are well testified).

Persisting with falsehoods, Pope writes:

"From what I understand, Easton has only quoted selectively from the MOD's reply, and this has resulted in a misleading picture being given".

Other than myself, no-one outside the Ministry had seen their reply and we can only speculate how Pope can 'understand' there was important material omitted. As we shall see, the misleading picture, intentionally or otherwise, comes from Nick himself.

Nothing was 'selectively quoted', the Ministry's reply to those questions being quoted in its entirety and a copy of the information I published, entitled, 'Nick Pope - The Ministry of Defence Respond' can be see at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/oct/m03-010.shtml>

Pope continues:

"I thought I'd set the record straight, and to do so, we need to look at the statements in the MOD letter:

'The Ministry of Defence has not investigated a case of alien abduction, crop circle formations or animal mutilation'.

I described my work with abductees in chapter 8 of The Uninvited, while my work on crop circles and animal mutilations was set out in chapters 5 and 6 of Open Skies, Closed Minds. Both books were cleared by the MOD".

Faced with the direct question, where is Pope's confirmation that this 'work' was on behalf of the MoD?

It simply isn't there and, Pope provides an 'indirect' response, which insinuates this work was 'officially approved'.

I wonder if Pope has forgotten that he did in fact go to great lengths in 'The Uninvited' to make it clear that his involvement with the stories of 'abductees' had no connection whatsoever with official duties. He explained how this was, "not in my remit" and later again notes it, "was not in my job description".

In plain English, which Pope is normally adept at, it had nothing to do with the MoD.

Maybe that's why they 'cleared' his book.

Pope surmises:

"I can't respond to every Internet post that makes misleading statements about my official research and investigations, but in this instance a genuine MOD letter was being selectively quoted from and misinterpreted".

Disappointing that Pope has leapt from a baseless 'from what I understand' to promoting that bogus allegation as fact.

What does he believe, if at all, was conceivably 'selectively excluded' from the Ministry's reply?

Something like, 'To be truthful, Mr Pope has singularly exposed that we do fear 'crop circles' and 'alien abductions' to be an alarming threat to the defence of the realm... no, honestly... you wouldn't believe how seriously we take this'.

Fortunately, it's easily proven that there was nothing of importance omitted from the Ministry's letter, which was actually quite brief, and a copy can be seen on my web site at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/mod.jpg>

With my permission, Pope is duly invited to ask the MoD for a copy. He can then be in no doubt that the Ministry merely substantiate what Pope was perhaps compelled to clarify in his book, that his eclectic beliefs were borne of personal interest and unrelated to anything, outside of 'UFO' reports, the MoD ever investigated.

Why he chooses to portray a different picture in more recent times, particularly as it isn't too difficult to see the true facts, is presumably a case of 'enthusiastic marketing'.

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2. Further Thoughts on RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge.

A forthcoming publication, which I hope to provide more news about shortly, will feature the RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge case and will include previously unpublished documents from the original witnesses statements taken in early January, 1981.

Details of the contents have previously been made known and further information can be found on my web site at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/enigma.htm>

However, there may be one or two 'surprises' still to be unveiled.

It's taken considerable time and reflection to make sense of the overall evidence contained in these critical, earliest testimonies. Setting out the sequence of events in their chronological order, this is a fresh look at what those accounts reveal.

At approximately 0300 on the morning of 26th December, 1980, two members of the 81st Security Police Squadron (SPS), Airman First Class John Burroughs and Staff Sergeant Bud Steffans, were on duty at RAF Woodbridge's east gate.

They noticed unfamiliar lights in the forest, directly east of the long and straight east gate road.

Burroughs describes seeing a red light above a blue light, both of which were "flashing on and off".

They decided to investigate and travelled to the end of east gate road, where it joined the 'main' road through Rendlesham Forest. Turning right, they proceeded for some 20 yards to a 'logging track' on their left hand side.

This provided a direct view due east and Burroughs states they could still see the red and blue lights, plus, now a white light "shining onto the trees".

This is where Orfordness lighthouse could first begin to complicate matters. They were now looking along a road which faced due east, where the lighthouse was situated on the coast.

The red and blue lights couldn't conceivably have been related to the lighthouse. The white light may have been.

The guards made a report over the radio and headed back towards east gate. Whether the gate was left unguarded during all of this time, I'm not sure!

Burroughs then notes that as they travelled back, "the white light started coming down the road that led into the forest". He adds that when they reached east gate, "the white light was almost at the edge of the road", whilst the red and blue lights "were still out in the woods".

A "security unit", consisting of Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston and Airman Edward Cabansag, also from the 81st SPS, duly arrived at east gate.

With permission to continue investigations, Steffans remained at the gate whilst the others returned to the forest track in a truck. Burroughs believes that at this time "the lights were moving back and they appeared to stop in amongst a bunch of trees". Given that he was travelling and as this was a dense forest, that may have been an illusion and unfortunately he doesn't say which lights are being referred to.

When the terrain became too difficult, they continued on foot and "crossed a small open field that led into the trees where the lights were coming from".

Apparently the woods "lit up" at one point and "there were strange noises", with "farm animals making a lot of noise" and "a lot of movement in the woods".

The forest had an abundance of wildlife, including deer and due to the participants close proximity to a farm, none of this is really 'odd', except for the woods suddenly being 'lit up'.

At this point, there remained only some lights whose source was unidentified, however, the men were sufficiently 'spooked' to 'hit the dirt'.

Burroughs believed the lights then "started moving back towards the open field". It's difficult to equate this if they were already "crossing the small open field that led into the trees where the lights were coming from".

Anyhow, the patrol "got up to a fence that separated the trees from the open field and you could see the lights down by a farmers house".

Here we have a definite 'fix' on the lights, apparently close to a farmer's house.

All three "started heading towards the red and blue lights and they just disappeared".

And that was it.

Either they lost their bearings in a search for the lights, or the lights were 'turned off', or its source departed, seemingly with the lights turned off.

No actual object was ever sighted, at least according to Burroughs and he maintained this in later years; "I never saw anything metallic or anything hard".

However, the adventure was far from over as Burroughs explains:

"Once we reached the farmer's house we could see a beacon going around so we went towards it. We followed it for about 2 miles before we could see it was coming from a lighthouse".

According to Burroughs, the only other notable incident was:

"We had just crossed a creek and were told to come back when we saw a blue light to our left in the trees. It was only there for a min and it just streaked away. After that, we didn't see anything so we returned to the truck".

Cabansag reaffirms, "We left our weapons with SSgt Steffans who remained at the gate. Thus the three of us went out to investigate.

We stopped the Security Police vehicle about 100 meters from the gate. Due to the terrain we had to go on by foot. We kept in constant contact with CSC [Central Security Control]. While we walked, each one of us could see the lights. Blue, red, white and yellow".

This 'yellow' light isn't mentioned by Burroughs and it does seem to be explained, Cabansag confirming, "The beacon light

turned out to be the yellow light".

One down, three to go.

"We could see them periodically, but not in a specific pattern", says Cabansag.

His only remark of anything 'alarming' is:

"As we approached, the lights would seem to be at the edge of the forest. We were about 100 meters from the edge of the forest when I saw a quick movement, it looked visible for a moment. It looked like it spun left about a quarter of a turn, then it was gone. I advised SSgt Penniston and ALC Burroughs. We advised CSC and proceeded in extreme caution".

A new element, also not mentioned by Burroughs is that, "When we got about 50-75 meters, MSgt Chandler/Flight Chief was on the scene. CSC was not reading our transmissions very well, so we used MSgt Chandler as a go-between. He remained back at our vehicle".

Cabansag's account now differs significantly; "As we entered the forest, the blue and red lights were not visible anymore. Only the beacon light was still blinking. We figured the lights were coming from past the forest, since nothing was visible as we passed through the woody forest. We could see a glowing near the beacon light, but as we got closer we found it to be a lit-up farmhouse".

So, the red and blue lights weren't visible at all whilst they ventured through the forest, according to Cabansag.

He does concur with details of the abortive lighthouse chase, explaining, "After we had passed through the forest, we thought it had to be an aircraft accident. So did CSC as well. But we ran and walked a good 2 miles past our vehicle, until we got to a vantage point where we could determine that what we were chasing was only a beacon light off in the distance. Our route through the forest and field was a direct one, straight towards the light".

Cabansag also corroborates Burroughs' later sighing:

"We informed CSC that the light beacon was further than we thought, so CSC terminated our investigation. ALC Burroughs and I took a road, while SSgt Penniston walked straight back from where he came. ALC Burroughs saw the light again, this time it was coming from the left of us, as we were walking back to our patrol vehicle.

We got in contact with SSgt Penniston and we took a walk through where we saw he lights. Nothing. Finally, we made it back to our vehicle, after making contact with the PC's and informing them of what we saw. After that we met MSgt Chandler and we went into service again after termination of the sighting".

Does Penniston's testimony help understand the anomalies?

He states:

"Upon arriving at east gate directly to the east about 1.5 miles in a large wooded area. A large yellow glowing light was emitting above the trees (refer diagram). In the center of the lighted area directly in the center ground level, there was a red light blinking on and off 5 to 10 second intervals. And a blue light that was for the most part steady".

If the yellow light above the trees was from the lighthouse, which would appear to make sense in relation to Cabansag's explanation, we might dismiss that as solved.

Yet, there could have been more than one source of a yellow light. What if Penniston's observation related to light from the 'glowing' farmhouse. It's in the correct location and it was otherwise 'pitch black' in that thick forest at 0300 on a December morning.

Or, maybe there was something else in that vicinity.

It's crucial to realise this all occurred off base in what was effectively the total darkness of surrounding countryside, largely consisting of tall, forest trees.

The red light and blue light are the features which remain consistent in all three accounts and they are the ones which we could hopefully find an explanation for.

All evidence supports they definitely can't relate to the lighthouse.

Penniston continues, "After receiving permission from CSC, we proceeded off base past east gate, down an old logging road. Left vehicle proceeded on foot. Burroughs and I were approximately 15- 20 meters apart and proceeding on a true east direction from the logging road. The area in front of us was lighting up a 30 meter area. When we got within a 50 meter distance. The object was producing red and blue light. The blue light was steady and projecting under the object. It was lighting up the area directly under extending a meter or two out".

Penniston therefore attributes these lights to a definite object, with the blue light projecting underneath it and lighting the surrounding ground area for some two meters.

Accompanying Penniston's early January 1981 statement to Lt. Col. Halt was a sketch of said 'object'. I have a copy of this drawing, which has never been published. It will be, shortly.

He concludes, "This is the closest point that I was near the object at any point. We then proceeded after it. It moved in a zig-zagging manner back through the woods then lost sight of it. On the way back we encountered a blue streaking light to left lasting only a few seconds. After a 45 min walk arrived at our vehicle".

The 'zig-zag motion' may be an arbitrary interpretation and a major discrepancy is that Penniston doesn't corroborate the lights were seen near the farmer's house.

Then again, he misses out entirely that two-mile pursuit of the lighthouse beacon.

All of the above testimonies come from the original witness statements. It's a pity these weren't taken until a full week after the events.

From the drawing which accompanies Burroughs' testimony, he shows not an object, but lights and in summary describes them as:

[top light] red and orange - this would move back and forth, up and down - when it was sitting in one place, beam would be red and orange

- a white light would come out below the beam in the trees - blue lights would come out of the beam and the white light below - blue lights would blink on and off.

Compared with Penniston's claim that, 'the object was producing red and blue light. The blue light was steady and projecting under the object. It was lighting up the area directly under extending a meter or two out', there are now identifiable clues that these must have been the same lights both witnessed

However, were the blue lights steady or blinking?

In either event, we can surely say they observed 'something' which had a red light on top, with a blue light beneath and the blue light illuminated the surrounding ground area with a blue, white or blueish-white light.

Everything seems to have been centred on the location of nearby Capel Green/Green farm.

It was due east of east gate road, just beyond the forest trees where the lights were first noticed.

It an almost straight line due east, there was east gate road - then part of the forest - then that open field - then the farm. In the distance, was Orfordness lighthouse.

On my web site, there's a detailed Ordnance Survey map illustrating this - see:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/map3.jpg>

What if the source of our mysterious lights came from the farm itself and was a slow moving vehicle?

In the black of that forest, its lights could have been noticeable from east gate and if so, would likely have appeared to be in the forest, when in fact they were just beyond.

As the patrol ventured towards the open field and farm, where the lights seemed to be, a brightly-lit, moving vehicle could explain the source's illusive nature.

The fact the lights were eventually believed to be near this farmhouse and not in the forest, would be consistent. No vehicle could easily, if feasibly, move through those dense, forest trees anyway.

Around a month ago, I witnessed something which was strikingly similar. It was at night and I noticed a number of lights which seemed to be moving through a small wood about half a mile distant. Intermittently, the trees were lit by a beam of white light.

Although I presumed this must be a vehicle, it was difficult to understand why there were so many lights, some appearing to be higher than others.

As I knew the landscape well, I had also surmised that the lights must be from a farmer's field, used for cattle, beyond the trees. If I hadn't known this, it would have been significantly more puzzling, as I recognised would surely be the case for anyone unfamiliar with the area.

I stopped to investigate. Fortunately, the lights were approaching and I didn't have to venture into the dark woods!

In time, it became clear that this was indeed a vehicle moving through the large field, however, it was still unusual and looked to be surprisingly large as it had five lights on the front alone.

This was also an illusion.

It turned out to be nothing more than a tractor with a JCB 'digger' type of front scoop, being used to carry bails of hay for the cattle. The tractor had two lower front lights, two at the height of the cabin and also a rotating 'warning light' on top. There were also two lights on the back, all of which in the darkness could only be perceived as a collection of moving lights, with occasionally a white beam 'lighting up' some of the surrounding area. I didn't detect any noise until the vehicle was quite close.

Could the Capel Green farm owners possibly have been feeding their cattle, with a tractor which had a red warning light and a blue light? In the pitch darkness, a rotating red top-light would probably have produced a red 'beam'.

It's something which could possibly still be clarified and I'll certainly look into this further.

Interestingly, Penniston's original depiction of the 'object', which he confirmed never have been closer than 50 meters to, shows a box-shaped object, more like a tractor with raised cabin than a triangle-shaped 'craft'.

Anyway, it's a recap of the story, set in a chronological

context and the subsequent investigation of a 'UFO' report, on the night/early morning of the 27th/28th December, 1980 by Lt. Col. Halt and his assembled 'team' can be considered in that context.

As we know, a mainstay of Halt's tape recorded investigation is when one of the team notices a tiny, distant, flashing light. Halt perceives this to be 'red' in colour, however, on tape one of his accomplices is heard to say, "There, It's yellow", or "Sir! It's yellow", Halt then conceding "I saw a yellow tinge in it too".

This does sound like the lighthouse beacon and Halt was near the very spot where Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston first saw the same 'unidentified light'.

We must keep in mind that at this time, Halt hadn't seen the original witness statements and didn't realise the lighthouse beacon had so deceived them.

Halt's recorded affirmation that the small light [Halt more recently explaining it was only 2 or 3 feet in diameter] "looks like an eye winking at you" and "when you put the Starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow center, a dark center, it's like a pupil of an eye looking at you, winking. And it flashes so bright to the Starscope that it almost burns your eye", is all constant with an observation of the beacon.

Perhaps definitively, the evidence for same is the observation, "We're at the far side of the second farmer's field and made sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks like it's clear off to the coast".

Remember, this was merely the sighting of a diminutive, unidentifiable flashing light, in the close compass direction of Orfordness lighthouse and "clear off to the coast".

Obvious clues should never be missed.

Whatever additional 'phenomena' was perceived by Halt and his team has to be set in this expanded context. They were looking for a 'UFO', thought they had found one and everything else was 'thinking UFO'.

That acknowledged, some questions remain and I highlighted a number of new ones in the detailed testimony of Sergeant Randy Smith, published in April, 1999 - see:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/voyager/newslet4.htm>

I'm pleased to announce that several personnel who served on base at the time have recently been located and their recollections will hopefully provide further insight.

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3. Cash-Landrum 'Special-Ops' Unit Identified?

It's important to also bear in mind the background which the RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge case was set against.

This was in the midst of the Iran hostage crisis.

The twin-base complex was a US facility on British soil and any special operations taking place, especially relating to the situation in Iran, may only have been known about at the highest level.

I believe a military 'special ops' training exercise was at least in part responsible for another classic UFO encounter, a drama which was soon to unfold on the other side of the Atlantic.

During the evening of 29th December, 1980, Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and Colby Landrum were travelling along Highway FM1485

in eastern Texas. It was a quiet road in a sparsely populated area.

They noticed a bright light above the trees and as it descended towards them, it hovered at tree-top level.

Diamond-shaped and much larger than their car, the object intermittently expelled a 'cone of fire', apparently downwards. This caused it to rise slightly, similar to a hot-air balloon using a burner to keep aloft.

The object also reportedly glowed brightly and something emitted an occasional beeping noise.

With the object now above the road, the witnesses got out of their car, reportedly experiencing an intense heat and light from the object.

Suddenly, a large number of helicopters appeared overhead, seemingly arriving from all directions. The unidentified object was then lost from sight behind some trees and the helicopters left.

Driving further on, the object and helicopters were again seen in close proximity. The witnesses counted 23 helicopters and these were identified as mainly CH-47 Chinooks, plus faster single-rotor helicopters, similar to a Bell-Huey.

The witnesses apparently all suffered from illness afterwards, with Betty Cash, who was closest to the object, being the most poorly. It's generally assumed this was directly related to the incident.

Despite extensive enquiries, no trace of the helicopters' origins was ever found, with Houston Airport unable to assist and military bases in Texas and Louisiana denying any possible involvement.

It remained a mystery.

One statement came from the US Army's Fort Hood press officer, Major Tony Geishauser, who confirmed no aircraft from that base were in the Houston area at the time. He commented, "I don't know any other place around here that would have that number of helicopters. I don't know what it could be... unless there's a super secret thing going on and I wouldn't necessarily know about it".

It's a point which I can maybe help substantiate in this case. Although there could now be a rational explanation for the brightly glowing, diamond-shaped object, that's still the subject of investigation and is left aside for now.

However, of arguably more importance, I can identify the special operations unit who would appear to be most likely responsible for the helicopters witnessed.

It seems this was probably 'Task Force 158', a forerunner to the legendary Night Stalkers.

This is the genesis as told by the Night Stalkers themselves:

"After the failure of Operation RICE BOWL, the attempted U.S. hostage rescue in Iran in April 1980, the United States Army began testing and evaluation to develop special operations aviation capabilities. Volunteers were selected from the 101st Aviation Group's C/158 and D/158 (UH-60), A/159th (CH-47), and B/229th (OH-6) to form and develop tactics, techniques and procedures for aviation in special operations mission profiles.

The 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) provided the UH-60s and CH-47s while the National Guard initially provided the OH-6s. The 101st was selected because it had recently fielded the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, which was already proven to be extremely reliable and safe while conducting demanding mission. Additionally, the 101st possessed a large number of CH-47 medium lift helicopters that could complement the smaller Black Hawks and agile OH-6.

Beginning in June 1980, intensive training was conducted

focusing on long range, low level, flying at night with primitive full- faced AN/PVS-5 night vision goggles. As proficiency increased, mission profiles became more demanding and complex - challenging the Task Force to develop additional capabilities of blacked-out and close formation flight. The testing and evaluation resulted in the development of the light helicopter company, the extended range and lift UH-60, and the extended range FARP capable CH-47".

Although I have other reasons to be reasonably confident that Task Force 158 were involved, this relates to someone else's research which hasn't yet been published. I'm sure the additional evidence will become known in due course.

At the moment, it's not proven.

Bringing the Night Stalkers story up to date:

"Upon resolution of the hostage crisis early 1981, the Army recognized that it took a great deal of time, training, and resources to develop the unique capabilities to accomplish special operations mission and there may not be sufficient time to prepare and respond to future crisis. The decision was made to form a standing Army Special Operations Aviation Task Force known as Task Force 160 consisting of volunteers from Task Force 158. The 160th quickly established a reputation in the Special Operations community as a unit that could deliver: always at the right place at the right time with the right assets. On 1 April 1982, Task Force 160 was designated as the 160th Aviation Battalion. However, the 160th continued to be referred to as Task Force 160 until the present".

Maybe this also sets the RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge case in its true perspective. Any comparative 'special ops' could also explain the reported 'unusual' activity around the same time there, with a number of unfamiliar personnel being seen and a high level of communications traffic.

As I wrote in 'Resolving Rendlesham', published in August 1998:

"On a recent visit to the picturesque town of Woodbridge, near the now defunct complex at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, I was able to survey the area of the bases and forest, resolving some queries I had about the locale.

[...]

The 'UFO landing' story was fondly remembered and resulted in an interesting tale.

A local taxi driver told of how he often had to drive through Rendlesham forest at night and on a couple of occasions had seen 'strange flashing red lights' which seemed to come from within the forest, or just above the trees.

The sightings were a mystery, until one night he was finally able to identify the source of similar lights. There were, he said, from a 'Jolly Green Giant'.

The 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery squadron (ARRS) were stationed at RAF Woodbridge and used HH-53 'Super Jolly Green Giant' helicopters. Could it be verified that they did practice low-level, night-time manoeuvres in the forest?

Having been able to locate a number of personnel who served at the bases during December 1980, I asked if this was a possibility and Dale Wagner, SMSgt. 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery squadron (ARRS), Ret., came up with the goods, confirming:

"I was at Woodbridge with the 67 ARRS from 1977 to 1981.

The 67 ARRS flew HH-53 helicopters not HH-3s and they did do training manoeuvres in Rendlesham during day and night. They actually practised hovering in clearings in the forest".

"I remember kidding after the rumour of the sightings that our helicopters were at it again".

"They used the night penetrations to practice with night vision goggles. The choppers also had landing lights that they would use if they were not using night vision equipment".

Another former serviceman recently told me of the night-time helicopter manoeuvres by Britain's elite Special Air Service (SAS) and recalled one particular incident:

"They did not make a lot of sound, but they came in fast. When they departed, they turned their lights back on and went off in separate directions. We did exercises with the SAS all the time".

He summarised, "RAF Bentwaters was a very hot area for many types of military training actions". [End]

Some facts, some conjecture and above all, hopefully something of value in this brief reassessment of two cases which remain, so far as we know, unrelated.

When a 'UFO' case meets the world of 'special ops' and 'black projects', I'm reminded that someone once wisely pointed out to me, "the more you know, the more you realise you don't know".

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Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 08:21:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 08:31:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?

>Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 15:05:51 -0600
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 09:11:41 -0400
>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>Subject: Re: Roswell 'UFO Crash' Nuke Accident Cover-Up?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

><giant snip>

>>Anderson's story checks out except for the phone bill.....

>>Stan Friedman

>Really? What about the suspect diary he provided? Doesn't ring
>any alarm bells? And isn't it true that you sent Anderson a
>packet of your own Roswell writings before conducting a series
>of in-depth personal interviews with him? In hindsight, was that
>a prudent thing to do -- for an investigator or a journalist?

I was the one who had the ink on the diary dated by gas chromatography (\$2000 of Bob Bigelow's money). The ink was dated to before Anderson claimed to have received the diary. If it had been later, I would have dropped the whole business. It started in my gray basket.

I sent him background information about me as a nuclear physicist and the response to my lectures so that he would know I was not a reporter for a tabloid or a writer of fiction. I said nothing about, for example, red haired officer and black seargeant. Doesn't pay to believe rumors, Dennis.

>As for the presence of a windmill, pardon me if I'm not
>impressed. I don't think anyone has ever argued that Anderson
>wasn't familiar with the local lay of the land. But the presence
>of a windmill where Anderson remembered it hardly substantiates
>the claim of a crashed saucer (with bodies) nearby.

It would seem to establish his familiarity with a very remote area and well off the "main" road. Catron County has the lowest population density of any NM County.

I gather that you are favorably impressed by the other comments I made??

>Merry Y2K to all!

>Dennis Stacy

I definitely agree with you on this item.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #332

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 08:59:29 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 09:08:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #332

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 10:00:02 -0600
>From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
>Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #332
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Apology to MW #332 (For January 1, 2000)

<snip>

>You're given information which might change the
>way you feel, and you buy in, the choice is YOURS . . . you
>strike an honored deal.

<snip>

Buy in. It de rigour....

Good job Lemme... reminds me of Dylan's "Idiot Wind."

"You're an eeeee-id-iot babe, and it's a wonder that you still
know how to breath..."

We are like his idiot wind and it's a wonder that we still
know how to breath. We've forgotten or ignored everything else
important, except what fits our present pair a dimes.

Trying to get Jeff to do a Lehmborg Show... he said something
about when hell freezes over [Just Kidding!].

Jim Mortellaro

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An End is a Beginning.....

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 16:48:42 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 12:58:02 -0500
Subject: An End is a Beginning.....

Happy period of 100 years ... especially of the Christian era or of the preceding period of human history

Y2K was not a non event. It was a beginning; even if only as an intellectual exercise.

The end of the twentieth century was not an end, as all endings are a beginning. May our beginning be the genesis of apperception by mankind that we are at the end time of our planet. Even if the comet does strike us, or the killer asteroid from hell arrives, or the tenth planet passes us too close for safety - perhaps the explosion in the center of our galaxy will remove all life from this world. There are many ways in which the "end" may become reality, but even these are a beginning.

The overwhelming likelihood is that we will destroy ourselves even without these terrible events.

Destruction.

Destruction by hatred, selfishness, greed and the belief that we are invincible. We are not invincible, we are nothing more than a delicately constructed life form, becoming more and more dependent on those things we've created which even as I write, are destroying us by degree. Strange isn't it, that we create "good" things which destroy us. We even to gainsay what we know to be truth. We are a strange people, indeed.

There is hope however. The hope is in our new beginning.

And so to you and yours, from docca Morty and his long suffering wifey, the beautiful Rosemarie, we wish you the blessings of love, health and hapiness

When I woke up this morning, the first thing I said was, "I made it through another night without a visit from those who would take from me, everything they can steal." That was a really wonderful present from on high and perhaps, represents a new beginning for me in that part of my life which has been fraught with terror for 56 years.

Jim & Rosemarie Mortellaro

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Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 2 Jan 2000 12:26:47 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 13:07:52 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

To the List

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Re: Corso

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 12:26:46 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 13:13:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso

>Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:54:15 -0400
>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>Subject: Re: Corso
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:22:23 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Corso
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 19:20:23 -0400
>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Corso
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 02:21:35 -0500 (EST)
>>>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>>>Subject: Re: Corso
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>>>Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 15:31:51 -0400
>>>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Dec 1999 16:46:19 -0500

>>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

Yes, he says so in his book : he saw a report of alien autopsy!
Another big lie??

I would like to sum up a few points about the 'Corso problem':

Is his story absurd? No, however improbable it looks, it is not
completely impossible. At least the main lines.

Could have Lt Col Corso thoroughly invented his story? I don't believe that. Sorry, Mr Rimmer, your reply to my other post is just caricatural. What I said is that he did not behave like a jerk or a mentally deranged person. Of course, there are mad people who may look "normal" at first look (I read that, in his old age, Dr Mengele gave candies to children and they liked him). But there is also his military record, his family background, etc. Anyway, we all have memory gaps, and will have more in old age. Obviously, he had a tendency to embellish his role. Many people do.

Yes, there are big mistakes in his book. But we know that many of them come from Birnes, who admitted it himself.

Was he hungry for money, to the point of writing, or co-authoring a very inflated book? The many mistakes, and his association with Birnes would tend to suggest that. But it seems that he was not a very good negotiator, if it is true that he did not get much money from his book. If I am right, he even asked for financial help shortly before his death of his trial. Could anyone confirm that?

On the other hand, Birnes seems to be a very sharp partner. I happen to have seen a draft agreement sent by his company (UFO Publishing Inc.) to French authors for translation of their book. I know a bit about publishing contracts, and that one was very full of traps. If Corso signed a contract like that one, no wonder he did not get much money at all.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 22:53:17 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 08:01:24 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
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Hi Gildas

Any chance of translating the articles and posting it here, or
emailing it to me please?

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Everyone here at United Kingdom UFO Network hope you all had a great Christmas and wish you all a very safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

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United Kingdom News
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[UK 1]*****

Source: BBC News
Publish Date: Wednesday 15th September 1999
From: doug@greenmen.demon.co.uk

Near Collision With UFO Baffles Aviation Expert

A UFO that narrowly avoided colliding with a passenger jet flying from London's Heathrow Airport has baffled aviation experts.

The metallic grey-coloured object was spotted by the pilots of an Oslo-bound McDonnell Douglas MD81 plane on 12 June 1998, and passed just 20-50 metres from them.

The captain said the object was the size of a small aircraft, while the co-pilot described it as a "bright light, very close".

Reporting to an air traffic controller, the captain said "a flare or something passed 20 feet from our aircraft", but nothing had been recorded on the radar screen.

Radar blank

The pilot later filed a near-miss report, known as an airprox, in which he said the object looked similar to a fighter.

But a report by the Civil Aviation Authority found no explanation for the incident, which has also confounded local military experts and local police.

"Air traffic controllers were certain that even a very small aircraft would have been detected, particularly on Heathrow radar," said the report.

Although the evidence of the unnamed airline's crew is considered to be reliable, the report notes that they only caught a brief glimpse of the object.

Fewer near-misses

The incident was included in a Civil Aviation Authority report, which found that dangerous aircraft near-misses fell to an all-time low last year.

It is the first report to include airprox incidents filed by both pilots and air traffic controllers.

The number of near-misses involving public transport flights per 100,000 flying hours in 1998 was 1.20, compared with 2.37 in 1997 and 2.87 in 1996.

Three-quarters of those misses were judged as having no actual risk of collision.

"The figures speak for themselves and show that more flying does not automatically mean more risk as a consequence," said Gordon McRobbie, director of the UK Airprox Board.

Chance miss

But he warned against complacency. "This report is aimed squarely at all pilots and air traffic controllers and I would encourage them to read about the incidents.

One of the most serious incidents listed involved two passenger jets, which avoided collision only by chance after a mistake by an overworked air traffic controller.

The incident happened near London's Stansted Airport on 14 August 1998, and involved a Stansted-to-Cork Ryanair Boeing 737 and a Dublin-to-Stansted Aer Lingus BAe 146.

Even when a collision alert flashed up, the controller was unsure what was happening and gave no instructions to the planes to take avoiding action.

----- a further newspaper report on this -----

Source: Daily Express newspaper
Publish Date: 16th September 1999
From: johnniem@dial.pipex.com

A UFO came within 50 metres of a passenger plane flying from Heathrow, according to two pilots. The mystery object did not show up on radar and has baffled investigators, a near-miss report revealed yesterday. It passed within 50 metres of an Oslo-bound McDonnell Douglas MD81 in June last year. The captain reported it as being the size of a small aircraft, while the co-pilot described it as a "bright light, very close."

The UK Airprox Board's report said: "Air traffic controllers were certain that even a very small aircraft would have been detected."

[UK 2]*****

Source: Name and address supplied.

Dear sir/madam

My wife and I witnessed a sighting of a bright light, much larger than a star and moving at a very high speed from about 120 degrees from north to about 85 degrees from north. We were looking in an easterly direction from our home in Weston Zoyland, Somerset at about 0500 hours on Friday 10th September 1999.

This object suddenly became stationary for about 15 minutes during which time I viewed it through my telescope. It appeared to have a spherical underside but the top was not spherical. One side had a faint red glow. After this period of time it moved in a direct line away from us at great speed and eventually disappeared.

It has taken great courage to write this to you as neither of us have ever seen anything like this before and as a Police officer I am quite sceptical about these things.

uk.ufo.nw says: Further enquiries are being made regarding this sighting. However if any reader has further information please mail us.

[UK 3]*****

Source: BBC Online
Publish Date: Monday 15th November 1999

How on earth do you lure little green tourists?

Expecting visitors? Better do some dusting, comb your hair, mow the launchpad. A former mining town in the north-east of England is taking the brave step of pitching in for visitors from Mars.

Bedlington in Northumberland, whose residents some people class as Geordies, is branching out to advertise itself to the red planet thanks to Nasa.

Traders - including mechanics Tyred and Exhausted, burger shop Best

Byte and funeral directors AJ Gascoigne & Son - are expected to get together to offer the aliens special deals.

The town's chamber of trade organised the move by replying to a Nasa advert for material to be included on the Mars 2001 Lander expedition.

Chairman Malcolm Robinson said: "We'll offer any alien visitors a range of discounts, with pensioner rates for haircuts, and discounts on food and clothing.

"They won't get a warmer welcome anywhere in England."

But he added: "God knows if they'll understand our accents."

Local trader Margaret Millen was in little doubt that, if the message is picked up on Mars, Bedlington would get a good reaction.

"It's a lovely little town, very friendly. It's really a country town, even though it's only 12 miles from Newcastle and fairly close to the industry," she said.

One notable chapter from the town's history was the production of iron rails by Michael Longridge. A friend of George Stevenson, the rails were used for the world's first passenger railway.

Although the town is treating the Nasa venture light-heartedly, it is not a publicity shy place.

The chamber of trade's website directs potential customers to local businesses, and makes the most of a worldwide - particularly US - interest in Bedlington Terriers.

The site's webmaster writes: "Bedlington.co.uk was rather trying to minimise this, but there is simply no getting away from the fact that Bedlington is famous for its 'World Class' breed of dogs. If you search the Internet it is almost as if that is all it's famous for. Not so!"

The news of the Nasa CD comes 25 years after the first deliberate radio message sent from Earth to the stars. In 1974, a three-minute message about the human race was sent from the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico.

Although the message has been travelling for a quarter of a century, it's still only one-thousandth of its way to its target stars, 147 trillion miles away.

In 1973, Nasa sent a plaque on its Pioneer 10 craft with simple greetings from humans, showing male and female form, and where earth is in relation to the Sun.

It is still waiting for an answer.

ukufonw says: The BBC then asks it's readers to fill an online form in asking the question..

How would you lure Martian tourists to your home town?

[UK 4]*****

From: Paul Jones - UK.UFO.NW investigator

Source: scanner newsgroup
Date: 23rd December 1999

uk.ufo.nw are making further enquiries with John and it's British Airways contacts.

UFO in Glasgow airspace

On Thu, 23 Dec 1999 22:15:14 -0000, in alt.radio.scanner.uk "John Johnstone" <rangers@ibrox9.freemove.co.uk> wrote:

I was listening to the tower at Glasgow airport the other day and the BA [British Airways] pilot came across the speaker and said that there was something 12 miles above him and it wasn't showing on his radar! In reply the tower guy said it was actually six miles above and that he could see it although he said that when trying to contact him the signal was broken and advised him to land as it was following him. 118.800 is the frequency. This is not a joke or Hoax.

World News
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[W 1]*****

Source: Daily Telegraph
Publish Date: Tuesday 17th August 1999

X-Files version of history is backed by CIA report

By Michael Smith

THE CIA has released a secret history of its investigations into UFO sightings, revealing that there was more truth in the popular television series The X-Files than is often believed.

The highly critical report describes often bitter debates between real-life X-Files investigators who believed that "the truth is out there" and their sceptical bosses. It records tales of bumbling undercover agents whose activities fuelled a widespread belief that the government was covering up what the agency described as "extra-terrestrial visitations by intelligent beings".

The problem was eventually passed to the agency's physics and electronics division where in true X-Files style just one analyst investigated UFO phenomena. But the Fifties equivalent of Fox Mulder was constantly undermined by his boss, described by the CIA history as "a non-believer in UFOs", who tried but failed to declare the project "inactive".

While the CIA investigations eventually concluded that all the sightings could be explained, the report concludes that "misguided" attempts to keep them secret led to widespread belief of a government cover-up.

The report, written by Gerald K Haines, the official CIA historian, was commissioned by the then CIA director James Woolsey in 1993 in the wake of renewed claims of a CIA-led cover-up. It calls for the first time on documents that the agency hid from UFO enthusiasts who obtained thousands of more mundane files under the Freedom of Information Act. The report, completed in 1997, has been released at the request of the British academic journal Intelligence and National Security and is published in its summer issue this month.

US intelligence began investigating UFO sightings in 1947 when a pilot claimed to have seen nine discs travelling at more than 1,000

mph in Washington state. The claim was backed up by additional sightings including reports from military and civilian pilots and air traffic controllers.

The first investigation, Operation Saucer, was carried out by US air intelligence which initially feared that the objects might be Soviet bombers. But some officers became convinced that UFOs existed and in a top-secret report concluded many of the sightings were "interplanetary". Air force chiefs had the report rewritten to conclude that "although visits from outer space are deemed possible, they are believed to be very unlikely".

The CIA initially dismissed the investigations as "midsummer madness". But an agency committee decided they could be used by Moscow either to create mass hysteria or to overload the air warning system, making it unable to distinguish between UFOs and Soviet bombers.

In 1955, claims by two elderly sisters to have had contact with UFOs attracted widespread publicity. A CIA agent describing himself as an air force officer spoke to them and reported that he appeared to have stumbled upon a scene from Arsenic and Old Lace. Analysis of a "code" which the women believed aliens were using to make contact with them while they listened to their favourite radio programme was morse code from a US radio station.

But when UFO enthusiasts heard of the "air force" officer's visit they became immediately suspicious that he was a member of the CIA trying to cover up the affair. One enthusiast pursued the CIA conspiracy theory and was visited by another CIA officer, who claimed to be in the air force and even wore an air force uniform. The ruse failed, making the conspiracy theorists even more suspicious.

The refusal to release 57 documents on the investigation in the Seventies, to protect sources, also fuelled the cover-up theory, Haines concluded.

[W 2]*****

Source: Daily Telegraph
Publish Date: Sunday 22nd August 1999

Lawyer to sue for release of 'real X-Files'

By James Langton

THE truth is out there, and Peter Gersten believes that he knows where to find it. As director of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy he will launch a lawsuit this week against the United States government, claiming that its refusal to hand over secret documents on the existence of flying saucers is a violation of his constitutional rights.

While the authorities, including the Department of Defence and the CIA, continue to insist that they are not concealing details about alien incursions, their denials are undermined by growing evidence of real-life X-Files.

The British academic journal Intelligence and National Security last week published an official CIA report that documented attempts by the agency to uncover the truth behind UFO sightings over half a century.

It revealed that the CIA operated its own team of UFO investigators and that, like the television series The X-Files in which secret agents probe extra-terrestrial activity, the agency was plagued by sometimes bitter divisions between sceptics and those who believed in

flying saucers.

Mr Gersten and his organisation hope that their latest lawsuit will force the authorities to reveal what they know about a large number of well-documented sightings of large triangular craft seen over Arizona and New Mexico in recent years.

The objects, some many times larger than a jumbo jet, have been observed by tens of thousands of people. One was filmed over Phoenix two years ago but later interpreted by the air force as a series of flares dropped in a training mission - an explanation few accepted.

"People have a right to the truth," says Mr Gersten, a lawyer from Scottsdale, Arizona, who believes that extra-terrestrials are trying to contact us through crop circles. "I believe that the authorities have evidence and that I can prove it in a court of law."

While such extreme opinions are only shared by a tiny minority, most Americans believe that their government knows more than it will say. Opinion polls show that more than half now believe in UFOs. And after years of denial, almost all branches of the American military now admit that they carried out their own secret investigations into flying saucers, particularly in the 1950s when UFO fever peaked.

The CIA report, by its official historian Gerald Haynes, says that the agency eventually concluded that most reports could be explained and that there were no little green men. While some CIA agents believed that there was evidence of genuine UFO activity, the official version attributes at least half the sightings to secret US Air Force reconnaissance aircraft such as the U2 and Blackbird.

Dr Bruce Maccabee, one of America's leading UFO experts who regularly met CIA agents from 1979, believes that the "real X-Files" are in the vaults of the air force and FBI. The air force also maintained Project Blue Book in which it documented nearly 13,000 sightings between 1951 to 1969, all but 700 of which it was able to explain as conventional aircraft or natural phenomenon.

The air force has also attempted - with very limited success - to end speculation that it recovered the remains of a spacecraft which crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 and several alien bodies. It has released previously classified files which claim that the "saucer" was actually a weather balloon used to monitor nuclear tests and that the "aliens" were crash test dummies for parachute prototypes. Among UFO diehards, however, such "explanations" are seen only as evidence of a further cover-up.

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Source: The Toronto Star
Publish Date: 24th August 1999

When aliens come abducting, ask for warm probe

IF YOU GET abducted by space aliens, you're going to get probed. You might as well face it. That's why they abduct you. Not that you can do anything about getting abducted. If they want to abduct you, they'll abduct you, right?

Right?

At a cocktail party not long ago, a very nice cocktail party - nobody in the room had ever watched Jerry Springer, nobody snuck up behind you and made farting noises in their armpits - in an apartment at a very classy Bloor St. W. address, I met a psychiatrist who, when I asked what his specialty was, said most of his practice was people who believe they've been abducted by space aliens.

I made sympathetic noises. Tsk, tsk. It must be difficult getting them to realize they are delusional.

``No,'' he said. The difficulty was getting them to understand that nobody was going to believe they had been abducted, and they were going to have a hard time, either forced to keep it to themselves, or enduring the reaction - that they were goofballs. Nobody was going to believe them, that is, but him.

I was so astonished that all I could think to say was, ``Does OHIP cover this?''

``If it's a referral,'' he said.

Right now an interesting dance is going on around the question of UFOs. Call it the Catch-22 Two-step. The U.S. government has always denied that all those bizarre sightings were UFOs. Because of this, people naturally believed they were UFOs. Nobody believes the government. Had the government said, ``Yikes! UFOs are everywhere! We've been invaded!'' people would've said, ``The government is cuckoo, as usual.''

So, just what is it you thought they probed? Your ears? ``Xgfyy! Kngrg dm! Frqg!'' (``Hey! Lookit this! Wax!'')

Not as I understand it.

I understand a thing or two about it because I myself have been abducted, although in my case I am one of the very few who was probed, I guess you might say, abnormally. I didn't mention getting abducted to that psychiatrist because I hadn't mentioned it to my GP, and without OHIP coverage can you imagine what he'd have charged me for our conversation at that cocktail party? He probably would've been able to dash out and buy a second Mercedes. Put down cash. In my case, I was abducted by aliens from a planet of intergalactic dentists. ``Hjfft!'' (``Bleeding gums!'') ``Kkfgzzz!'' (``Abscesses!'') ``Pn!'' (``He should quit smoking!'') ``Glm mv mv!'' (``Plaque!'') ``Fzplat!'' (``Spit!'')

I came to under a bridge in Oshawa, bare-naked, clutching a floss dispenser. Nobody who's been abducted and probed in this manner ever talks about it. People think you're a goofball.

You can recognize people who have been subjected to the normal probing by the way they walk. That's my theory.

It makes sense, when you think about it. David Jacobs of Temple University in Philadelphia has written a book that explains why.

``If it's a very busy ship - let's say there are 20 tables and they've abducted 40 people,'' the aliens are what you could describe as overbooked. As a result they are brusque and clinical. ``I would use the word task-oriented.''

Get the point? They don't have time to warm up the, what do you call them, instruments. Like in M*A*S*H* where they're always so rushed they don't even rinse the scalpel between operations. Wheel in another one. Open him up.

Even if the probers had the inclination, and maybe it has never occurred to them. According to Jacobs, they have cold, rubbery skin.

If you lived on a planet of cold rubbery beings and somebody probed you with a warm whatever, you'd go, ``Bgnn! Fgrnng rq urgf! Nv tdt p

hkkw bn tdtp kqlqmb rbzx?' ('`Ooh! That feels awful! Have you no respect for your patient's comfort?') You'd want them to use something that just came out of the fridge.

Anyway, as a result of all this, if you watch the way people walk you can pretty well tell for sure. And often the way they sit. TV anchors, for example. You notice how a lot of them stay standing during newscasts these days? I think there's been a run on TV news anchors lately. And when they do sit, they kind of lean over to one side?

Unless they've been probed by dental aliens, but I'm not going to go into that. We don't. We keep our mouths shut.

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Source: exoscience
<http://www.exosci.com/>
New Scientist

Publish Date: Wednesday 20th October 1999

Moon Mystery

Reports of curious flashes and fleeting clouds on the Moon may not be figments of wild imaginations, astronomers say. A new look at observations by the American satellite Clementine show that a small area on the Moon's surface darkened and reddened in April 1994. Why this happened remains a mystery.

For hundreds of years, people have reported seeing flashes, short-lived clouds and other brief changes on the Moon's surface. But astronomers have never been able to confirm the sightings. "The events were observed on many occasions, but most astronomers don't believe in them," says Bonnie Buratti of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

On 23 April 1994, around a hundred amateur astronomers reported seeing a possible darkening of the Moon, lasting 40 minutes, near the edge of the bright lunar crater Aristarchus. At the same time, the US Department of Defense's Clementine satellite was mapping the lunar surface.

Intrigued by the amateur reports, Buratti's team has taken a close look at the Clementine data to see if the satellite also recorded the event. Sure enough, they found that the crater looked different before and after the amateur reports. "After the event, it looks redder," says Buratti, who announced the findings at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Padua, Italy, last week.

Winifred Cameron, a retired astronomer who worked at the Lowell Observatory in Arizona, thinks that brief colour changes might be caused by small gas eruptions throwing dust around. We know that there are pockets of gas in the lunar soil, and the gas may occasionally escape. "I'm pretty sure that some of these changes are due to emanations of gas that are more dense than usual," says Cameron. "The Aristarchus region is the source of about a third of all of these.

Charles Seife

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Source: BBC News Online
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From: doug@greenmen.demon.co.uk

Furry puppet turns up in ET search

Greetings to the people of planet Earth

By BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse

The SETI@home Website, a project that processes data collected by radio telescopes in a Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project has been hacked. For about five hours on Sunday [during July], the home page was replaced with a single word - "WANTED" - and an image of ALF, an extraterrestrial from a US TV sitcom of the same name. Those who have not previously encountered this interstellar ambassador may like to know that he crash-landed in a garage in Los Angeles in 1986. He was named ALF, or Alien Life Form, by the humans who were involved in first contact with him. The title of the Seti Website was replaced with the words "attention people of Earth..." Good looks Officials have dismissed it as an annoying prank, pointing out that the hackers are wide of the mark when it comes to their choice of an extraterrestrial. The problem with the hairy ALF is that he is just too human-looking. Experts believe that alien life, if it exists, is probably not like us. Indeed, they believe that if evolution was re-run on Earth, it is very unlikely that anything resembling humans - let alone ALF - would emerge a second time. Not that many Seti scientists would be disappointed in finding something like ALF - they just do not expect it to happen. Project officials said that while they are satisfied with the security of their other servers, they are checking them to be certain. The SETI@home project, which opened to the public in mid-May, harnesses the downtime computer power of subscribers to sift through data obtained by a radio telescope to look for signals from space. More than 600,000 people have signed up since the project began.

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The five signals intelligence agencies form the UKUSA pact. They are bound together by a secret agreement signed in 1947 or 1948. Although its precise terms have never been revealed, the UKUSA agreement provides for sharing facilities, staff, methods, tasks and product between the participating governments.

Now, due to a fast-growing UKUSA system called Echelon, millions of messages are automatically intercepted every hour, and checked according to criteria supplied by intelligence agencies and governments in all five UKUSA countries. The intercepted signals are passed through a computer system called the Dictionary, which checks each new message or call against thousands of ``collection'' requirements. The Dictionaries then send the messages into the spy agencies' equivalent of the Internet, making them accessible all over the world. "

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<http://38.201.154.103/articles/?a=3D1999/2/11/00539>
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From: "David C PlaceJr" dplace@dreamscape.com

Apollo Astronaut Was Murdered, Son Charges

Christopher Ruddy

Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, the astronaut slated to be the first man to walk on the moon, was murdered, his son has charged in the Feb. 16 edition of Star magazine. In another stunning development, a lead NASA investigator has charged that the agency engaged in a cover-up of the true cause of the catastrophe that killed Grissom and two other astronauts.

The tabloid exclusive by Steve Herz reports that Scott Grissom, 48, has gone public with the family's long-held belief that their father was purposefully killed during Apollo I.

The Jan. 27, 1967, Apollo I mission was a simulated launch in preparation for an actual lunar flight.

NASA concluded that the Apollo I deaths of Grissom, as well as astronauts Edward H. White and Roger Chafee, were the result of an explosive fire that burst from the pure oxygen atmosphere of the space capsule. NASA investigators could not identify what caused the spark, but wrote the catastrophe off as an accident.

"My father's death was no accident. He was murdered," Grissom, a commercial pilot, told Star.

Grissom said he recently was granted access to the charred capsule and discovered a "fabricated" metal plate located behind a control panel switch. The switch controlled the capsules' electrical power source from an outside source to the ship's batteries. Grissom argues that the placement of the metal plate was an act of sabotage. When one of the astronauts toggled the switch to transfer power to the ship's batteries, a spark was created that ignited a fireball.

Clark Mac Donald, a McDonnell-Douglas engineer hired by NASA to

investigate the fire, offered corroborating evidence. Breaking more than three decades of silence, Mac Donald says he determined that an electrical short caused by the changeover to battery power had sparked the fire.

He says that NASA destroyed his report and interview tapes in an effort to stem public criticism of the space program.

"I have agonized for 31 years about revealing the truth, but I didn't want to hurt NASA's image or cause trouble," Mac Donald told the paper. "But I can't let one more day go by without the truth being known."

Grissom's widow, Betty, now 71, told Star she agrees with her son's claim that her husband had been murdered.

"I believe Scott has found the key piece of evidence to prove NASA knew all along what really happened but covered up to protect funding for the race to the moon."

Scott Grissom told Star that the motive for his father's killing may have been related to NASA's desire not have his father be the first man to walk on the moon because of criticism leveled at Grissom in 1961 after his Mercury capsule, Liberty 7, sunk in the Atlantic.

Critics of Grissom, including novelist Tom Wolfe, have claimed the astronaut panicked when his space capsule landed in the ocean, and he prematurely pulled an explosive charge to open the ship's hatch, causing it to sink.

Fellow astronauts, however, gave Grissom the benefit of the doubt for several reasons. Grissom was a decorated Korean War pilot who had flown nearly 100 combat missions. He was a courageous man not known to panic.

There was also evidence that the explosive device on the hatch could accidentally blow without being pulled -- a fact that led NASA to remove such devices from future spacecraft.

Also, had Grissom pulled the explosive release on the hatch, his hand or arm should have had powder and bruise marks. Neither were found.

Grissom, one of the original Mercury seven, was the senior astronaut when the Apollo missions began.

Among the astronauts, Grissom was the most critical of the problem-plagued Apollo program, and the main Apollo contractor, North American Aviation.

Shortly before his death, Grissom had taken a large lemon and hung it around the space capsule as the press looked on. He had suggested publicly that the project could never be accomplished on time.

The Associated Press reported, "`Pretty slim' was the way [Grissom] put his Apollo's chances of meeting its mission requirements."

The Grissom family had reason to doubt the official NASA ruling from the beginning. Even before Apollo I, Grissom had received death threats which his family believed emanated from within the space program.

The threats were serious enough that he was put under Secret Service protection and had been moved from his home to a secure safehouse.

According to his wife, Grissom had warned her that "if there is ever

a serious accident in the space program, it's likely to be me."

The Apollo I disaster led to a series of congressional hearings into the incident and NASA. During the hearings, one launch pad inspector, Thomas Baron, sharply criticized NASA's handling of the incident and testified that the astronauts attempted to escape the capsule earlier than officially claimed.

Baron was fired soon after giving the testimony, and died, along with his wife, when his car was struck by a train. Authorities ruled the deaths as suicide.

During the congressional hearings, Sen. Walter Mondale questioned the efficacy of manned space programs. Manned space flights were opposed by many of the leading space scientists at the time, including Drs. James Van Allen and Thomas Gold.

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uk.ufo.nw takes a look at SETI@home web information.

I thought that we would take a look at the SETI@home site this issue. For the purposes of this report the date I visited their site was Sunday 26th December 1999. Things may have changed between now and then.

One of the first things that caught my eye was a link taking me to the 'Distant Suns - The SETI at Home Version'

Here is the text from this page.

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Distant Suns - The SETI at Home Version

"I'm really boggled - [Distant Suns] is beautiful... I am totally awed by what you've done!" - Arthur C. Clarke

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Distant Suns is one of the premier desktop astronomy packages of all time. For both casual skywatchers to seasoned amateur astronomers, Distant Suns will take you from your home to the outer reaches of the Universe and back. For more details about the software, click here.

In cooperation with the SETI@Home group, I am proud to offer a special version of my software, Distant Suns. Not only are you able to process SETI data, but now you can see exactly what part of the sky your data belongs to, and when it will be visible each night.

Distant Suns is an award winning leader in astronomy software for both the PC and Macintosh (only the PC version currently works with the SETI files however).

To get your free copy of Distant Suns/The SETI version, click here. The download is about 4.7 Megs in size.

To use, simply extract and install the file in typical fashion, start it up, and if the SETI software was installed in the standard

location Distant Suns will immediately take you directly to "your place in the sky".

If Distant Suns 4 does all you want it to do, please enjoy it and share it with your friends and family. However you may purchase the most recent version, Distant Suns 5.1, on CD for \$34.95. To do so, click here. (Note that the current shipping version of Distant Suns does not yet have the SETI extensions. Those will be available for download in the next few weeks).

Attention Mac users :

The SETI version for the Mac is not yet ready, but a Mac demo of the current CD version is available here.

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Results received 53508731 | 367583
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(8.51 TeraFLOPs/sec)

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Here are the news summaries from SETI@home which otherwise some people may never get to read.

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SETI@home News Summaries

We're grateful to everyone who has participated in [SETI@home](#). The response to SETI@home has been overwhelming. Whether or not we detect ETI, SETI@home users have confirmed the viability of an entirely new way of doing science using Internet computing.

At its core, the SETI@home project is tiny: four part-time employees and two volunteers (Dan Werthimer and myself). We're trying to do something new, complex and difficult. We've had a few growing pains and our server computers are still struggling to handle the tremendous load. We apologize and ask for your understanding if there are glitches in the system or if our news updates are infrequent - we're all doing our best!

David P. Anderson
Project Director

November 12, 1999 SETI@home has been honored by Popular Science as one of the 100 of the year's best achievements in science and

technology. Please vote for us in their Reader's Choice poll (in the Computers and Software category).

October 22, 1999 SETI@home has now accumulated more than 100,000 years of computer time, more than any other computing project in history! We have recorded over 85 million "candidate signals" (spikes and Gaussians) in our database, and we're preparing to start the second phase of analysis, which will search these candidates looking for "repeat events".

August 18, 1999 SETI@home has been named as one of Popular Science's "50 Best Of The Web." This annual award recognizes the site for "its excellent science and technology content". Thanks! August 14, 1999 SETI@home eclipses one million user mark. Early this morning (Berkeley time) Ed Bradburn from England became the millionth SETI@home user. Mr. Bradburn writes: "The excellent film of Sagan's 'Contact' really got me interested in the concept of reaching out to search the stars (something I've been intrigued by ever since reading Asimov's 'The Gods Themselves' and Sagan and Shklovskii's 'Intelligent Life in the Universe'). I'm proud to be the 1,000,000 participant in the SETI@Home project and hope that there'll be many more!"

Congratulations to Mr. Bradburn and our other million users, to our software and web site volunteers, and to the SETI@home team. In less than three months, SETI@home has significantly expanded the SETI search, has increased awareness of SETI in homes and classrooms, and has become the largest computing project in history.

August 11, 1999 Go here to read the transcript of the Yahoo! Chat Event on July 30.

July 28, 1999 There will be a Yahoo! Chat Event devoted to SETI@home from 5 to 7 PM (PST) this Friday 7/30/1999.

June 12, 1999 The response to SETI@home has been wonderful. It's been four weeks since launch and already there are 600,000 participants! SETI@home is now our planet's largest supercomputer -- spread out over 205 countries. We are extremely grateful to all the SETI@home participants.

May 17, 1999. Launch! The SETI@home project is successfully underway.

May 13, 1999. The Windows and Mac versions of SETI@home are now available for download. We are upgrading our FTP server performance in preparation for the final launch on May 17. We made a snapshot of statistics from the beta-testing period, and reset all totals to zero.

Congratulations to Kyle Granger, Charlie Fenton, and Brad Silen, who did a fantastic job on the Windows and Mac versions.

May 4, 1999. The Windows and Mac versions of SETI@home are now in the hands of 7,000 beta testers. Problems involving firewalls and proxies are being fixed. We're on schedule for the May 17 launch.

April 6, 1999. We released the UNIX version of the SETI@home client. Within a few hours, a couple of thousand people were using the program. As expected, this created a heavy load on the server for the first time, and we hastily fixed a number of problems.

March 28, 1999. We are continuing beta-testing and debugging of the Windows and UNIX versions of the client. The Macintosh version is nearing completion. We're still on schedule for an April launch, though it may be towards the end of the month.

February 22, 1999. Our server-side software has been modified to use an Informix relational database for all storage.

January 20, 1999. The University of California Digital Media Innovation Program has awarded SETI@home a grant to match funding from our sponsors.

January 20, 1999. The Windows version of the client now seems to be stable, and we have expanded testing to about 50 users. We have started porting the client to Macintosh, and are also rewriting the server-side software to allow it to handle 100,000+ users.

November 20, 1998. Today we began testing the SETI@home screensaver with real users. Our first distribution was to 3 users, and over the next few months we will ramp up to 100 or so.

November 20, 1998. The data recording system is completed and operational at Arecibo. We have begun recording and collecting tapes (35 Gigabytes each) of the data that will eventually be distributed to SETI@home users.

October 7 1998. We have received some funding commitments (announcements forthcoming). We have begun development of the data recorder and the data-handling software, and are continuing development of the client software.

July 30 1998. Several dozen volunteer programmers have contributed to the development of the client program, and volunteers from around the world have translated the web page into several languages. Engineering Design Team Inc. (EDT) has donated analog-to-digital interfaces for the data collection system.

We continue to seek the funding that we need to complete the science-only version of the system. We have some good possibilities, but nothing definite so far. Because of this, the schedule for the science-only version has slipped at least a couple of months.

June 10 1998. The UC Berkeley SETI program received the Smithsonian Institute medal for first place in 1998 science and technology innovation. More....

June 1998. Sun Microsystems has agreed to make a donation of computer hardware to [SETI@home](#). This donation is of major importance, as the computers will form the backbone of our data recording and distribution systems.

May 1998. The Center for Electronic Art in San Francisco is running a workshop to design an enhanced Web site and other graphical elements for [SETI@home](#).

March 1998. The Planetary Society has offered its support to the project as a co-sponsor, and will be assisting us in recruiting other sponsors.

September 1997. More than 35,000 people have joined the SETI@home mailing list, many after seeing Dan Werthimer discuss the project on the Discovery Channel. Also during September -- the first magnetic tape of test data from Arecibo was returned to Berkeley. This will be used to test the analysis algorithms, and get an initial sense of the terrestrial interference characteristics.

August 1997. Dan Werthimer was interviewed on NPR's All Things Considered. Other stories this month included one by PC World. The SETI@home mailing list grew to 10,000 people. Senior members of the SETI Institute accepted invitations to sit on our advisory board.

June 1997. The SETI@home web site was established, and David Gedye

was interviewed by the New York Times.

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New Mexico UFO Sighting Caught On Video
December 1999

uk.ufo.nw - This interesting sighting was reported on the Jeff Rense Sightings Home Page at: www.jeffrense.com Here you will find the photographs mentioned in the report.

Dear Jeff,

A new UFO sighting took place in Mexico city last December 8th with many witnesses and was fortunately videotaped by a local resident. This is the report:

Last Wednesday, December 8th, was not an ordinary day for Jos=E9 Gerstl, an executive from Mexico city. He witnessed, for the first time in his life, one of the so-called OVNI's (UFOs) in the sky on a clear morning and only a very short distance away. This is his testimony:

"That morning, as usual, I woke up and turned the TV on to watch the news before going to work. I looked to my left side and saw through the window a strange object at certain distance floating at low altitude. It was 7:20 AM and I live in Tecamachalco, Colonia Bosques de las Lomas, a district of Huixquilucan in Mexico City.

At first sighting, the object looked like a small ball and was still in the air. I presumed that it could be a ballon so my first impression didn't disturbed me. But in a few seconds, it began moving forward and backwards slowly and I realized that something was wrong. I took a more careful look and it was then that it emitted the first beam of light among the reflection of the sunlight on the left side.

At this moment, I realized it was not a ballon. It must be an OVNI was my thought, and I quickly ran for my videocamera thinking that this could my chance to tape one of that strange objects so many reported here in Mexico city.

I went back to my window and began filming...and 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 closeups of the OVNI.

It had a oval shape at first, and a slight movement from right to left and backwards. Then the sunlight reflected in some way 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 and I had to run to the roof of the building since the OVNI moved out of my sight range from the window. On the roof, I was able to film the last two minutes of the sightings and then the OVNI suddenly disappeared very quickly to my right side.

I was very excited and by this time my wife was also. I returned to my apartment to watch the video but before that I waited another 15 minutes on the roof waiting for the OVNI to appear again, but it didn't. I noticed that some neighbors also witnessed the OVNI and were excited as well. Now I don't know what I've got on tape but I'm sure it was not a ballon nor a plane or a bird, it had to be

Paul Weaver

From: ElPatricio@aol.com
Subject: Jerry Hartsell's book

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a writer who has come across the reference to a book published by

former IBM chairman Jerry Hartsell, that purportedly included a reference to the roots of microelectronics. So far, I have been unable to locate information about a book by Jerry Hartsell from online booksellers, nor locate the address of the magazine, "Outlook: Tomorrow's Technology Today," that the review appeared in.

Can you help me in either quest? Considering the similar claims made by the late Col. Philip Corso and computer manufacturer Jack Shulman, there are many here in the States who would like to acquire Hartsell's book.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Pat McCartney
Auburn Journal

Serialisation

Part three of three...

Foo Fighters, Fireballs and "Project Saucer."
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Jim Morris <dx394@clara.net>

Barely a year after the end of WW2, 'Ghost Rockets' appeared principally over Scandinavia, and fuelled speculation that the Soviets were testing captured V-2's, or worse, an improved weapon of their own manufacture. In October 1946, the Swedish defence ministry later issued a communique stating that radar had detected around two hundred objects 'which cannot be the phenomena of nature or products of imagination, nor can they be referred to as Swedish airplanes.' The following year saw the arrival of the 'saucers', and again the Soviets were the prime suspects. As the reports increased throughout 1947, many by military personnel, a similarity with these reports and those of a phenomena encountered by allied pilots during the War was noted.

In some of the wartime incidents, pilots reported that despite taking violent evasive action, they were unable to shake off the phenomenon. In these cases the object was of the small ball of light variety, described as being 8 to 10 inches in diameter. There is a similarity here with the 1948 incident at Fargo, North Dakota. Ground observers of this incident confirmed the bright light which the pilot (Gorman) was attempting to intercept, and his evasive manoeuvres. They did not see the light perform the actions the pilot claimed. The pilot (Gorman) at his debriefing, was questioned at some length as to the objects size in relation to its relative position from the aircraft as viewed through the canopy. Gorman was of the opinion that the objects size and distance did not change. The

Project Sign report of the incident leaves the reader with the impression that there was a light source present during the incident, but the maneuvers claimed by the pilot were due to spatial disorientation caused by light reflections from the canopy. The aircraft involved in this incident the P-51 Mustang, figures in two other UFO reports, Laredo and the Mantel incident.

The outstanding allied fighter of the War, the Mustang was fitted with a 'Bubble' canopy, which gave excellent all round vision. A similar type of canopy was fitted to the P-47 Thunderbolt, one of which encountered a UFO in the Oak Ridge incident of the same year. (1948) This might explain the incidents quoted. The reports made by Night fighter and bomber crews are harder to explain, and the 'hallucination theory' becomes untenable when photographs of the objects exist. Gorman's encounter is referred to in Project Sign (Feb 1949) pg 9, under Balls Of Light and states 'No reasonable hypothesis of the true nature of balls of light, such as that reported by Lt. Gorman at Fargo, North Dakota, has been developed that explains the behaviour reported. The most reasonable explanation is that the lights were suspended from balloons, or other means of support, not visible at night, and the violent maneuvers reported are due to illusion ."

The lack of information on Foo Fighter's from official British sources is strange, and makes you wonder if the some of the Foo Fighter's were Allied secret weapons, or a phenomenon produced by the H2S radar. The APC press release of November 44, said "newfangled gadgets against Allied night fighters. The New York Times of January 2, 1945, had banner headlines "Balls of fire stalk US fighters in night assaults over Germany" and continues "balls of fire that race alongside the wings of American Beaufighter's." After the War, Hulsmeyer's daughter wrote to Churchill asking him to acknowledge the fact that her father was the true inventor of radar, not Wattson-Watt. (In reality, British radar was developed by two of Wattson-Watt's staff, H. Windpress and A. Wilkins.) Churchill refused her request, and the British public believed what can only be describe as alie. This incident shows that Britain can, and does, distort the truth and put a wall of secrecy around whatever the Government of the day considers to be sensitive for the tax payers ear's. Perhaps the technology behind the Christmas Tree Lights" Foo Fighter's is still in use today.

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supposedly wiped out the dinosaurs.

Summary of events

1904 Christian Hulsmeyer invents radar
1922 Tesla and Marconi experiment with "reflecting waves"
1932 Swedish "Ghost Planes" appear
1935 Britain tests AI radar aboard aircraft.
1940/41 Epp sends model of his disk to German Air ministry
1942 The Los Angeles incident
1944 Foo Fighters
1945/46 AVRO-Canada start work on a flying disk.
1946 Swedish "Ghost Rockets" appear. US asked to help identify
phenomenon General Doolittle investigates. 1947 UFO's appear in
force. Admiral Byrd heads for Antarctica and the USAF & CIA are
formed. 1952 The Spitzbergen Saucer reported in German newspaper.
1953 Greek newspaper reports Nazi saucer project, and Canadian
involvement in flying disks. 1954 Canada admits trying to build
Saucer immediately after the war. 1959 Lusar publishes his book

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Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 21:51:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 08:15:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:56:05 -0300
>From: Carlos G. Roselli <croselli@email.yppf.com.ar>
>Subject: Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>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...

Hi, Carlos!

There are many possible explanations for a semi-transparent appearance to an airborne object:

- 1) Low visibility paint - see US Navy aircraft paint schemes - or other sky-similar coloration
- 2) Luminous emissions from the near surface area of the object, with a color similar to the sky.
- 3) High reflectivity.
- 4) (1), (2) or (3) combined with haze.

As long as an object does not pass in front of any object in the sky there is no way to determine transparency. In the case of (3) or (4) even apparent passage in front of a cloud or other object may not be sufficient, unless the field of view from the object toward the observer differs substantially and distinguishably from that behind - and even in that case, there can well be a number of unusual perceptual factors at work which might still convey the impression of transparency.

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UFO Sighting On Yorkshire Moors

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 15:28:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 08:25:38 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting On Yorkshire Moors

Maybe someone can help this guy out?

Source: uk.rec.ufo newsgroup

Andrew Makinson <Domestos@rahrahrandel.fsnet.co.uk> wrote:

Something to report,

Until 11 o'clock tonight I had little interest in UFO's or little green men, the event which has changed me happened earlier tonight on my way back from my parents house in Holmfirth.

I had been to a millennium celebrations party over the new year at my parents house, driving back over the A635 back to Stalybridge where I live. I had several people in my car (My girlfriend and my brother)

I wasn't driving at any speed due to the fog, and I was approaching a car that had stopped up-ahead. The occupants of the car were still inside and my girlfriend said that I should stop and ask if they required any assistance.

Reluctantly, thinking that it may be some kind of trick my brother and I approached the drivers window and knocked on it. The driver wound his window down and said to me 'tell me that you see that' He was pointing toward some bright white lights facing the road about 100 metres away, rather like car headlights, but that's all i could see. My first thoughts were, oh my god someone's come off the road in an accident.

"I asked the man if he had been over to the car ?" , and he said "it's not a car mate, i don't know what it is"

At this point we heard a sort of blast of noise rather like a ships horn. At this point the headlights turned greenish and dimmed slightly before a reddish bluish glow appeared underneath at this point the lights shout up into the air, no noise no nothing and they were gone.

At this point me and the man in the car exchanged telephone numbers and names and said that we should contact each other about the incident at a later date to report it.

Although I am sceptical about such things, this incident which five people witnessed had no explanation in my mind at all. If it had been an helicopter it would have made some sort of noise taking off.

I hope to hear from some sort of expert, and would really like to get a contact number for someone in or near Manchester regarding UFO experiences. If you require any further explanations or anything please contact me

Thanx in advance...

Andy Mak.

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: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 09:08:00 +1100
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 08:32:03 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 15:00:30 -0500 (EST)
>From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>Subject: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>From: seer7@netusa1.net (Seer)

><http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~noelh/photonbelt.htm>

>THE PHOTON-BELT ENCOUNTER
>By Noel Huntley, Ph.D.

I do wish that people would do their research before posting to this e-mail group. I refer people to the www address:

<http://members.macconnect.com/users/s/stargate/LaViolette/Disinformation.shtml>

to see how wrong this posting was. I may have my disagreements with Paul La Violette, but when it comes to science the facts speak for themselves. I also add the fact that the Pleiades are too young to support anything like life yet.

Bill Alford

googong@interact.net.au <http://users.interact.net.au/~pwa>

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'Lynne Bishop's Borderline'

From: Lynne Bishop <lynnebishop@softhome.net>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 20:53:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 08:43:42 -0500
Subject: 'Lynne Bishop's Borderline'

Hello, Errol and List,

'Lynne Bishop's Borderline' has moved (effective 01-01-00) to a new site.

The new URL is:

<http://www.edgeofdiscovery.com>

Thanks,

Lynne

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Re: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 9

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 16:09:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:04:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 9

>>Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 11:52:22 +0000
>>From: James Easton <yoyager@ukonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 9
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 9

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Hi All,

I think I could answer some of these well worn questions, I am sure you are all dying to find out the answers so here goes.

>>1. Operation BlunderPope.

>Snip:

>>I recently wrote to Gaynor:

>>I should be grateful if the Ministry would please answer the
>>following questions:

>>1. During Mr Pope's tenure at the 'UFO desk', what was his
>exact job title?

A: THE UFO DESK MAN

>2. What were his main duties?

A: TO RECEIVE UFO DESK MAN FILES.

>3. Approximately how much of that time was spent on 'UFO
>related' investigations?

A: Divide this answer by how many cups of tea and doughnuts one can get in between matters, and you have the answer.

>4. Has the job title, its main duties and the allocation of
>time to 'UFO' matters changed since Pope's day?

A: I understand the new title is UFO DESK PERSON (PC) I understand doughnuts and tea are still available in large quantities!

>5. Have the Ministry of Defence ever, as Pope alleges,
>investigated to any significant extent a single case where a
>'crop circle', 'alien abduction', or 'animal mutilation
>('cattle mutilation') has been reported and if so, what was the
>outcome? [End]

A: I think we know the answer to this one..... It is of 'No Defence Significance'..... Right.....

>>Contrary to Pope's statement, there were no queries concerning >>the MoD's policy or views on 'UFOs' (which are well testified).

>Please list in some great detail exactly what you feel are the MoD's >policy and views on UFO's?

>>Why he chooses to portray a different picture in more recent times, >>particularly as it isn't too difficult to see the truefacts, is >>presumably a case of 'enthusiastic marketing'.

Possibly, might be the case here, but what agent(s) do you know that does not use 'enthusiastic marketing'.? What is a book without marketing? Agents I have come across will at any opportunity plug there latest product, book, video etc..

>>2. Further Thoughts on RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge.

>>A forthcoming publication, which I hope to provide more news >>about shortly, will feature the RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge case >>and will include previously unpublished documents from the >>original witnesses statements taken in early January, 1981.

>>Details of the contents have previously been made known and >>further information can be found on my web site at:

>>Whatever additional 'phenomena' was perceived by Halt and his >>team has to be set in this expanded context. They were looking >>for a 'UFO', thought they had found one and everything else was >>'thinking UFO'.

>What is your explanation of the additional 'phenomena' perceived? by >Halt and his team?

>3. Cash-Landrum 'Special-Ops' Unit Identified?

>>Another former serviceman recently told me of the night-time >>helicopter manoeuvres by Britain's elite Special Air Service >>(SAS) and recalled one particular incident:

>>"They did not make a lot of sound, but they came in fast. When >>they departed, they turned their lights back on and went off in >>separate directions. We did exercises with the SAS all the >>time".

Please can you give anymore details as to what part of the Army this former serviceman held service? I would like to know the team or regiment where "We did exercises with the SAS all the time"?

>>He summarised, "RAF Bentwaters was a very hot area for many >>types of military training actions". [End]

From this answer I take it this person was an Officer of some kind who was privy to training details within such Elite Groups, if indeed this was the case? Was this person an Officer or serving Non Rank?

>>Some facts, some conjecture and above all, hopefully something >>of value in this brief reassessment of two cases which remain, >>so far as we know, unrelated.

I await for more...

>>When a 'UFO' case meets the world of 'special ops' and 'black >>projects', I'm reminded that someone once wisely pointed out to >>me, "the more you know, the more you realise you don't know".

>If this is to be the case, would just some of these 'Special Ops & >Black Projects, be in the employment of H.M. Government?

If the answer is no, then who pays these guys to do what they do, I refer you to your first part:

>Why he chooses to portray a different picture in more recent >times, particularly as it isn't too difficult to see the true >facts, is presumably a case of 'enthusiastic marketing'.

>Roy . .

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Re: Traces Of The Ancients

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:23:09 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:07:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 17:36:06 +1100
>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

><snip>

>>So if they're here [ETs], then it's not because we have
>>something they want, in any recognized sense.

>I refer you to Zecharia Sitchin's book "The Twelfth Planet" to
>see that they have been here in the past mining for gold and
>other minerals. I do have disagreements with Zecharia Sitchin,
>which you can see at the url given below, but I don't disagree
>with him about what I wrote in the previous sentence.

Dear Bill and list,

I agree that Sitchin is a voice to be dealt with, and I'm intrigued with some of his textual "evidence." However, I think the concept of using gold as an airborne radiation shield, as described in 'The Twelfth Planet', is absurd. Sitchin writes about intelligent aliens in our solar system who are godlike in many respects, but, curiously, rely on a lot of the same short-term reasoning as earthly astronauts of the 60s--not to mention a lot of the same general kind of hardware!

I think Sitchin and Temple ('The Sirius Mystery') have demonstrated a legitimate historical anomaly. But the bit about mining gold and exporting it to Nebiru (a planet whose proposed orbit would exclude intelligent life even if it did exist) is one of Sitchin's weakest links.

Why go to the bother of heaving gold out of Earth's gravity well when it's available more cheaply and abundantly off-planet? Why make use of grossly inefficient genetically engineered slaves when surely they could have built automatic bulldozers (or dare I suggest self-replicating nanites) to accomplish the same feat?

In short, the nitty gritty details of Sitchin's theory fall flat, at least for me. He remains a competent scholar, but his books betray a great deal of scientific naivete.

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"He runs after facts like a beginner learning to skate, who, furthermore, practices somewhere where it is forbidden."

--Franz Kafka

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Re: Documentary?

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:24:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:10:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Documentary?

>Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:02:20 -0500 (EST)
>From: Sam Sherman <FLEXARET2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Documentary?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>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
>>>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
>>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:

><snip>

>The Mexico City footage looks like a light object pulled by a
>wire having little or no mass as we know it. The shape and its
>rotation are somewhat compelling even so, as is the testimony of
>the 2 witnesses on the show, while others were mentioned. What
>is suspicious is the mysterious way the footage was first
>delivered.

The "fingerprint" of a hoax is more serious than that. See the
attached comparison between vertically smeared and vertically
unsmeared images (smear based on study of horizontal edges of
the building image).

The UFO image was never smeared, even when the building image
was smeared, by vertical camera motion due to hand vibration.
(Horizontal smear of the UFO image was also undetectible.)

The difference in smear could mean (1) that the UFO image was
"pasted" in frame by frame, or that the UFO managed to track the
vertical movement of the camera and move in exactly the same
way.

In the case of the images shown in the attachment, that would
mean (2) a real UFO moved vertically perhaps 10 feet in 1/30 sec
at exactly the same time that th hand vibration caused the
camera to move.

Choose 1 or 2. (I chose 1)

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Re: An End is a Beginning.....

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:36:19 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:13:56 -0500
Subject: Re: An End is a Beginning.....

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 16:48:42 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: An End is a Beginning.....
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>The end of the twentieth century was not an end, as all endings
>are a beginning. May our beginning be the genesis of
>apperception by mankind that we are at the end time of our
>planet. Even if the comet does strike us, or the killer
>asteroid from hell arrives, or the tenth planet passes us too
>close for safety - perhaps the explosion in the center of our
>galaxy will remove all life from this world. There are many
>ways in which the "end" may become reality, but even these are a
>beginning.

Not to be morbid, but if the center of our galaxy explodes, it
is probably the end--for us. If you're implying that an
extinction event is means to a new beginning, then you're
right...but most certainly not a new _human_ beginning. I might
be selfish, but I'd like to see the human race survive the next
thousand years and I think the only way it can is if it expands
through space.

As for killer asteroids, I think we need to commit ourselves to
the construction of a "Space Guard" style system--not an easy
task, ethically or scientifically. Carl Sagan describes the
issues involved with such a scheme in Pale Blue Dot, which I
recommend to anyone interested in our continued survival against
cosmic odds.

Mac Tonnies

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Re: Corso

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:49:53 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:16:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Corso

>Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 12:26:46 -0500 (EST)
>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Corso
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>>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

>Yes, he says so in his book : he saw a report of alien autopsy!
>Another big lie??

The details of the autopsy were the most interesting parts of Corso's book, for me. I was especially intrigued by the alleged opinion that the "aliens" were in fact genetically engineered robots good for little else beside space travel. And the bit about linking their nervous systems with their craft would be very interesting, if demonstrated to be true (witness the increasingly user-friendly pilot interfaces on our own aircraft).

Something similar was implied by the "alien autopsy" program's six-digitated "control panels"... I have to wonder if the parallels have a common source, even if it's completely bogus.

Also, one of the men present at Wright Patterson confided to Whitley Strieber (see [_Breakthrough_](#)) that it was the general opinion among those in the know that the recovered bodies were "fakes"--but not [_our_](#) fakes (i.e. not crash dummies). The implication is that the back engineering team had a hunch they were dealing with biological robots from a very early stage; this seems to jibe with Corso's recollections.

Please bear in mind I don't personally endorse any of this. Just some observations.

--Mac Tonnies

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TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

From: Chris Kelly <MTBAREA51@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 01:29:26 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:21:14 -0500
Subject: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

I was very disappointed on seeing the brief mention on the program 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries' on TLC (The Learning channel) of the Edward's AFB UFO story.

No wonder the public has very little or no information on a subject like this when it is given about 2 or 3 minutes of coverage.

The program gave more coverage to skeptics such as Joe Nickel making it sound as if people who experience a situation such as this are crazy or even worse.

Another program that can be thrown in the trash can as soon as possible.

Let's get some serious information out to the general public on such matters and not quick information as quick as a blink of an eye...

Best wishes,

Chris Kelly

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 03:30:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:24:21 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 16:42:44 -0500
>From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:25:24 +0000
>>From: Joseph Trainor <Masinaigan@aol.com>
>>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>A CENTURY OF UFOs
>> 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.

>Actually, not to be too "nit-picky" but Lt. Moncla's plane was an
>F-89C Northrop Scorpion, and lets not forget that also on board
>was radar operator Lt. Robert Wilson. Even though I agree with
>the significance of this case the information available on
>whether or not the plane was "hauled aboard by a tractor beam"
>is tiny to say the least. It is much more probable that the F-89
>crashed into Lake Superior, alas the evidence for this is almost
>as small as the evidence for the UFO scenario, almost.

>John E.L. Tenney
><http://fly.to/main>
>Michigan Anomalous Information Network

Dear Mr. Tenney,

I thought Major Keyhoe had discovered that the jet had indeed
"merged" with the unidentified blip on the radar screen (but
you're right... no tractor beam) after speaking with some of the
personnel at the tracking station.

What evidence (if any) is there that the plane ditched in Lake
Superior?

Were you there?

Just thought I'd ask.

Michel M. Deschamps
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 13:42:57 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:27:36 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:29:30 -0500 (EST)
>From: RGates8254@aol.com
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000
>>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <pmufo@dial.pipex.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <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.

>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.
>Dear Robert,

The only section of the film actually proven to me a fraud is
the 'tent footage'. This was exposed by myself and my colleague
Tim Matthews last year and the hoaxers have gone on the record
although they do have a few versions of what actually
transpired, but they all agree that they faked it.

>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.

I agree with you entirely. As always I continue to urge Santilli
to do this. Should he ever do so then I hope he will release it
to me. Until such a time we have to investigate the film by
whatever other means are available to us.

>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? :)

I am convinced that sooner or later the facts of this film will
be known. This chapter will then prove even more interesting to
look back on to see who, if anyone, was right and who was wrong.
The chapter is progressing very well and it has proved to be a

most interesting slice of UFO thinking on this film which I feel is fully justified for such a book.

Regards,

Philip.

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Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 02:57:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:30:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

>>Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 21:51:13 -0500
>>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>>Subject: Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:56:05 -0300
>From: Carlos G. Roselli <croselli@email.yppf.com.ar>
>Subject: Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>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...

>>Hi, Carlos!

>>There are many possible explanations for a semi-transparent
>>appearance to an airborne object:

>>1) Low visibility paint - see US Navy aircraft paint schemes -
>>or other sky-similar coloration

>>2) Luminous emissions from the near surface area of the object,
>>with a color similar to the sky.

>>3) High reflectivity.

>>4) (1), (2) or (3) combined with haze.

>>As long as an object does not pass in front of any object in the
>>sky there is no way to determine transparency. In the case of
>>(3) or (4) even apparent passage in front of a cloud or other
>>object may not be sufficient, unless the field of view from the
>>object toward the observer differs substantially and
>>distinguishably from that behind - and even in that case, there
>>can well be a number of unusual perceptual factors at work which
>>might still convey the impression of transparency.

>>Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

Hi,

Failing all of the above, Carlos, then you may have witnessed a
Transparent UFO in the sky! It does happen..... sometimes.....
just sometimes.....

Roy..

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 03:02:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:32:53 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 09:08:00 +1100
>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I also add the fact that the Pleiades are too young to support
>>anything like life yet.

>>Bill Alford

Hi Bill,

Could you please publish how you come to this fact, or point me to a site where your research into the Pleiades System is?

Regards,

Roy..

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Canadian Researcher Chronicles A Century Of UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 01:57:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 01:57:56 -0500
Subject: Canadian Researcher Chronicles A Century Of UFO

From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

Source: Jeff Rense's 'Sightings'

http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/canadaufos_u.htm

Canadian Researcher Chronicles A Century Of UFO Reports

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WINNIPEG (CP) -- Explorer David Thompson got the ball rolling with Canada's first recorded UFO sighting in 1792, a tale lifted from his Hudson Bay journals that would do very nicely as an episode of The X-Files.

"He and a companion were camped out in the middle of the winter in a very isolated area near a lake and they saw what he described as a large gelatinous blob ... flying through the air," says Chris Rutkowski, a Winnipeg UFO researcher and author. "It appeared to fall to the earth on the frozen lake not far from them." The sighting took place near what is now Thicket Portage, just south of Thompson, Man., which isn't named after the famous fur trader and map maker. (It's named after former Inco president John Thompson, who paid the guys who built the town.)

At any rate, David Thompson and his companion failed to find any sign of the blob on the ground, but they did see a similar object in the sky a few days later.

Ever since, Canadians have continued to see strange objects or lights in the sky and report other contact with what many insist are visiting aliens.

Rutkowski has been chronicling and investigating these stories for almost 25 years and he has culled what he considers to be 11 of the strangest tales of the last 100 years from his files. "Whether or not they are real is irrelevant," says the founder of Ufology Research of Manitoba, whose latest book on the subject, *Abductions and Aliens*, has just been published by Dundurn in Toronto. "They have each fired the Canadian imagination and fascination with the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe."

Rutkowski's weird and wonderful list starts with a 1915 phantom invasion of aerial objects over wartime Ottawa that was never explained.

It was scary enough for officials to turn out the lights on Parliament Hill to avoid presenting a tempting target to the "enemy." "It caused such a concern that they actually did put Ottawa on alert."

The list concludes in Duncan, B.C., in 1980 with the strange tale of Granger Taylor. The teenager was obsessed with aliens and UFOs, building a full-size mockup of a flying saucer in his

backyard. One day he announced to his friends he was going to be taken away by aliens. He was never seen again.

But those aren't the strangest stories as far as Rutkowski is concerned.

"Out of all of them it would be a toss-up between Shirley's Bay and Shag Harbour."

Shirley's Bay, Ont., is where Wilbert Smith, a Canadian Defence Department engineer, set up equipment in 1954 he said detected a large magnetic disturbance which he believed to be from an alien spacecraft.

More important perhaps for UFO researchers, it was from Smith's meetings with American investigators at the time that they learned of incidents like the alleged crash of a flying saucer near Roswell, N.M.

Shag Harbour, N.S., is where something crashed into the ocean in October 1967 that had people in the area gossiping for years.

American navy vessels appeared, divers recovered something and mysterious green foam was seen on the water, but there was never a satisfactory explanation. "I would classify those as the most unusual among all the 11," says Rutkowski.

If those are the strangest, he says the most significant is the case of Steve Mihalak, burned by an object he said landed near Falcon Lake, Man., in May 1967, the same year as the strange goings-on near Shag Harbour. "It was investigated by American and Canadian military and government officials and it stood the test of time," says Rutkowski.

Mihalak died last October. "Right to the very end he insisted that what he had seen and what occurred to him happened just as he said."

Rutkowski says there has been a slight decline in the number of UFO sightings in Canada, to about 200 a year. He had been expecting a little "millennium fever" that might push up the number of sightings as 1999 draws to a close.

But while the numbers may be down, interest is definitely up, he says.

"People are very much into this sort of thing."

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Re: Documentary?

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 10:53:42 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 02:50:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Documentary?

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:24:03 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Documentary?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:02:20 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Sam Sherman <FLEXARET2@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Documentary?
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>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
>>>>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
>>>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:

>><snip>

>>The Mexico City footage looks like a light object pulled by a
>>wire having little or no mass as we know it. The shape and its
>>rotation are somewhat compelling even so, as is the testimony of
>>the 2 witnesses on the show, while others were mentioned. What
>>is suspicious is the mysterious way the footage was first
>>delivered.

>The "fingerprint" of a hoax is more serious than that. See the
>attached comparison between vertically smeared and vertically
>unsmeared images (smear based on study of horizontal edges of
>the building image).

>The UFO image was never smeared, even when the building image
>was smeared, by vertical camera motion due to hand vibration.
>(Horizontal smear of the UFO image was also undetectable.)

>The difference in smear could mean (1) that the UFO image was
>"pasted" in frame by frame, or that the UFO managed to track the
>vertical movement of the camera and move in exactly the same
>way.

>In the case of the images shown in the attachment, that would
>mean (2) a real UFO moved vertically perhaps 10 feet in 1/30 sec
>at exactly the same time that th hand vibration caused the
>camera to move.

>Choose 1 or 2. (I chose 1)

Yes, of course, Bruce, as that is your position on this.

However, by so doing, you neglect both the huge advances in technology and psychics that thousands of years of continued evolution could bring to a civilization, and the testimony of sincere witness(es) who had not yet seen or heard of the video. How is there any science in neglecting the witnesses, or in neglecting the plausibility of future evolution?

We all know of the tremendous rate of advance of science in our own society in the past century. It's entirely nearsighted to think that unimaginably greater advances will not occur given another 100 centuries, if we survive as a civilization, or egocentric to think that unimaginably greater advances have not already been made by aliens thousands or millions of years in advance of us, who could easily have a way of effecting (2).

Don't forget that thumping sound that attracted Ed Walters' attention to the flickering black spot on the window of his office during his UFO sighting and photographing on 6 Aug 1993, which black spot disappeared just before the UFO disappeared. Those aliens can do a lot, remotely. They're a lot more than just a century or two ahead of us!

Jim Deardorff

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Jimmy Guieu 1926-2000

From: Bruno Mancusi <[Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch](mailto: Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch)>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 20:40:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:01:10 -0500
Subject: Jimmy Guieu 1926-2000

Ufologist, lecturer and sci-fi author Jimmy Guieu passed away on 2 January. He was a pioneer of French ufology, founding member (with Marc Thirouin) of the Groupe d'Etudes Ouranos in 1952. He was very pro-ETH and helped the diffusion of US conspiracy theories (MJ-12, Lear, Cooper) in Europe.

He wrote:

- 4 books on UFOs: 'Les soucoupes volantes viennent d'un autre monde' (1954, translated in 1956 as 'Flying Saucers Come From Another World'), 'Black-out sur les soucoupes volantes' (1956), 'Contacts OVNI a Cergy-Pontoise' (1980), 'Le monde etrange des contactes' (1986, updated in 1992 as 'Nos "maitres" les extraterrestres').
- 1 book on parapsychology: 'Le livre du paranormal' (1973).
- About 130 SF books where he used often UFO themes (MIB, cover-up and really existing ufologists).

In February 1995, some fans founded the organization Les Amis de Jimmy Guieu (the friends of) which had a web site:

<http://members.aol.com/ladjg/> but the link is no more active.

Bruno Mancusi

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Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 17:23:22 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:06:18 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

>Date: Sun, 02 Jan 2000 22:53:17 +0000
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 2 Jan 2000 12:26:47 EST
>>Subject: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'
>>To: updates@globalserve.net

>>To the List

>>Something new just happened again in the French media, The
>>influential French daily newspaper "Liberation" published a four
>>pages report on ufos, in its issue dated 25 and 26 december
>>1999. Its main features are :

<snip>

>Hi Gildas

>Any chance of translating the articles and posting it here, or
>emailing it to me please?

It would be too long to tranlate two full pages, but I will do
my best to tranlate at least significant parts, giving the
general tone of them.

Gildas

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Re: Documentary?

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 19:07:23 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:09:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Documentary?

>Re: Documentary?

>From: Bruce Maccabee
>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:24:03 -0500
>Fwd Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 12:10:54 -0500
>Subject: Re: Documentary?

Previously, Bruce wrote:

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>attached comparison between vertically smeared and vertically
>unsmeared images (smear based on study of horizontal edges of
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>"pasted" in frame by frame, or that the UFO managed to track the
>vertical movement of the camera and move in exactly the same
>way.

Hi, Bruce!

Happy New Year, blah blah blah...

I agree with your observations about the Mexico City video.
However, it should be noted that there is basic "tracking"
software available for

non-linear computer based edit systems that would eliminate the
need to "paste" in the UFO, frame by frame. In fact, it's as
easy as tracking the overall motion of the hand held shot then
"inverting" the program so that the UFO moves along with the
shot. It really is pretty cheap and easy to do. These sorts of
effects are called "DVE" moves in the world of video editing and
have been around for quite a while.

Because the move is created by shifting the image across the pixel bed,
the object being moved lacks the natural blur that would be associated
with something actually shot with a hand held camera. It might look
good to the naked eye. However, frame by frame study will usually
show the edge and other features of the UFO to be sharper than they
should be in comparison with the worked around them.

Later,
Roger Evans

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Re: Traces Of The Ancients

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 20:13:23 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:15:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:23:09 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I think Sitchin and Temple ('The Sirius Mystery') have
>demonstrated a legitimate historical anomaly. But the bit about
>mining gold and exporting it to Nebiru (a planet whose proposed
>orbit would exclude intelligent life even if it did exist) is
>one of Sitchin's weakest links.

>Why go to the bother of heaving gold out of Earth's gravity well
>when it's available more cheaply and abundantly off-planet? Why
>make use of grossly inefficient genetically engineered slaves
>when surely they could have built automatic bulldozers (or
>dare I suggest self-replicating nanites) to accomplish the same
>feat?

>In short, the nitty gritty details of Sitchin's theory fall
>flat, at least for me. He remains a competent scholar, but his
>books betray a great deal of scientific naivete.

Mac..

You assume very much. First, we are talking about the earth
more than 250,000 years ago, not last decade.

Second, if Nibiru does exist, it's elongated orbit around our
Sun, would take it deep into the reaches of the darkness of
space, and far from the warming rays of the Sun.

The size of the planet, is such that the gravitatal laws we
apply to Earth, may not apply there.

However, to take fine gold flakes and more or less orbit them in
the very upper reaches of the planets atmosphere, forming rings
of gold dust, would cause them to act as: A. Insulators, B.
Amplifiers... all for Solar Energy as well as communications.

What better way to attempt to assure that the planet, which had
been captured by the Sun, which crossed the orbital plane of the
rest of the Solar System, thus assuring near collisions or
collisions with one or more of those planets at some point in
time, would be heated and maintain life for it's inhabitatnts.

Just look to the ringed planets to see how that gold could be
strewn above the planet.

IF the Sumerian Tablets are true stories, not just fables, then
those "Space Travelers" who established "earth base 1" would
know much more about interplanetary travel than we. They would
also be aware of a far more advanced knowledge of The Laws of
Physics which Govern the Universe than We.

If they did indeed create "genetic clones" or "earth life forms"
based on Their DNA and the DNA of the highest form of Anthropoid
life on Earth, then I would suggest they understood much more
about the DNA Chain and its construction than WE do.

So, If the Story is true, then any arugement you or I make is purely conjecture, and when we drift to far into that area, we strictly show our ignorance.

We also promote our Ego, and tend to talk down to everyone else. In essence, by being so adamant in our opinions, we are talking down to those who may well have been responsible for our being here.

REgards, Mike

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Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

From: Sam Sherman <FLEXARET2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 21:31:31 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:26:14 -0500
Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 01:29:26 -0500 (EST)
>From: Chris Kelly <MTBAREA51@aol.com>
>Subject: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I was very disappointed on seeing the brief mention on the
>program 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries' on TLC (The
>Learning channel) of the Edward's AFB UFO story.

>No wonder the public has very little or no information on a
>subject like this when it is given about 2 or 3 minutes of
>coverage.

<snip>

>Let's get some serious information out to the general public on
>such matters and not quick information as quick as a blink of
>an eye...

Chris,

I have told the story of the UFO Alert at Edwards Air Force Base
of 7Oct65 all over the place in media, including (most
recently)-

RADIO: 'Strange Days...Indeed' (Errol Bruce-Knapp)
'Art Bell/Dreamland' (Whitley Streiber)
'Sightings' (Jeff Rense)

TELEVISION: Sightings - in a major segment and a preview segment.
SCI/FI CHANNEL - Roswell 50th Anniversary show...
and more.

Many UFO Magazines - and you can see the website:

<http://www.edwardsufo.com>

Or buy the tape itself, which tells much of the story.

This subject, as I have researched it, has not been censored.

- Sam Sherman

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36

From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 22:47:19 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:30:35 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 03:30:09 -0500
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 16:42:44 -0500
>>From: John Tenney <jelt2000@email.msn.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 4, Number 36
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Actually, not to be to "nit-picky" but Lt. Moncla's plane was an
>>F-89C Northrop Scorpion, and lets not forget that also on board
>>was radar operator Lt. Robert Wilson. Even though I agree with
>>the significance of this case the information available on
>>whether or not the plane was "hauled aboard by a tractor beam"
>>is tiny to say the least. It is much more probable that the F-89
>>crashed into Lake Superior, alas the evidence for this is almost
>>as small as the evidence for the UFO scenario, almost.

>>John E.L. Tenney
>><http://fly.to/main>
>>Michigan Anomalous Information Network

>Dear Mr. Tenney,

>I thought Major Keyhoe had discovered that the jet had indeed
>"merged" with the unidentified blip on the radar screen (but
>you're right... no tractor beam) after speaking with some of the
>personnel at the tracking station.

Yes, it is true that the Ground Control Stations at both Kinross AFB, (Michigan) and Truax AFB, (Wisconsin) watched as the Lt. Moncla's radar return merged with the "unknown" and subsequently both radar returns disappeared.

>What evidence (if any) is there that the plane ditched in Lake
>Superior?

>Just thought I'd ask.

>Michel M. Deschamps
>UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

Although no wreckage or signs of a crash were ever located, the pilots from Kinross AFB who were scrambled within minutes of Lt. Moncla's disappearance to locate his whereabouts had to return very quickly due to rapidly increasing snow and cloud cover.

Also the F-89C, (as an Air Force interceptor) had major problems with it's design and was constantly being updated and redesigned.

One of the biggest problems was the retractable inlet screens over the engines. The engines on the F-89C were located underneath the cockpit and were close to the ground, sometimes the force of the engine would suck up rocks and debris from the

ground and (when the jet was flying) if the pilot retracted the screens the debris would fly into the engine.

Some F-89C's had non-retractable inlet screens but this became hazardous when flying in icing conditions because the screens would ice up and cut down on the air into the engine. Another big problem was the fact that at accelerated dives the wings on an F-89C would have a tendency to twist and cause the plane to crash, this happened at an Air Show in Detroit in 1952.

Beyond these factors the testimony of the officers at Kinross on the night Lt. Moncla & Lt. Wilson's plane vanished, (I have interviewed them myself) show that they believe, (as one pilot that was there that night told me), "He went into the drink".

There is no doubt that something happened there that night, and that the government did a shoddy job of investigation and probably some lying, (to cover up their own incompetence) but the real tragedy is that the families on both Moncla and Wilson to this day have never been given satisfactory answers to their questions.

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Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 00:43:16 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:56:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 16:52:41 EST
>Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:53:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

<snip>

>Robert Loftin, affiliated with NICAP, wrote in his 1968 book
>"Identified Flying Saucers," p. 21:

>"Vast, material evidence was obtained from a ranch, near
>Roswell, New Mexico, where a flying saucer crashed and burned.
>The Air Force cordoned off the area until the evidence could
>be removed. Newsmen were not allowed at the scene, but
>received a 'typical explanation' of th incident by the Air
>Force, a week later. The Air Force, according to IIOUFO,
>released a picture of a soldier holding a box kit with an
>aluminum pie pan tied to it.

<snip>

>Loftin didn't get a lot of the details right, but he certainly
>did use the word "crash" in reference to Roswell.

David, List:

Thanks for the various citations. Loftin seems to have just
expanded "vastly" on the Edwards' best-seller two years before.
Edwards did use "crash".

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 17:07:00 +0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 07:59:23 -0500
Subject: Bell & Strieber Book?

Hi all,

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Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 09:06:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 11:22:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

>Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 17:07:00 +0800
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With little or no fanfare (I don't frequent the Art Bell show or his web site that much) this publication appeared at our local Borders Books, and I read the dust jacket. Interesting, but I didn't buy it.

If anyone finds any major revelations in it, please advise those of us who were foolish enough to pass it up. However, I suspect that I'd find little in the way of new material.

BTW, I suspect this really wasn't aimed at the UFO genre but the (gasp!) general public. I would also mention that Strieber is working with a publisher to put out a series of books related to the research into UFOs, but there was no indication that this book was a part of that forthcoming series.

Steve

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Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 06:41:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 11:25:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

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>Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 17:07:00 +0800
>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
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Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 19:45:12 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 18:39:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 13:03:04 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hi All,

>Just going over a very well known case " 9th November 1979, Bob Taylor, the town of Livingston near Edinburgh, Scotland".

>Are there any of the original researchers who investigated this case on this list?

>Were there any leanings toward a Military connection?

>Roy..

Hi,

I was not directly involved in this case, but did coordinate the UFOIN investigation at the time and have met some of those involved. It is an impressive case and remains unsolved.

I don't recall anything that connected it with the military. But it was the first time that police in the UK (possibly anywhere) treated a UFO case as a personal assault and launched a proper scene of crimes investigation. They were left as baffled as we were about what actually occurred.

Steuart Campbell reckons it was a mirage of mercury or some such planet. I think that's a bit unlikely!

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 12:50:17 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 21:03:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

>Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 06:41:16 -0800
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I have read the book and I enjoyed it. If you want to read some detailed reviews, go to Amazon.com and read the reviews by readers. Both sides, pro and con, are represented.

Also, readers wrote to the globalsuperstorm.com website which posted their comments on the website. Once again, both sides, pro and con, are represented.

BTW, the authors stress that global warming occurring right now is a natural, cyclical event. The part that humans play in this hasn't been proven yet. Possibly, they argue, we may have helped speed the process up a bit.

The book is beautifully written, thanks to some of Strieber's fiction experience. He writes about what the superstorm would feel like to different cities around the world. Obviously, the is the fiction part of the book.

Joe in Tampa

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Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

From: David N Kirby <davkirby@lucent.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 13:20:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 22:04:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

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<snip>

Hello,

In response to a subscriber's question about the Bell/Streiber book, I am forwarding a copy of an email I sent to Whitley after reading some of the blather on his website about the ostensibly narcoleptic press and the impending disinterest in his new book.

I thought I'd offer a perspective on Whitley that readers may find appropriate.

From: Kirby, David N (David)** CTR **
Sent: Monday, December 27, 1999 7:20 PM
To: 'whitley@strieber.com'
Subject: Hello

Hello, Whitley.

I doubt you'd remember me, but I was in attendance at your Colorado MUFON appearance a few years ago (on a very, very cold January day) in Denver, and asked a question about your reference to the press as 'idiots' and, being freelance press myself, expressing some umbridge at your flip and marginally irresponsible remarks. I still do write, btw, although for a new paper that isn't much interested in ufo related stories. I like to follow current UFO issues online, even if I no longer write about them.

Unsolicited, I am remarking on some of your quotations regarding "The Problem With The Press"

"Next week, the book I have written with Art Bell, The Coming Global Superstorm, will be published, and I am about to suffer from the same press torments that have dogged me since I published Communion. I am routinely punished for writing that book, either by false and unfair reviews, or by being ignored. Despite the fact that Communion is a book of questions, it is taken to be a claim of alien contact, and I am viewed as a proponent of something akin to a false religious belief. I am hurt as much as possible short of legal limits in order to limit

my impact and, in the best of all possible worlds, destroy me. "

Whitley, I am quite perplexed at this persecution complex you seem to have regarding reviews and attention by the media.

First, what is a 'false' review, exactly? Someone thinks your book stinks.

Who says he's wrong? You?

Second, why is 'being ignored' somehow a press torment. Thousands of writers and their work are routinely ignored by press and critical publications, why is your fate a function of calculated torment? Give us a break, Whitley. Perhaps the only common consensus that you're not nearly as important a writer as you think you are. Here's a suggestion: Try going back to straight-out fiction -- that's what you're best at, and I think you know that.

Third, look, either you are or are not a proponent of alien contact...either in the first or third person. You tend to play one on TV (I saw your 'powerful' special on TV and especially enjoyed your 'concerned counselor' posture interviewing your tormented abductee subject.), but disavow whenever cornered on the subject and prodded to offer anything more than furrowed brow opinions. Seems to me, your alleged negative (or missing) press coverage didn't hurt the production and airing of a two hour, primetime TV special. Some torment. All us frustrated writers should be likewise so tormented.

Of course, if you said directly you did not believe alien contact was a true and objective phenomenon, would they have given you a special at all? I think I answered my own question....

That there has been an organized effort to discredit me seems probable.

Holy smokes, Whitley, do you really believe this? Do you really think editors are in cahoots with MIB to ignore your books? You got 2 blessed hours on NBC, explain that as part of your 'organized effort'.

Whitley, I must admit, I was interested in your work and your approach to this subject, until the fiasco with the alleged Hale Bopp companion and your steadfast refusal to admit you were taken in by hoaxed photographs, your ceaseless polemics about conspiracy to withhold Hubble images of the (nonexistent) companion going unrecanted, and your fervent and unmistakable hope that everyone would simply forget your advocacy of such a stupid and parochial hoax afterwards. (Heard from Courtney Brown lately?) I do believe now, as I was convinced then, your 'reputation' is far more important to you than the unmasking of any clandestine truth. I, by the way, am not affiliated with any group out to destroy you. I just think you make it up as you go along. You destroyed your own credibility with me, Whitley...not the NY Times, Newsweek, Brokaw, et al. You did it just fine on your own.

Why does the press lie about UFOs? Or, more to the point, why are so many otherwise intelligent people so ferociously protective of their ignorance that they will not even examine the facts, let alone report on them.

You seem to think that non-advocacy of UFO-related conspiracy theories represents lies or complicity in the cover-up. Seems to me that researchers and investigators have the obligation to produce these facts. They, at least, are trying. I count you as a 'personality', Whitley, I haven't seen a ton of dirt-under-the-fingernails investigatory work from you, at least not alone the same caliber as Stan Friedman, Tim Good or Kevin Randle. You have a website, and all we get is whining about your 'torment'. Give us the facts, Whitley, not more whining. Print a black-and-white, verifiable 'lie' pushed by the press, substantiated fully by public documentation, and I'll happily retract this complaint.

Because of that article, thousands of people were led away from Breakthrough, never to see the provocative nature of its contents, or-more importantly-to realize the importance of its implications for their lives, their freedom and the future of

mankind.

Wow...sounds pretty heavy. Most writers like to believe they bring such import to humanity... Give us a break... write a good book and people will buy it. Simple as that. ('Let's blame Time Magazine...' hehe... do your fans actually believe this nonsense? I cannot believe you do.)

But so far no reporter of any stature has even bothered to question NASA about the video, so the issue remains moot.

Question them yourself, Whitley...get someone from NASA onto your guest spot on Art's show. Settle the damn thing and move on! Who needs Dan Rather? Look, a very plausible explanation was offered to account for the moving objects in that video.Can anyone prove it? Of course not. Being unprovable doesn't make it extraterrestrial.

Frankly, I think Tim Edward's (original) video was far more interesting, better analyzed and more worthy of study than a smudgy shuttle window. And, btw, I don't know what nonsense you brought along to that MUFON meeting, but that bizzare time-lapse thing that Edwards shot looked an awful lot like a big bug that flew by the camera lens. You seemed to think at the time it was 'very, very important' and you haven't mentioned it since. Like I said, sure seems like you're making it up as you go along.

And, let's say 1) NASA knows it's ET---think they'll tell a reporter? I don't. or 2) they don't know and say so to a reporter - does the reporter then become part of the consiracy? or 3) they are certain it's water droplets or something on the window and tell the reporter...at what point can you simply accept the question being asked and the answer being lamentably prosaic, without lapsing into conspiracy theories?

BTW, I have seen the NOAA pictures as well... man, it sure looks like a waxing gibbous moon to me, with the partial face and everything. Do you honestly believe a conspiracy powerful enough to squelch interest in your writing nationwide, year after year, would have let these images slip by if they were NOT pictures of the moon?

C'mon, Whitley, can't we do better than this?

Well, I could go on... I'm curious, what did you ever do about that guy that called you out on the UFO UpDates Mailing List, the lie detector stuff and so forth. It seems to me, if you're willing to stand up for yourself, your statements and your beliefs about this phenomenon, responding affirmatively to this guy's challenge and passing his silly tests would go a long way to generating some good PR and some good will amongst your agnostics in the UFO community. Might even sell some books. (You CAN pass the tests, right?) Won't change my mind much either way, but I think your fans and some others could use a dose of Whitley fighting back, instead of just complaining, like on this webpage.

BTW, it might be that your book will generate little interest because it's a book about weather from a talk show host and a ufo writer. Why, in heaven's good name, should anyone regard either of you as experts on global climate change or extreme meteorological phenomenon? Sorry for asking, but before you start calling us all nefarious agents of disinformation and footsoldiers of the shadow government (to say nothing of 'idiots'), give us one good reason why we should believe you two.

I'm not trying to be nasty, but I do have a problem with someone who complains that the facts are ignored and then doesn't offer any, who writes essentially the same book three (four?) times and then complains that the last one's lukewarm reception is everyone else's fault, who never, ever admits he's wrong (even when he is, and everyone is once in a while, Whitley), and has done little to further the real investigation needed to get to the bottom of these phenomena. Rhetoric only goes so far, Whitley. After a while, it's noise for entertainment's sake, and forgive us who don't find it very entertaining anymore. Call me an idiot, but I think you're ready for your close-up and not much else.

I hope you get another TV special for your new book, with lots

Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

of spiffy graphics and dire predictions and gloomy, bass-heavy soundtrack music. Work in a UFO angle, that'll help your earlier books sell. If you don't get one, however, I have no doubt you'll find someone to blame for it.

Happy New Year

Dave Kirby

I'll not expect a reply...you have established a reputation as someone who likes to respond to his critics globally, so as to control your forum, your topicture and to rely on strawman-ism whenever cornered by something uncomfortable. Besides, being someone who is woefully underequipped to alter your book sales, I'd be shocked if you even read this whole thing. But if you did, thanks.

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>GT McCoy

Hello Sharon and GT:

Bell's books have been reviewed in various places. The one
review I read was scathing. I don't recall the reviewer.

A simple web search using "Art Bell" + "Book review" should tell
you all you need to know.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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>>I think Sitchin and Temple ('The Sirius Mystery') have
>>demonstrated a legitimate historical anomaly. But the bit about
>>mining gold and exporting it to Nebiru (a planet whose proposed
>>orbit would exclude intelligent life even if it did exist) is
>>one of Sitchin's weakest links.

>>Why go to the bother of heaving gold out of Earth's gravity well
>>when it's available more cheaply and abundantly off-planet? Why
>>make use of grossly inefficient genetically engineered slaves
>>when surely they could have built automatic bulldozers (or
>>dare I suggest self-replicating nanites) to accomplish the same
>>feat?

>>In short, the nitty gritty details of Sitchin's theory fall
>>flat, at least for me. He remains a competent scholar, but his
>>books betray a great deal of scientific naivete.

>Mac..

>You assume very much. First, we are talking about the earth
>more than 250,000 years ago, not last decade.

Sorry, Mike: you're the one assuming a great deal here, not
me! And we're not really talking about the Earth a quarter
million years ago; we're discussing the possible existence of an
undiscovered technological civilization. Let's not confuse the
issue.

>Second, if Nibru does exist, it's elongated orbit around our
>Sun, would take it deep into the reaches of the darkness of
>space, and far from the warming rays of the Sun.

>The size of the planet, is such that the gravitatial laws we
>apply to Earth, may not apply there.

The laws of physics remain the same regardless of where one is
in the universe. Sitchin's "12th Planet" is described as being
large, inhabited by creatures just like us. So this proposed
planet would have to be quite Earthlike. Unfortunately for
Sitchin and fans, the "12 Planet's" orbit renders the
possibility of it being even remotely Earthlike (let alone
inhabitable) impossible. It seems that by trying to defend
Sitchin's theories, you're in fact contradicting them.

>However, to take fine gold flakes and more or less orbit them in
>the very upper reaches of the planets atmosphere, forming rings
>of gold dust, would cause them to act as: A. Insulators, B.
>Amplifiers... all for Solar Energy as well as communications.

This scheme would do no perceivable good to a planet of the type Sitchin has described. And there are much better ways to heat a planet that sprinkle it with Sitchin's magic dust--namely, put it in a Dyson sphere or put a fusion reactor in orbit.

<snip>

>IF the Sumerian Tablets are true stories, not just fables, then
>those "Space Travelers" who established "earth base 1" would
>know much more about interplanetary travel than we. They would
>also be aware of a far more advanced knowledge of The Laws of
>Physics which Govern the Universe than We.

Which makes me wonder why they thought it practical to mine gold from Earth when they could have mined it much more easily from, say, the asteroid belt. (This is assuming that Sitchin's gold-mining scenario is plausible, which it isn't.)

>If they did indeed create "genetic clones" or "earth life forms" based on Their DNA and the DNA of the highest form of Anthropoid life on Earth, then I would suggest they understood much more about the DNA Chain and its construction than WE do.

Maybe, but not much more. We can clone now. Genetic engineering is hot stuff right now, and we're getting better at it all the time.

>We also promote our Ego, and tend to talk down to everyone else. >In essence, by being so adamant in our opinions, we are talking >down to those who may well have been responsible for our being >here.

I'm so sorry to offend the ancient astronauts. I may even lose sleep over this.

I hate to be sarcastic, as I think Sitchin has shown a legitimate mystery. However, as I have already said, his details are borderline incoherent.

--Mac Tonnies

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lol.. begin reading here:

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Patrick

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Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 23:34:36 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 04:32:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 16:52:41 EST
>Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:53:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

<snip>

>Back during the Roswell events in July 1947, I don't believe the
>newspapers referred specifically to a "crash," but the word
>"wreckage" was definitely used. E.g. the United Press story of
>July 9 read:

> "Reports of flying saucers whizzing through the sky fell off
> sharply today as the Army and Navy began a concentrated
> campaign to stop the rumors.... Headquarters of the 8th Army
> Air Force at Fort Worth, Tex., announced that the WRECKAGE of
> a tin-foil covered object found on a New Mexico ranch was
> nothing more than the remnants of a weather observation
> balloon. AAF headquarters in Washington reportedly delivered
> a 'blistering' rebuke to officers at the Roswell, N.M. base
> for suggesting that it was a 'flying disc.'"

>The N.Y. Herald-Tribune headline July 9 read:

> ARMY SEIZES A GROUNDED 'DISK,' FINDS IT IS A WEATHER BALLOON
> -- Wreckage Found in New Mexico Desert Flown to Fort Worth and
> Identified After 7-1/2 Hours; 'Disks' Reported in England,
> Australia

>Followed by:

> "Army Air Forces intelligence officers seized a battered heap
> of foil-covered wreckage in the desert near Roswell, N.M.,
> yesterday, and for seven and a half hours the Army thought it
> might have discovered a genuine flying disk."

David:

On further consideration, It seems that the use of the word
"wreckage" in the above citations was introduced by the writers
or editors of the stories, since the AF didn't use the word.

Clear skies,
Bob

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Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 20:42:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 04:39:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

>Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 12:50:17 -0500 (EST)
>From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
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>I have read the book and I enjoyed it. If you want to read some
>detailed reviews, go to Amazon.com and read the reviews by
>readers. Both sides, pro and con, are represented.

>Also, readers wrote to the globalsuperstorm.com website which
>posted their comments on the website. Once again, both sides,
>pro and con, are represented.

>BTW, the authors stress that global warming occurring right now
>is a natural, cyclical event. The part that humans play in this
>hasn't been proven yet. Possibly, they argue, we may have helped
>speed the process up a bit.

>The book is beautifully written, thanks to some of Strieber's
>fiction experience. He writes about what the superstorm would

It may be Melville or Twain or Bill Shakespeare for heaven's sake,
but do you believe all of say 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' or 'A
Curious Dream' - including the proprietor(s) of Bell's
'Dreamland'?

>feel like to different cities around the world. Obviously, the
>is the fiction part of the book.

So my friend, what is the non fiction part? (hey, I'm not
holding you to this question, this is rhetorical - directed at

Mr. Bell.)

Is Art Bell (as I vaguely recall) one of the earlier proponets of the Hale-Bopp Companion?

Wasn't he one of the earlier Y2K enthusiasts?-and a regular Disasterist on a Global scale? along with Linda Moulton Howe?

You know, my own feelings and opinions (just like theirs) are irreleveant - things are out of our control - we are not omnipotent - and we may not see the the rope around our leg as we throw the Harpoon....

GT McCoy

"Get your facts first, then distort them as much as you want." -from Twain's "Roughing It"

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Speculative Martian Archaeology

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 04:53:14 -0500
Subject: Speculative Martian Archaeology

Why The 'Coathanger' Feature Below 'Face' Deserves Closer Look

by Mac Tonnies

1. The Problem with Profiles

The so-called "Coathanger" feature was one of several relatively small-scale anomalies discovered on the pictures returned by the Mars Global Surveyor. Located to the lower left of the "Face," the "Coathanger" is most immediately interesting because of the unexplained "tracks" found at its base. The markings have a very high albedo, and while no definitive geological explanation has been put forward, it's possible that the "tracks" may be composed of water ice. (Similar bright marking can be found nearby on the irregularly shaped mesa next to the Face, and still others can be seen near the "tip" of the "City Pyramid" formation.)

So far, speculation regarding the Coathanger's potential artificiality has been limited to the tracks' unusual linear configuration and unexplained albedo. But it has also been noticed that the "Coathanger" feature itself is interesting in that it very closely resembles a bottle-nosed dolphin seen in profile.

Usually a feature of this sort would be dismissed; like the spattering of mud NASA has called "Kermit the Frog," all sorts of creatures seem to appear on the Martian surface in profile. While the Face was originally explained away for much the same reason, it has since been demonstrated, using data from both Viking and MGS, that it is a three-dimensional formation that retains facial aspects under a variety of lighting conditions and viewing angles.

2. Anomalous Characteristics

Why, then, is the Coathanger an exception? In my opinion, the dolphin resemblance bears a closer look for the following reasons:

1.) Presence of previously mentioned "tracks" running parallel to "dolphin" shape (if it is, in fact, a representation of a dolphin)

2.) Proximity to Face. If the Face is artificial, as mounting evidence indicates may be the case, then it's certainly reasonable to presume that its builders left other artifacts in the same area. This contention has been born out by the presence of large anomalous surface formations such as the "Fort" and "D&M Pyramid," as well as a number of smaller (below Viking resolution) features revealed by the MGS that exhibit unusual characteristics.

3.) Apparent modified terrain. As in the case with the "Cliff" and "Crater Pyramid," the Coathanger/Dolphin feature sits very near an apparent impact crater. Furthermore, there is a shallow groove running through the crater that appears to be a continuation of a more prominent, triangular "cut" located to the immediate left of the Coathanger.

The reason why crater rims appear to have been excavated in the distant past is unknown, though it's been suggested that the builders had a limited reliance on subsurface water and constructed facilities to exploit subsurface material uprooted by impact. The best examples of this hypothesis are the tunnel-like features extending from a crater directly south of the aforementioned Crater Pyramid, which may be the remains of an attempt to mine ice from the Martian surface. (This theory provides a potentially interesting vantage on the time-frame of the Cydonian builders as well.)

4.) Associated anomaly. Aside from the Face, the Coathanger is positioned directly above a bright, circular dome, probably composed of the same material as the Coathanger and "tracks." This domed feature exhibits a very high albedo, possibly due to ice. How, exactly, ice came to be localized in such a precise and intentional-looking manner remains an open question. If not ice, then what? Possibly the answer can only be arrived at by ground-based exploration.

Interestingly, the bright dome in question is accompanied by a very narrow, straight line suggesting a possible road. This line leads directly to the adjacent crater, and appears parallel with the line of unexplained "tracks" that frame the bottom portion of the proposed "dolphin."

5.) Internal detail. I compared the shape of the Coathanger to that of a bottle-nosed dolphin and was interested to find that the salient dolphin features are present in the Martian formation. Granted, there are not many (i.e. dorsal fin, tail, nose), but they appear in proper proportion. The dorsal fin is appropriately sloped, not a random triangular feature.

I also noted what may well be an eyeball, with hints of structure, on the "dolphin's" "head." The "eye" is easily identifiable as a black speck--the only variation in the dolphin's regular albedo. Like the dorsal fin and tail, the eye is located precisely where it should be if the dolphin feature is, in fact, an artificial structure designed to resemble a dolphin (or other cetacean).

3. Conclusion

New evidence indicates that a substantial ocean once existed in Mars' northern hemisphere. Indeed, it's been theorized that the Cydonian "City" complex once sat on a shoreline, with the Face emerging as an artificial island. Surely the presence of a "dolphin" next to the Face invites inquiry. Common skeptical argument will have it that it's absurd to see the likeness of a terrestrial animal on another planetary surface, to which I say, "What of it?" The Face, after all, appears human (or humanoid), and has successfully passed every test for artificiality posed to it thus far, using images from a variety of sun angles and resolutions.

While I am of the opinion that a definitive assessment of Cydonia will probably have to await a manned presence on Mars, I think the odds for Cydonia's anomaly being exclusively natural are arbitrarily low. Once the existence of probable extraterrestrial artifacts is admitted, even as an exercise in probability, the search for small-scale surface anomalies is warranted. Given the evidence above, I think the Coathanger formation itself, and not just its attendant "tracks," falls into the range of "anomalous" and deserves future study.

Sources:

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'The McDaniel Report Newsletter'
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'The Martian Enigmas Homepage'
www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html

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>From: David N Kirby <davkirby@lucent.com>
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<snip>

>Whitley, I am quite perplexed at this persecution complex you
>seem to have regarding reviews and attention by the media.

>First, what is a 'false' review, exactly? Someone thinks your
>book stinks.

>Who says he's wrong? You?

>Second, why is 'being ignored' somehow a press torment.
>Thousands of writers and their work are routinely ignored by
>press and critical publications, why is your fate a function of
>calculated torment? Give us a break, Whitley. Perhaps the only
>common consensus that you're not nearly as important a writer as
>you think you are. Here's a suggestion: Try going back to
>straight-out fiction -- that's what you're best at, and I think
>you know that.

This is probably the keenest--and certainly the most vicious--
skeptical look at Strieber I've come across. Yes, Strieber's
essay, "The Problem with the Press," is unbecomingly whiny.
Strieber appears to me to be rather comfortable being a sort of
quasi-martyr. Even so, I thought "The Problem with the Press"
was a pretty good piece of work. Even if you're not a "fan" of
Strieber (and I readily admit that I think his take on the UFO
phenomenon is one of the most interesting and intelligent out
there), the essay makes some very good points.

If you're a writer wanting critical attention (and what writer
isn't?), "The Problem with the Press" is probably going to bug
you on some level. Pariah-hood aside, Strieber is a very
successful writer of fiction and non-fiction, so it's sort of
hard to drown yourself in sympathy for him.

But his general critique of the "world situation" in regards to
ufology is spot-on. When's the last time you saw a news article
about UFOs without the now-obligatory condescending references
to "The X-Files"? When's the last time a reporter dug into the
Roswell event--whatever it was--with any degree of objectivity
(outside of a UFO publication)?

While I really enjoyed this open letter, I sympathize with the
general issues raised by Strieber, if not necessarily with
Strieber himself. There are two ways of approaching this piece;
mentally delete any trace of self-pity and you've got a fine
editorial.

--Mac Tonnies

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Michael Lindemann gave it an outstanding review. I find very unlikely that Bell actually even wrote any of the book though...

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The origins of the Epic of Gilgamesh can be traced back into the earliest civilizations of Mesopotamia.

King Gilgamesh was known to be two third divine and one third human, and he went on a formidable quest to find his divine origins and gain the gods' immortality. He was usually depicted as a very tall man between two lions, for it was known also that he went into battle barehanded with some of them.

Some scholars think that Gilgamesh was a mythical character invented by scribes and priests, but others, such as Zecharia Sitchin and Alan Alford, offer quite intriguing evidence that Gilgamesh could have been a living being in his quest for knowledge, at a time when flesh-and-blood gods ruled the Earth.

Also you can find(I- XI) tablets here: Also please refer traces of the ancients chapter 2 and 3

<http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Gold/9906/gam/sumer.html>

Erol Erkmen

taraces of the ancients chapter 3,4
<http://tuvpo99.tripod.com/old/3.html>
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Wanted: Close Encounters Of Forth Kind
By Telegraph Correspondent
Wednesday 5 January 2000

A JAPANESE television company is to film the sky above two Scottish hills for six months non-stop in an attempt to record a UFO.

Berwick Law and Traprain Law, two extinct volcanoes which rise dramatically from the flat land on the south bank of the Firth of Forth, have gained a reputation among UFO enthusiasts recently for strange visitations.

A film crew hired by a Japanese TV company plans to set up cameras on the roof of the Templar Lodge Hotel in the nearby town of Gullane, in the spring. The cameras will be trained on both hills and their footage will be broadcast on the internet.

Stephen Prior, head of marketing at the Templar Lodge, said:
"Some Japanese golfers on holiday here saw something strange up there, and word of this seems to have got back to Japan. There is a long Celtic tradition of fairies on the hills - traditionally, you wouldn't take your baby up there for fear of it being turned into a changeling."

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Sprint Says 'Area 51' Does Exist

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 01:00:03 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 09:03:56 -0500
Subject: Sprint Says 'Area 51' Does Exist

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.hackernews.com/arch.html?010500#7>

A standard service disruption report filed with the Federal Communications Commission by Sprint lists an outage on December 22, 1999 that includes "Las Vegas, NV - Pahrump, NV - Military Base 'AREA 51'".

A PDF file of the report can be downloaded at:

http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Filings/Network_Outage/1999/reports/99-228.pdf

Grab it while you can. :))

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 05:19:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 09:07:06 -0500
Subject: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town

Thanks to researcher Jerry Hamm for informing of the following item:

"Explosive sound shatters quiet of Bloomville night"

Source: The Blade
Toledo, Ohio

Date - Tuesday, January 4, 2000

Website URL: <http://www.toledoblade.com/editorial/news/0a04shat.htm>

"Explosive sound shatters quiet of Bloomville night"

By Mike Tressler
Blade Staff Writer

BLOOMVILLE, OH. - Some residents here were ready to change their town's name to "BOOMville" early yesterday.

A mysterious explosion shook the Seneca County village and startled residents just after midnight.

So far, the cause of the boom is unexplained. Officials are investigating.

Ear witnesses said the night was quiet when suddenly -- Ka-Boom! -- a single explosion was felt and heard by residents within a mile-wide circle. Resident Nicole Phillips said it rattled her whole house.

"Scary. It was very scary," Rene Bernal, another resident, said. "It felt like our house was hit by something. The walls shook.

"My daughter, Julia, was on the phone, and she came running out of her room yelling that she thought something was coming through her walls."

Mrs. Bernal's husband, Tim, ran outside. He and a neighbor searched but found nothing.

The Bernals were among the many who called police, prompting Chief Howard Minzer to check the entire village on foot. "He found no flashes, no power outages, no fires," said police Officer Mark Lawson.

Officer Lawson had just arrived home when he felt the blast at his midtown residence.

"It was a very, very loud explosion, definitely somewhere in town," he said. "But nothing is damaged in the village, and no one has reported anything.

"We have no idea what it could have been. It's a mystery."

Col. A.J. Feucht, commander of the Ohio Air National Guard 180th Fighter Wing, based at Toledo Express Airport, said no flights by supersonic or any other aircraft were in the air at that

time.

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Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: **Edoardo Russo** <edoardo.russo@torino.alpcom.it>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:18:43 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 09:09:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

Hello Jenny!

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 19:45:12 +0000
>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Steuart Campbell reckons it was a mirage of mercury or some such
>planet. I think that's a bit unlikely!

Wasn't his first "explanation" a sort of "black ball lightning"?
(or is my memory wrong?)

If I remember, Steuart was at first oriented toward an "it's all
natural phenomena" line. He changed his mind to a "it's all and
always mirages of stars/planets" at a later date (circa 1985).
Is that right?

Regards

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Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

From: Jeroen Wierda <jeroen@wierda.com>
Date: Wed, 5 Jan 2000 02:29:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 09:21:34 -0500
Subject: Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

From: Jeroen Wierda <jeroen@wierda.com>

January 04, 2000

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PUFORI Closing

The news that I am about to bring to you may come as an unpleasant surprise to some, and to others it may be what they have hoped for. PUFORI has existed since September 1996 and has come from the idea that all information should be freely and easily accessible to everyone.

To do this I started gathering information from all over the internet. This consisted of mostly recent news items and articles...

As the site grew I also added full online books and other useful features such as discussion forums and discussionlists. I made PUFORI into an organization (or at least I tried to) with members who would help out with the site, because the site... and whatever plans I had were bigger than I could do by myself alone.

However... something was wrong.

It seemed like all action I took with PUFORI... all new initiatives were destined to fail. I have set up a discussionlists which doesn't have any discussions, I have added discussionforums which are not used, I have added two chat pages between 1996 and 1999... both f iled... I tried starting a newsletter twice... it failed or didn't even come off the ground.

Out of pure frustration I removed PUFORI from being an organization early last year (1999) and tried to let it continue as just a site... I even took 3 months off to think on what to do next.

I had renewed hopes for the site after I returned from my 3 month leave. I started a newsgathering list, and worked on getting a chat room again for the third time... since I believed the time was right to open such room again.

I was filled with hopes and ideas for it, and I invited a well known guest to speak and answer questions in this new room.

For the first 3 weeks I was in this chat room for one fixed hour each day of the week, but somehow only about two persons have ever entered the room while I was there during those hours.

This was not an environment in which I wanted to ask our guest to speak... it would be a disappointment as well as an embarrassment for both of us. I delayed the guest chat twice, leaving a two week gap to see if the room would get more popular... it didn't. I last month came to the conclusion that it would be best to close the room again. Another waste of my valuable time.

Another problem I have had last year which greatly contributes to my leaving, is that my internet provider (CI-Host.. <http://www.cihost.com>) had been abusing my credit card in June of 1999. I have written a lot of letters to them, which all went unanswered.. or returned standard messages. I was forced to block my credit card to stop them from billing me. The new billing period started last month (December), and I won't be paying my bills to them anymore. I expect that CI-Host will be blocking my site very soon... I do not have the slightest bit of respect left for CI-Host. And I hereby like to suggest people not to take their services..... because you WILL be scammed. On top of that, they have downgraded teh size of my account so that I no longer can post any new items.

Since April 1997 the amount of visitors to PUFORI had been quite constant at around 90 a day to the frames version. But even though the site grew in size to over 7000 pages in 1999, the visitor rate did not climb up... in fact it started declining by 30% (to the frames portion of the site).

I have done everything I know of to make this site known... but somehow the search engines won't place it high in their rankings. Imagine the frustration this causes when you put your life in a project over a period of three years, but you don't get any recognition for the work you do. And all around you... you see new very small UFO sites jumping up everywhere... and getting MORE visitors a day than your large project.

This is eating me up, and I no longer feel that what I do is worth the time and effort that I put into it. I therefore have come to the difficult conclusion that it would be best... for me... to close the site completely and permanently. I am completely burned up...

So here it finally ends... As soon as this e-mail is sent out, I will be deleting my complete site... a little over 7500 pages and 350Mb of data will be lost, and will not return to the web.

All PUFORI discussion lists will also be permanently closed after sending out this mailing. Should you use PUFORI pages for your own non-commercial site... please do credit me for my work.

I will further completely withdraw from the UFO field (including quitting and closing PUFORI discussionlists), and will not return.

Fare thee well.

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PS: I wish to thank those people who have stood beside me during the time PUFORI existed, and who have supported me with compliments, pep-talk and articles. I am sorry to have to remove this site, and I hope you understand my reasons.

---People won't understand what they miss, until it is really gone---

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Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 07:17:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 09:28:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Bell & Strieber Book?

>Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 20:42:51 -0800
>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>Subject: Re: Bell & Strieber Book?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Is Art Bell (as I vaguely recall) one of the earlier proponets
>of the Hale-Bopp Companion?

Art Bell's program became a platform for those who were promoting the concept of the "companion" to the Hale-Bopp comet, but that might not serve to classify him as a proponent. This may speak volumns regarding Bell's ability to screen the veracity of his guests, or the conscious lack thereof. However, this doesn't mean that the messenger has any great belief structure that is tied to that of his guests. I think that it's important that we remember that the program is primarily entertainment.

>Wasn't he one of the earlier Y2K enthusiasts?-and a regular
>Disasterist on a Global scale? along with Linda Moulton Howe?

Agreed, but he certainly wasn't alone. National Public Radio (NPR) gave hours of time to those who were promoting doom and gloom regarding the coming Y2K meltdown, with little or no programming to balance their predictions. One of the more moving doom and gloom scenerios was outlined before Congress back around 1996 during public hearings, so I would suspect that this issue shouldn't necessarily be used as the tar to hold the feathers on.

BTW, I believe that Linda Howe (like Bell) is a reporter at heart.

>You know, my own feelings and opinions (just like theirs) are
>irreleveant - things are out of our control - we are not
>omnipotent - and we may not see the the rope around our leg as
>we throw the Harpoon....

>GT McCoy

Yeah. We've travelled so far, and seem to be getting nowhere.

Steve

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Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:22:32 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:34:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 23:34:36 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 16:52:41 EST
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:53:53 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

><snip>

>>Back during the Roswell events in July 1947, I don't believe the
>>newspapers referred specifically to a "crash," but the word
>>"wreckage" was definitely used. E.g. the United Press story of
>>July 9 read:

>> "Reports of flying saucers whizzing through the sky fell off
>> sharply today as the Army and Navy began a concentrated
>> campaign to stop the rumors.... Headquarters of the 8th Army

Does anyone have in their files any reference to the US Navy
becoming involved in the Roswell Incident of 1947?

James Bond Johnson
Project Director
RPIT (Roswell Photo Interpretation Team)

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Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:30:35 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:46:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>Date: Tue, 04 Jan 2000 23:34:36 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 16:52:41 EST
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:53:53 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

<snip>

>>The N.Y. Herald-Tribune headline July 9 read:

>> ARMY SEIZES A GROUNDED 'DISK,' FINDS IT IS A WEATHER BALLOON
>> -- Wreckage Found in New Mexico Desert Flown to Fort Worth and
>> Identified After 7-1/2 Hours; 'Disks' Reported in England,
>> Australia

<snip>

Interesting that even in 1947 the press was interested in the
Timeline re the Roswell Incident that they were headlining down
to a half hour period! What time frame would that 7 1/2 hours
have covered?

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: **Bill Alford** <googong@interact.net.au>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 21:40:02 +1100
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 07:49:39 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 03:02:48 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 09:08:00 +1100
>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>I also add the fact that the Pleiades are too young to support
>>>anything like life yet.

>>>Bill Alford

>Hi Bill,

>Could you please publish how you come to this fact, or point me
>to a site where your research into the Pleiades System is?

You can find this in good astronomy books. The Pleiades, or Messier object 45 (see the url <http://www.galaxyphoto.com/jwm45.jpg>) is the brightest, nearest and most famous young open star cluster in the constellation of Taurus. It consists of many hundreds of bright, hot blue young stars no more than about 10 million years old about 400 light years from Earth that were all formed at the same time within a large cloud of interstellar dust and gas. Compare this to the Sun, a medium-sized, yellow medium-hot star in the middle of its life which began about 4.6 billion years ago. The Pleiades star nursery has been recognised since ancient times. Seven of the brightest stars are quite easy to see with the unaided eye and bear the names of the Seven Sisters, the daughters of Atlas (see the url <http://www.ras.ucalgary.ca/~gibson/pleiades/>). The blue haze that accompanies them is light reflected from the particles in a cloud of cold gas and dust that the Pleiades formed from. It appears blue because these tiny interstellar particles scatter blue light more efficiently than the longer wavelengths of red light and it is streaky because the particles have been aligned by magnetic fields between the stars.

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Re: Pleiades

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 10:09:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 07:54:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Pleiades

Dear List members:

There has been some discussion lately of the Pleiades and their role in UFO related matters so I thought the following quotes might be relevant:

"The constellation of the Pleiades plays an important part in the calendar of primitive peoples both in the northern and southern hemisphere. Indeed, for reasons which at first sight are not obvious, savages appear to have paid more attention to this constellation than to any other group of stars in the sky." J.G. Frazer, *The Golden Bough*

"Worldwide, various aspects of this tiny, faint constellation- its rising, its setting, its culmination-are not merely used as indicators of the world, but the constellation is worshipped as the provider of good things, a major controller of human destiny. It is the only star group which every people knows of and every people respects." Stan Gooch, *Cities of Dreams*

"In ancient Egypt the Great Pyramid was so oriented that in 2170BC, when the Pleiades were on the meridian at midnight, they could be viewed through the south passage way. So the Great Pyramid itself was built with the Pleiades in mind." Stan Gooch, *Cities of Dreams*

"I cannot explain its significance (Pleiades); why of all stellar objects this minute cluster of stars of low magnitude is more important than other stellar groups is not clear to me." J Walter Fewkes (1895) Naturalist and writer re Pueblo Indians

Merry Millenium to all,
Ed

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NASA Questions

From: Carlos G. Roselli <croselli@email.ypf.com.ar>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 16:15:00 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:01:20 -0500
Subject: NASA Questions

I have two questions related to NASA,

First: who was the first to speculate about the possibility of life in Europa? I remember having read that for the first time on Arthur Clarke's "2010", but not before. I imagine the idea originated within the NASA teams... the submarine and subvolcanic smokes on Earth that appeared over the oceanic floor were probably discovered 15 or 20 years ago, the hot needed to maintain life... so that might be between the Voyager missions and this submarine smokes surprise...

Second: The dialog that was said existed among the Apollo XI crew and the Mission Control on Earth ("those guys are huge, sir...), relative to UFOs on the lunar surface... was it a hoax? You guys may know what was the end for that story.

Thanks.
Carlos G. Roselli

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UK Conference 2000 Latest

From: **Tim MathewsTMMatthews99@aol.com**
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 17:35:08 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:10:50 -0500
Subject: UK Conference 2000 Latest

Dear All,

We're moving closer towards CONFERENCE 2000 - to be held in the Central Library, Chorley, Lancashire on Saturday 29th January starting at 10.30am.

We've brought together an exciting array of speakers and are also giving away a free copy of the newly re-launched small press UK Paranormal magazine The Goblin Universe to every attender.

Speakers include; Roger Hennessey, Jenny Randles, Jon Downes, Andy Roberts, Brian Allan and Billy Devlin, Ralph Ellis, Tim Matthews, Steve Mera and Eric Morris.

We hope to set even higher standard this year and remember, this is your chance to find out about the very latest research into the Paranormal, SETI, secret disipline technologies, the Winter Hill CE3 and MIB case of November 1999, Ancient Mysteries/Places of Power, new books from Jenny Randles, Andy Roberts and Dr. David Clarke and also the latest on Haunted Scotland!

As an extra item, we'll be providing new and exclusive evidence relating to "Mr. Shadow" himself, the most sinister, influential and nowadays unseen character who guides Ufology from his HQ! (No, it's not me!)

All in all, an exciting prospect.

We hope to see you there!

Tim Matthews - Discovery UK

www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html

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Re: Traces Of The Ancients

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 17:26:15 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:24:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients

>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 10:35:51 +0200
>From: Erol Erkmen <andromeda@mail.koc.net>
>Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>IF the Sumerian Tablets are true stories, not just fables, then
>>>those "Space Travelers" who established "earth base 1" would
>>>know much more about interplanetary travel than we. They would
>>>also be aware of a far more advanced knowledge of The Laws of
>>>Physics which Govern the Universe than We.

>The origins of the Epic of Gilgamesh can be traced back into the
>earliest civilizations of Mesopotamia.

>King Gilgamesh was known to be two third divine and one third
>human, and he went on a formidable quest to find his divine
>origins and gain the gods' immortality. He was usually depicted
>as a very tall man between two lions, for it was known also that
>he went into battle barehanded with some of them.

>Some scholars think that Gilgamesh was a mythical character
>invented by scribes and priests, but others, such as Zecharia
>Sitchin and Alan Alford, offer quite intriguing evidence that
>Gilgamesh could have been a living being in his quest for
>knowledge, at a time when flesh-and-blood gods ruled the Earth.

>Also you can find(I- XI) tablets here: Also please refer traces
>of the ancients chapter 2 and 3

><http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Gold/9906/gam/sumer.html>

>Erol Erkmen

>taraces of the ancients chapter 3,4
><http://tuvpo99.tripod.com/old/3.html>
><http://tuvpo99.tripod.com/old/4.html>

Thank you Erol for this post.

Yes there are a plethora of legends which could be traced back
to the ancient Sumerian and Babylonian Civilizations.

I cannot direct others on how to connect the mysteries of the
past to the accepted ideology of the present.

Each must find his/her own reality. Arguing over these legends
and stories, is not the correct way to accomplish it.

Thus, I simply state my opinion and from that point on I let it
be.

Thanks again for your input. I greatly appreciate it! <smile>

REgards, Mike

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Re: Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

From: **Mark Cashman** <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 21:56:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:26:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

>From: Jeroen Wierda <jeroen@wierda.com>
>To: skywatch_discussion@onelist.com
>Date: Wed, 5 Jan 2000 02:29:17 +0100
>Subject: [SO] Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

Hi, Jeroen!

I'm sorry to hear of your decision. I think that your hit rate was quite respectable and you should not be disappointed by the reception to your site. Long term growth occurs, but it is not based on search engine placement - it is based on word of mouth and links from other sites, which come with long-term sustained quality.

Also note that frame based sites cut out a fairly large (25%+) of possible visitors based on the statistics available to me.

Chat rooms are, in my opinion, as a guest who has been in them, a waste of time. E-mail lists such as this offer so much greater a chance for substantive discussion that what can be done in a chat room must be seen as unlikely to be useful. In addition, the need to bind to a time and a date is antithetical to the advantages provided by the internet, which, in the form of e-mail and newsgroups, allow people to participate when it is convenient for them.

Anyway, good luck in your future endeavors, whatever they may be.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>
- Original digital art, writing, music and UFO research -

UFO cases, analysis, classification systems, and more...
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[bwwma] FLASH

From: **Bufo Calvin** <BufoCalvin@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 6 Jan 2000 01:32:18 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:30:53 -0500
Subject: [bwwma] FLASH

Really busy week, haven't been able to do the Media Alert yet... very little time to do anything.

One flash... Uri Geller is supposed to be on the Tonight Show tonight on NBC at 11:30 PM. Don't be surprised if he's asked about Pokemon... apparently, he's not happy that there is a "psychic" pokemon named something like "Uni Geller" that gives other pokemons a headache as one of its attacks. This does not appear to be one of the pokemons known commonly to children here in the US yet.

One other particular one of note: Saturday at 10:00 PM, The Learning Channel will repeat 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'. Been hearing some buzz about it, including the 'Bigfoot' footage.

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

Please let me know if there is something in the media you think I should cover. Deadline is Tuesday, the week before.

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Re: Traces Of The Ancients

From: **Bill Alford** <googong@interact.net.au>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 16:43:25 +1100
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:36:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 00:23:09 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 17:36:06 +1100
>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: Traces Of The Ancients
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>><snip>

>>>So if they're here [ETs], then it's not because we have
>>>something they want, in any recognized sense.

>>I refer you to Zecharia Sitchin's book "The Twelfth Planet" to
>>see that they have been here in the past mining for gold and
>>other minerals. I do have disagreements with Zecharia Sitchin,
>>which you can see at the url given below, but I don't disagree
>>with him about what I wrote in the previous sentence.

Discussion has been taking place about what this mining was all about. Zecharia Sitchin's ideas on what the gold was mined for are invalid because his twelfth planet doesn't exist but nonetheless Zecharia Sitchin gives us clues. What follows is so far not widely known about and has been the subject of skepticism. I and others have speculated that there was something far more interesting going on that is only now being investigated that could be of interest to this e-mail list because of anti-gravity, etc. The pure platinum group of metals, which includes gold, normally are in a metallic state where the atoms are all bonded together with their own kind. However, if you heat the pure platinum group of metals up to a very high temperature they eventually change into a white very fluffy powder with interesting properties. What has happened when the white powder forms is that the atoms will no longer form metal-metal bonds with their own kind. The atoms won't form metal-metal bonds because their nucleus is in a high spin state which screens the valence electrons and they are no longer available to form normal molecular bonds. In this state each electron is paired up with another electron in a Cooper paired state. When electrons are Cooper paired, they cease to behave as particles and begin to behave more like light and we now have a superconductor. The white powder is the monoatomic state of the element and David Hudson has been investigating this. David Hudson calls the white powder Orbitally Rearranged Monoatomic Elements or ORMEs. Superconductors have interesting properties and not surprisingly interesting things have been noticed about these monoatomic powders like odd explosions, anti-gravity properties, disappearing and other things. Where the monoatomic powder disappears to is an interesting question.

David Hudson applied for a patent on this and his patent was granted in several countries but not the USA. In the USA David Hudson's patent was not granted because the USA military stepped in and declared the USA patent military information and disallowed it. This raises the interesting question of what is the USA military doing with the monoatomic powders and it is not hard to come up with possible answers given their interesting

properties. You can read about this at the url
<http://209.17.143.141/ormus/whatisit.htm> It is now not hard to speculate that the minerals that were being mined in ancient times were put to far more interesting uses as monoatomic powders than we have so far made of these minerals.

From the white powder that Professor Sir William Matthew Flinders Petrie (1853-1942) found at the ancient Egyptian temple at Mount Serabit on the Sinai in 1904, it appears that the ancient Egyptians and Moses knew about and used the white gold powder. W M F Petrie was a grandson of Matthew Flinders, the great English navigator and explorer of the Australian coast line. You can read more about this at:

<http://www.nexusmagazine.com/starfire3.html>

and in the book by Sir Laurence Gardner called "Genesis of the Grail Kings", Bantam, 1999, which is not without major mistakes but it does fill in a lot of the details about the monoatomic powders in the past. This book goes over much the same ancient material as Zecharia Sitchin but in a very different way. The original Egyptians were Sumerians. So far there is no evidence that I know of that the ancient mining was for the purposes of making the monoatomic powders but it is not hard to speculate that it was for this purpose given what we know from the ancient writings.

Bill Alford

googong@interact.net.au

<http://users.interact.net.au/~pwa>

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TUVPO Site Hacked

From: **Erol Erkmen** <andromeda@mail.koc.net>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 15:30:56 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:51:45 -0500
Subject: TUVPO Site Hacked

On 06.January.2000 our pages were hacked by an unknown person or group of people. For this reason some of our pages do not work properly and may be seen as damaged while they are being reloaded. Therefore we would like you to report to us any damaged page. We apologise for this inconvenience. Our pages will soon be back to normal.

We, as TUVPO staff, consider that this person or group of people have severe personality problems, and believe that they should get immediate treatment... such activities are temporary, but TUVPO will always remain...

Sincerely,

Erol Erkmen
TUVPO Chairman

-Banu Sevim
Public Relations Ad.Assistant

-Reha Ersavcı
Marmara Region Ad.Assistant

-Mutlu Payaslıođlu
Ankara city Ad.Assistant

-Adnan Topcu
Afyon City Ad.Assistant

-M. Sertürk Karacaovalı
Bursa City Ad.Assistant

-Jorge Andrade
Mexico Representative

-Natali Derder
California Representative

-Dr. Levent Altas
Science Consultant

-Orhan Berk
Military Consultant

with 2000 tuvpo members ...!

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Re: NASA Questions

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 09:55:24 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:16:29 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Questions

>From: Carlos G. Roselli <croselli@email.ypf.com.ar>
>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 16:15:00 -0300
>Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:01:20 -0500
>Subject: NASA Questions

<snip>

>The dialog that was said existed among the Apollo XI
>crew and the Mission Control on Earth ("those guys are huge,
>sir...), relative to UFOs on the lunar surface... was it a hoax?
>You guys may know what was the end for that story.

Dear Carlos, List:

The above quote is apparently from a fake transcript (which used things like, "Mission Control" instead of "Houston" and referred to the "three of us" on the Moon, when there were only two. See James Oberg's "UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries", 1982, Chapter 3, at <<http://www.jamesoberg.com/>>.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 03:34:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:19:34 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

Bill Alford wrote:

>>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 21:40:02 +1100
>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>You can find this in good astronomy books.

>>Bill Alford

Hi Bill,

Well thanks for the info regrading the chemical make of the Pleiades, and the link of the well taken photo -but I dont think you have answered my question.

Which was:

>Could you please publish how you come to this fact, or point me
>to a site where your research into the Pleiades System is?

I would like you to tell me how you came to the conclusion why the Pleiades System is and I quote from you:

>too young to support anything like life yet.

Your research.....

Regards,

Roy..

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Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 16:14:09 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:24:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:18:43 +0100
>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.alpcom.it>
>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hello Jenny!

>>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 19:45:12 +0000
>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Steuart Campbell reckons it was a mirage of mercury or some such
>>planet. I think that's a bit unlikely!

>Wasn't his first "explanation" a sort of "black ball lightning"?
>(or is my memory wrong?)

>If I remember, Steuart was at first oriented toward an "it's all
>natural phenomena" line. He changed his mind to a "it's all and
>always mirages of stars/planets" at a later date (circa 1985).
>Is that right?

Hi,

Yes, Steuart has made a few attempts to resolve cases - moving from ball lightning at first as you say. This is something which I admire. But he tends to find a new idea and try to apply it to everything. Whilst mirages do operate in certain cases (eg in my view they had a role in Rendlesham - but that's another story) they are not the cause of thousands of sightings or the magic key to the UFO mystery.

Steuart came up with the idea, then seemed to try to force fit it into so many situations where it frankly appears ludicrous. For instance, he has the Trindade Island case as a mirage of some planet, Alan Godfrey's abduction as a mirage of Venus and I forget what Socorro was a mirage of but that was one too according to his book. I got the impression that if ET landed in Steuart's garden he would go up to him and say 'Excuse me, but what exactly are you a mirage of because I know you cant be real'.

Although I am jesting here, of course, its not Steuart or his ideas that I am laughing at. Its the extremes to which it is all too easy for any of us to take a perfectly viable pet solution to some cases. But we all do it. I think Terence Meaden's plasma vortex is a real effect and explains some cases very well (eg Salto, Argentina) but I got tempted to seek out all sorts of cases that might fit when Paul Fuller and I wrote our book 'Crop Circles: A Mystery Solved' in 1990. I recall Bill Chalker (probably quite correctly) telling me there was no way my reassessment of Rosedale, Victoria as a plasma vortex worked. It is easy to take a good idea one step too far.

UFOs are a mix of many things and I believe that a number of novel phenomena are at work. Plasma vortices and Steuart's mirages are two that account for some cases - but not virtually

the entire mystery single handed. The trick is to know when your theory works and when it is inappropriate to squeeze a case way too hard to make it fit. This will just work against the acceptance of what in moderation can be very worthy ideas.

Steuart proposed these things sincerely. To a point I think he was right. I just believe he took that one step too far in situations like Livingston.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: NASA Questions

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 12:23:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:26:07 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Questions

>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 16:15:00 -0300
>From: Carlos G. Roselli <croselli@email.yppf.com.ar>
>Subject: NASA Questions
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I have two questions related to NASA,

>First: who was the first to speculate about the possibility of
>life in Europa? I remember having read that for the first time
>on Arthur Clarke's "2010", but not before. I imagine the idea
>originated within the NASA teams... the submarine and
>subvolcanic smokes on Earth that appeared over the oceanic floor
>were probably discovered 15 or 20 years ago, the hot needed to
>maintain life... so that might be between the Voyager missions
>and this submarine smokes surprise...

I think that if you read the foreword to "2010" you will find
that Clarke attributes the European life conjecture to none other
than Richard Hoagland.

>Second: The dialog that was said existed among the Apollo XI
>crew and the Mission Control on Earth ("those guys are huge,
>sir...), relative to UFOs on the lunar surface... was it a hoax?
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They weren't talking about UFOs. They were viewing a photo of
Dolly Parton.

Regards,

Terry

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Re: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 13:21:07 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:28:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town

>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 05:19:06 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>Subject: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Thanks to researcher Jerry Hamm for informing of the following
>item:

>"Explosive sound shatters quiet of Bloomville night"

>Source: The Blade
>Toledo, Ohio

>Date - Tuesday, January 4, 2000

>Website URL: <http://www.toledoblade.com/editorial/news/0a04shat.htm>

>"Explosive sound shatters quiet of Bloomville night"

>By Mike Tressler
>Blade Staff Writer

<snip>

A similar thing happened almost exactly 1 year ago in Delaware.
See:

<http://www.janes.com/defence/editors/pentagon.html>

for an article by Bill Sweetman.

Regards,

Terry

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Re: Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:46:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:31:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

>From: Jeroen Wierda <jeroen@wierda.com>
>To: skywatch_discussion@onelist.com
>Date: Wed, 5 Jan 2000 02:29:17 +0100
>Subject: [SO] Jeroen Wierda Closing PUFORI

>From: Jeroen Wierda <jeroen@wierda.com>

>January 04, 2000

Hi Jeroen

>PUFORI Closing

I am extremely sorry to hear this. I know when you came to this years UK-UFO-Network annual Skywatch you was expressing doubts, but I did not realise you were this disillusioned by modern Ufology.

>The news that I am about to bring to you may come as an
>unpleasant surprise to some, and to others it may be what they
>have hoped for. PUFORI has existed since September 1996 and has
>come from the idea that all information should be freely and

>So here it finally ends... As soon as this e-mail is sent out, I
>will be deleting my complete site... a little over 7500 pages
>and 350Mb of data will be lost, and will not return to the web.

I would ask that you do not delete all of this valuable information. If you wish to be rid of it, please pass it this way. I will see that it is freely available to all that would like access to it, and I would do my best to get it all back online again. If you could write it all onto a CD-Rom, if not I could post you a hard disc for you to copy it onto? You will get full credit for all of your work, and many thanks too, from all the people who be glad that this information is not lost.

>All PUFORI discussion lists will also be permanently closed
>after sending out this mailing. Should you use PUFORI pages for
>your own non-commercial site... please do credit me for my work.

>Fare thee well.

I hope the very same for you Jeroen.

>Jeroen Wierda
>Jeroen@wierda.com

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:45:48 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:12:23 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Questions

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Believe it or not, "The Europa Proposal" was conceived by
Richard Hoagland, the science writer who's now something of an
embarrassment to the Mars anomaly research community (though he
made some significant early observations about the "Face," etc.,
which he reports in his very good book "The Monuments of Mars."

Arthur C. Clarke even credits Hoagland for the idea in the
afterword to "2010." I, for one, wish NASA and the news media
would likewise give him the credit he deserves.

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>crew and the Mission Control on Earth ("those guys are huge,
>sir...), relative to UFOs on the lunar surface... was it a hoax?
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A complete myth, as far as I know. I'm not sure where it
originated.

--Mac Tonnies

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Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 19:49:53 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:19:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:22:32 -0500 (EST)
>Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:34:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 16:52:41 EST
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 06:53:53 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Frank Edwards and The Roswell 'Crash'

>><snip>

>>the United Press story of July 9 read:

> "Reports of flying saucers whizzing through the sky fell off
> sharply today as the Army and Navy began a concentrated
> campaign to stop the rumors.... Headquarters of the 8th Army

>Does anyone have in their files any reference to the US Navy
>becoming involved in the Roswell Incident of 1947?

I know of nothing directly linking them to the Roswell incident.
But they were involved to some extent in the debunking campaign
that immediately followed, as alluded to by United Press.

One weather balloon demonstration was carried out by a Naval Air
Station in Seattle on July 10. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer
showed photos of a nearby Naval Air Station launching a
radiosonde weather balloon. It was suggested that these weather
balloons could be mistaken for the "flying disks."

More significant Naval weather balloon/radar target
demonstrations were carried out in Atlanta, one on July 9, and a
repeat performance on July 10. Both demos were covered and
photographed by the Atlanta Constitution. The second demo was
also picked up on the United Press wire and received some
national coverage.

The Atlanta demo was clearly carried out with the intent of
debunking the flying saucer reports. In fact, the articles said
as much. E.g., this was what the Atlanta Constitution wrote on
July 10 (front page):

'SAILING SAUCER' SECRET SOLVED?--The Answer Here

A "flying saucer," silvery in the sun, sailed over Stone
Mountain Wednesday.

It wasn't a paper plate or runaway kite or a figment of an
inebriate's imagination.

It was, officers at the Naval Air Station believe, a genuine
"flying saucer" - the answer to the recent perplexing puzzle
plaguing the country's collective brains.

Lt. Comdr. Thomas H. Rentz, of the Naval Air Station, said

the mysterious sailing discs that have been baffling the nation are without doubt "ray winds," or tinfoil screens borne aloft by balloons. The screens are used, he said to reflect radar rays and determine the velocity of the wind at various altitudes.

And just to prove that "ray winds" could be mistaken easily by the layman for "saucers," Cmdr. Rentz arranged a demonstration.

At a cost of \$25, Lt. Rell Zelle Moore, aerology officer at the Air Station, launched a "ray wind," the first ever to be released here, and the shining object was carried by helium-filled balloons off into the blue and white yonder...."

The headline in the Constitution on July 11 read:

NAVY PLANE IN CHASE OF 'SAUCER'--'Raywin' Again

Picture captions from the Constitution read:

BALLOONS LIFT "SAUCER"

Here's one of the balloons with saucer attached
"FLYING SAUCER" -- A "Raywin" sails upward

To give everyone more of a flavor of the debunking tone, here is a sampling of headlines from newspapers that carried the UP account of the Atlanta Navy demo:

Navy Spends \$25 Cash to Prove Disks Illusions
(Long Beach Press-Telegram, p. 2)

Navy Balloon Test Brings Flood of 'Saucer' Reports
(Santa Barbara News Press, front page)

Disks Called Weather Devices
(Denver Post)

'Disks' Debunked -- Gromyko, US Navy Agree!
(Eugene Oregon Register-Guard, front page)

Practical Jokers Carry Ball for Flying Discs
(Portland Oregon Journal)

Pranksters Have Day, Navy Explodes 'Flying Disc' Myth
(Sacramento Bee)

Navy Spends \$25 to Show Facsimile 'Flying Saucer'
(Charleston S.C. News and Courier, front page)

Flying Saucers Actually Being Seen, Navy Proves
(Baton Rouge State Times & Sunday Advocate, front page)

David Rudiak

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Re: NASA Questions

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 21:04:36 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:22:16 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Questions

>Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 09:55:24 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: NASA Questions
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Carlos G. Roselli <croselli@email.ypf.com.ar>
>>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 16:15:00 -0300
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 08:01:20 -0500
>>Subject: NASA Questions

><snip>

>>The dialog that was said existed among the Apollo XI
>>crew and the Mission Control on Earth ("those guys are huge,
>>sir...), relative to UFOs on the lunar surface... was it a hoax?
>>You guys may know what was the end for that story.

>Dear Carlos, List:

>The above quote is apparently from a fake transcript (which used
>things like, "Mission Control" instead of "Houston" and referred
>to the "three of us" on the Moon, when there were only two. See
>James Oberg's "UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries", 1982, Chapter 3,
>at <<http://www.jamesoberg.com/>>.

Hi Bob,

I see on Discovery Canada tonight that James Oberg has reported that the knives are out at NASA re another screwup, that being the Martian Polar Lander was probably programed to land in an area known [apparently by others] to be rife with canyons and deep valleys. Apparently there was a JPL press conference earlier today to help defuse the situation. The builders of the Lander [they mentioned who but I've forgotten the name] are accusing the project managers of picking a lousey site for the landing. Another case of the right hand not knowing.....? Thanks for the URL re Oberg, incidentally.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 20:03:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:26:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town

>Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 13:21:07 -0500
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>Subject: Re: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>"Explosive sound shatters quiet of Bloomville night"

>A similar thing happened almost exactly 1 year ago in Delaware.
>See:

><http://www.janes.com/defence/editors/pentagon.html>

>for an article by Bill Sweetman.

Terry:

Thanks for this article. It seems strange that this matter seems to be upon us again almost one year after an episode where 'thuds and booms' were heard across a four-state region. I received a phone call from a Cincinnati researcher Charles Stuart who reported that some booming sounds were heard last week in West Chester, Ohio, described as if something was hitting the side of a house.

Also, many people have described these noises oddly [such as something hitting their walls], which makes one wonder if the situation is tightly localized; not what you would expect with a widespread disruption caused by aircraft - or even thunder.

At this time last year, the popular theory was 'FROST CRACKING' to account for the booming sounds, as it was said that frozen ice would shift and the cracking sounds startled many people. Thus far, we haven't had any icy situations this time around.

Also, it seems hard to understand that some classified military operation, as described in the article you passed along, would be operational over residential areas.

Here are a number of other items relevant to sonic issues:

http://home.fuse.net/ufo/DEFIANCE_SOUNDS.html
<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/PortageIN.htm>
<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/Butlerboomer.htm>

Let's keep our ears open...

Kenny Young

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UFO Research

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Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 15:29:28 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:33:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

Jenny wrote:

>>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 19:45:12 +0000
>.From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I was not directly involved in this case, but did coordinate the
>>UFOIN investigation at the time and have met some of those
>>involved. It is an impressive case and remains unsolved.

>>I don't recall anything that connected it with the military. But
>>it was the first time that police in the UK (possibly anywhere)
>>treated a UFO case as a personal assault and launched a proper
>>scene of crimes investigation. They were left as baffled as we
>>were about what actually occurred.

>>Steuart Campbell reckons it was a mirage of mercury or some such
>>planet. I think that's a bit unlikely!

Hi Jenny,

Happy New Year to you!

Concerning the assault carried out on Bob Taylor, what were the
specific injuries that he suffered?

Were there any unusual medical anomalies picked on his injuries
at the Hospital?

Was there any Radar tracking of this object as added
confirmation to the landing of such a vehicle?

What was the depth of the indentations in the ground?

Were there unusually high traces of any substance at the site?

Did the 2 objects which appeared from the main object move in
sync with each other?

Were there any previous UFO sightings, prior to the incident
happening?

Where is the location of the nearest Military Base from the
incident sight?

How remote is the area?

Were the military using any kind of ARV's at the time of 1979?

If so where would early testing of (UK) ARV's have taken place?

Have ARV's ever been used as weapons in any warzone?

Regards,

Roy..

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: **Bill Alford** <googong@interact.net.au>
Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 17:48:32 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:37:36 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 03:34:58 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

...

>>Could you please publish how you come to this fact, or point me
>>to a site where your research into the Pleiades System is?

>I would like you to tell me how you came to the conclusion why
>the Pleiades System is and I quote from you:

>>too young to support anything like life yet.

This is not the place to go into the lengthy science behind the current conclusions and expectations that I stated and once again I refer Roy to a good astronomy book plus some other science. The url:

<http://www.star.le.ac.uk/edu/stars/evolution.html>

can also help.

If Roy has irrefutable evidence to the contrary of what I wrote then I'm sure that scientists would like to hear and see this and learn how life exists in the Pleiades contrary to our current scientific conclusions and expectations.

Better still, if Roy can irrefutably produce intelligent Pleiadian lifeforms then I'm sure that scientists will be very interested to query this and find out why their conclusions and expectations are wrong.

Getting to the Pleiades is currently way beyond us and irrefutable contact with what has to be a much more technologically advanced civilisation to get here could be a very interesting experience.

I know that I can't produce anything that I've requested Roy to do and until this is done I prefer the current scientific conclusions and expectations that I stated.

Your research.....

Regards,

Roy..

Bill Alford

googong@interact.net.au
<http://users.interact.net.au/~pwa>

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Cydonian Imperative 2000: Mars Global Surveyor

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 02:16:03 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:43:56 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative 2000: Mars Global Surveyor

With 1999 over, the Mars Global Surveyor satellite, currently in orbit around Mars, has completed its scheduled mapping phase, and future plans for the spacecraft are nebulous. Recently, the MGS was redirected to Mars' southern hemisphere in an as-yet unsuccessful search for the dead-on-arrival Mars Polar Lander.

This is a telling development; it demonstrates not only that the MGS' camera resolution is sufficient to discern extremely fine-scale detail on the Martian surface, but that the craft's camera contractor, Malin Space Science Systems, has misled the public as to the flexibility of the MGS Camera. MSSS has maintained that the MGS Camera is fixed to the spacecraft and unable to be aimed at a given target on the surface. While technically accurate, the Mars Global Surveyor itself serves as the Camera's base, which can be positioned to effectively aim the Camera.

It is also worth noting that Malin Space Science Systems is a private contractor for NASA, a tax-funded organization. NASA's agreement with MSSS is unprecedented in the history of the American space program, in that Malin is granted "ownership" of the MGS' images for a specified period. Given MSSS's documented misrepresentation (not confined to the paragraph above), it is in the public's best interests to minimize MSSS' control of valuable space science data. The information gathered by the Mars Global Surveyor is rightfully public domain, paid for by tax money.

Of particular concern is Malin's continued dismissal of the Cydonia region of Mars, where there are a number of anomalous formations that demand future study. With NASA's Mars program in shambles, the Mars Global Surveyor remains our only foreseeable means to research these formations.

The Society for Planetary SETI Research, for example, has reached the conclusion that certain formations at Cydonia have an arbitrarily low possibility of being random. Whether we are witnessing truly anomalous geology at work or alien artifacts remains a compelling question that must--and can--be answered.

(SPSR's unprecedented, peer-reviewed work on the subject of possible artificiality can be found in the book 'The Case for the Face: Scientists Examine the Evidence for Alien Artifacts on Mars'. Mark Carlotto's 'The Martian Enigmas: A Closer Look' [second edition] also demonstrates the reality of this mystery.)

Included is my letter to Malin Space Science Systems, which I'm making public domain in the hope that others will write to express interest in rephotographing Cydonia in the near future.

Right now, no one knows for sure if the Cydonian formations are artificial or natural, but it is currently within our means to make a more educated assessment than has previously been possible.

Malin Space Science Systems can be reached at: info@msss.com.

--Mac Tonnies

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Dear Malin Space Science Systems,

I am writing to urge you to have the Mars Global Surveyor take additional photos of the Cydonia region as soon as technically feasible.

An inquiry to NASA met with the rather astounding reply that the MGS had already taken "pictures" [sic] of the so-called "Face," proving it to be a natural landform. While I am open to this possibility, the MGS's only picture of the Face did nothing of the sort. In fact, by confirming details predicted by Viking imagery (and well presented in Dr. Mark Carlotto's book, The Martian Enigmas), the April '98 image does more to strengthen the Artificiality Hypothesis than dispose of it.

The recent repositioning of the MGS for searching for the downed Mars Polar Lander has clearly helped falsify the notion that the MGS is an entirely passive spacecraft, capable only of imaging what is beneath it at a given time. The flexibility exists to reimage Cydonia with vigor.

Moreover, the presence of apparent ice in the region, as well as other anomalies, certainly warrants a closer investigation. While I certainly don't endorse any sort of "conspiracy" on the part of MSSS or NASA, I do urge you to embrace the "Face" and associated formations as the scientific enigmas they are, and properly pursue them as such.

I welcome any information relevant to future Cydonia imaging opportunities.

Sincerely,

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Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 05:14:59 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 2 Jan 2000 12:26:47 EST
>Subject: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'
>To: updates@globalserve.net

To Sean Jones and List

Here are some excerpts from the four pages on UFOs published in the French paper "Liberation".

This is following my first announcement, in which I wrote:

>Something new just happened again in the French media, The
>influential French daily newspaper "Liberation" published a four
>pages report on ufos, in its issue dated 25 and 26 december
>1999. Its main features are:

>A general survey of the ufo question, mildly favourable, even
>open to the question of Roswell and subsequent secrecy (title:
>"Tous fous d'ufos", meaning "All Crazy About UFOs") ;

>An article presenting favourably the Cometa report, citing as
>well the Sturrock Report, and the action of Laurance
>Rockefeller. On the contrary, sociologist Pierre Lagrange is
>quoted as being on the wrong track, with reference to his
>article of July 21, 1999, which was violently opposed to the
>Cometa report, and published in the same newspaper! (title "En
>attendant ET", meaning 'Waiting for ET')

>A one page interview with Robert Bigelow, quite favorable again.
>(title 'The Space Cow-Bow').

>Is this the beginning of a new approach in the French media,
>which had been utterly skeptical in recent years, especially
>since the disaster of the 'Alien Autopsy? That's what we will
>see, during the coming months.

"Liberation" holds a rather special position in the French press. Created in the wake of the student unrest of the sixties, it has grown to become a major daily paper, "left of center", and influential in intellectual and artistic circles.

The first article, "Tous fous d'Ufos", signed by Alain Leauthier (who has made the trip to California and Nevada), is mildly favourable, in sharp contrast with the previous negative attitude of that paper, as well as other papers.

It begins with the usual ironical tone, but then it rapidly changes its attitude, in a subtle manner.

The first topic is the belief in the arrival of the "Space brothers" in 2001, promoted by Charles Spiegel and the Uranus Academy of Science, at El cajon, California, who is portrayed as an advocate of "delirious cosmos" ("cosmos en delire") but also a "nice old man". But just after that the article says, without any transition:

"As a few millions Americans, and even 42 % of college

graduates, Charles Spiegel asks not whether there are ufos having already come to Earth, but "When are they coming back?". "

It remarks then that thousand of "normal citizens" have given a contribution to Uranius, who are convinced that "the governments and states don't tell the truth about ufos". A very smooth introduction of the idea!

The article makes a very brief summary of the history of ufos, beginning with the Kenneth Arnold case, positive but still ambiguous:

"The observation, very real, of Arnold, who is a sturdy fellow, married and father of two girls, triggers a wave of "spontaneous" testimonies in the same vein".

Then comes Roswell, summed up in a very approximative way, to say the least, such as in this surprising statement:

"The case will become polemic only in 1980 with the publication of several books about "The Roswell Incident" and, later, the diffusion... of a hoaxed film showing the autopsy of a pretended extraterrestrial kept secretly at the base".

But the case itself is not completely discarded, something quite new in the French press.

The article goes on, just as fast, through the history of official denials in the United States, from Blue Book to the recent CIA study, only to conclude that many remain skeptical (not about ufos, but about the official stand!) It then notes:

"...in Europe and in France, public powers have demonstrated relatively more transparence", with the creation in France of Gepan, later Sepra, which has published a few strong cases, such as Trans-en-Provence.

Then comes the second article, "Waiting for ET", which has some nice words, at last, for the Cometa Report published last summer in France ("Ufos and Defense: What must we be prepared for?", soon to be published in English). It begins by quoting General Bernard Norlain, former Director of the Institute of Higher National Defense Studies (IHEDN): "The ufo problem cannot be eliminated by simple caustic and offhand witty words".

It mentions other important names: Andre Lebeau, former President of CNES (National Center for Space Studies), who prefaced the report, and General Denis Letty of the Air Force, and it stresses the main position of the group:

"To the great displeasure of some, such as ufologist Pierre Lagrange (Liberation of July 21, 1999), the experts note in conclusion to their study: "The extraterrestrial hypothesis is by far the best scientific hypothesis...".

To better measure the change of tone here, enough is to quote the subtitle of that article by Lagrange, of July 21:

"Between "X Files" and "Independance Day", the report of "experts" published by "VSD" feeds disinformation on Ufos by ridiculing the subject. But ufologists are far from being all crazy people".

Quite a change of tone!

The article further stresses that serious people are interested:

"But high level scientists, such as Peter Sturrock, professor of applied physics at the Stanford university, enter the field now and give the trend for the coming years...".

The report of Liberation still holds another pretty big surprise with a full page article on Robert Bigelow. Again, on the surface, he is presented with a grain of salt, starting with this title "The Space Cow-Boy", but the text takes him quite seriously, beginning with the rather frightening UFO encounter experienced by his grandfather near Reno, when Robert was twelve.

The article then presents favourably the National Institute for Discovery Science (Nids) created by Robert Bigelow:

"Thanks to a hot line, Nids gathers hundreds, even thousands of testimonies telling of the presence of ufos, of mysterious animal mutilations, of unexplained physical perturbations".

Unfortunately, it then falls back on the offhand style of the paper, which takes it easy with facts:

"Or else, the more or less ephemorous abductions, the famous "abductions" (in English in the text), very popular in the United States: no less than three millions of Americans, according to an official poll, say that they have been victims and give very structured tales of their forced stay with ETs". (!)

Well, in spite of that sort of blunder (which will be exposed by skeptics, no doubt), this report should give some hope to the poor French, battered ufologists. Will they see the end of their crossing of the desert? For the better or for the worse? It is still too early to say. After all, this report is just a sort of "cultural" essay, written entirely by one journalist, apparently. But he had certainly a green light for that.

Gildas Bourdais

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Close Encounters Across The Great Wall

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 08:31:18 -0500
Subject: Close Encounters Across The Great Wall

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.csmonitor.com/durable/2000/01/07/text/p6s2.html>

Close encounters across the Great Wall

Chinese scientists seek funding to search for ET radio signals amid growing reports of UFO sightings.

By Kevin Platt, Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Long isolated by great walls of xenophobia, China is curiously entering the new century by trying to build bridges of communication with extraterrestrials.

Amid a wave of UFO sightings and the rise of a generation bred on "Star Wars" and "The X-Files," Chinese space scientists are mapping out plans to find and explore life beyond earth.

"China is planning to build a gigantic radio telescope that will search for signs of and signals from extraterrestrial intelligence," says Zhao Fuyuan, an astronomer at the prestigious Chinese Academy of Sciences. "The telescope will work like the SETI [US-based Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence] program ... by tracking radio signals" from the cosmos, says Mr Zhao.

The academy has drawn up its own SETI plan and is awaiting funding to begin construction at a time when citizens of other planets seem to have launched an invasion of the Middle Kingdom: Chinese newspapers and broadcasters, even the normally staid, state-run Chinese Central TV, are stepping up reports of close encounters here with aliens.

"As they become more market-oriented, Chinese editors, like their American counterparts, are finding that aliens and UFO sightings sell newspapers," says a Beijing-based diplomat who tracks the local press.

Astronomer Zhao says that "Chinese people are becoming better educated and have more leisure time to explore their own interests, and science is increasingly popularized in the press."

"These two trends," he adds, "are both boosting coverage of phenomena on the fringes of science like UFOs." Zhao says the Academy of Sciences recently issued a circular authorizing all its members for the first time to talk to the press about UFOs.

"The academy hopes that more media reports about and growing interest in extraterrestrial life will convince the government to invest more money in the overall space program," he says.

China's creation of a SETI operation is only one step in an ambitious 21st-century plan to explore the universe.

"China's recent success in launching its first unmanned space

capsule is catapulting the country toward recognition as a major space power," says a Western official. "The Chinese think they can one day catch up to the US as one of the world's top space powers," he adds.

"Within the next two decades, China wants to build a reusable launcher like the US space shuttle and help colonize the moon," says a Chinese space researcher who asked not to be identified.

Back on Earth, more and more urban Chinese are reporting sighting feidie, or flying dishes. The first videotape of a purported UFO in Chinese airspace was recently aired on a news program in southwest China.

If anyone here is uniquely situated to handle China's first communication with an alien race, it is probably Sun Shili.

Mr. Sun, who was once an official translator for Chairman Mao Zedong and is now the head of the Chinese UFO Research Organization, says there were more than 3000 sightings of unidentified flying objects across China in 1999.

Sun says he had his first brush with an alien back in 1969, when Mao sent him to work in the barren fields of impoverished Jiangxi Province "to learn from the peasants."

"While planting rice, I saw a glowing sphere flying oval-shaped orbits between the ground and the sky, but at first I thought it must have been a Soviet spy ship," says Sun.

It was only after Mao's death in 1976 ended China's isolation that Sun began reading Western books on UFOs and realized he might have witnessed a craft from farther away than Moscow or even Mars, he says.

Sun says membership in his UFO group has skyrocketed to 40,000 Chinese in the last five years, and adds the organization includes professors, students, engineers, and even Communist Party officials.

While he concedes his UFO group still has no solid evidence of a single contact with extraterrestrial life, Sun says he has a gut feeling that "aliens are living among us disguised as humans."

Astronomer Zhao says he is much more skeptical about the recent rash of UFO sightings. "Most of the people who thought they witnessed a UFO probably saw the reflection of airplane fuel traces reflected in the sunlight or an atmospheric mirage," Zhao explains.

"The universe contains so many stars that it's hard to believe life arose only in the solar system," says Zhao. But adds the immense size of the cosmos also makes the possibility remote that aliens have ever touched down in China.

Yet he adds that "Chinese history dating back to the Shang Dynasty [in 2000 BC], when records were carved onto tortoise shells ... [includes] accounts of what could be UFO sightings."

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 17:48:32 +1100
>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>This is not the place to go into the lengthy science behind the
>>current conclusions and expectations that I stated

Hi Bill,

Well hold on a second , what do you mean this isn't the place to go into lengthy discussions concerning the Pleiades? What is this list all about? Have you seen how long some threads have been going on here? With the greatest respect to you Bill, but you came out with a rather big statement on the Pleiades as far as I am concerned, which was and again I repeat: >>too young to support anything like life yet.

Now when you put this on the list my impression was that you had spent some time researching about the Pleiades system? Now that I have asked you to produce YOUR OWN RESEARCH into the Pleiades, you keep referring me to a URL which shows me a well taken picture of the Pleiades? How has your research proven to you that the Pleiades is >>too young to support anything like life ye>, could you please publish your findings on the list as I am sure others will be interested to read it, failing that please point me to a web site where I can read your research?

>>If Roy has irrefutable evidence to the contrary of what I wrote
>>then I'm sure that scientists would like to hear and see this
>>and learn how life exists in the Pleiades contrary to our
>>current scientific conclusions and expectations.

>Now hold again Bill, I wasn't the one who came out with the statement
>about the Pleiades. This isn't case of me having <q>irrefutable
>evidence<on life exsisting in the Pleiades, you have put on the list
>that it is unable to support any life, again how did you reach this
>conclusion and where is your evidence? Do you know how many
>Scientists agree with each other?

>>Better still, if Roy can irrefutably produce intelligent
>>Pleiadian lifeforms then I'm sure that scientists will be very
>>interested to query this and find out why their conclusions and
>>expectations are wrong.

>God you certainly put all your egg's in one basket dont you! You are
>now playing a game of avoid the original question and turn the
>question around. As above.

>>Getting to the Pleiades is currently way beyond us and
>>irrefutable contact with what has to be a much more
>>technologically advanced civilisation to get here could be a
>>very interesting experience.

Please print your findings:

So no <q>

>technologically advanced civilisation

>has ever been here?

>>I know that I can't produce anything that I've requested Roy to
>>do and until this is done I prefer the current scientific
>>conclusions and expectations that I stated.

Well Bill I suggest we leave at that then, only next time you
make such a big statement, why not point people to your research
site so they read up on what you have discovered, and then they
might possibly go along with some of what you have to say...

>>Your research.....

You were never a politician was you? <g>

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Re: Voyager Newsletter

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:30:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 17:39:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Voyager Newsletter

Hi All,

Is James Easton on this list as a subscriber or not? Only he posted his Voyager Newsletter on here, of which I had asked some questions relating to certain statements he published, and yet have had no reply?

If James is out there I wonder if he could find the time to answer the following questions concerning what he wrote in Voyager Newsletter Issue No 9.

J.E. >>Contrary to Pope's statement, there were no queries >>concerning the MoD's policy or views on 'UFOs' (which are well >>testified).

Q:Please list in some great detail exactly what you feel are the MoD's policy and views on UFO's?

RENDLESHAM

JE:>>Whatever additional 'phenomena' was perceived by Halt and his >>team has to be set in this expanded context. They were looking >>for a 'UFO', thought they had found one and everything else was >>'thinking UFO'.

Q:What is your explanation of the additional 'phenomena' perceived? by Halt and his team?

JE: >>Another former serviceman recently told me of the night-time >>helicopter manoeuvres by Britain's elite Special Air Service >>(SAS) and recalled one particular incident:
>>"They did not make a lot of sound, but they came in fast. When >>they departed, they turned their lights back on and went off in >>separate directions. We did exercises with the SAS all the >>time".

Q:Please can you give anymore details as to what part of the Army this former serviceman held service? I would like to know the Battalion or regiment of this soldier where "We did exercises with the SAS all the time"?

JE:>>He summarised, "RAF Bentwaters was a very hot area for many >>types of military training actions".

Q:From this answer I take it this person was an Officer of some kind who was privy to training details within such Elite Groups. Was this person an Officer or serving Non Rank?

JE: >>When a 'UFO' case meets the world of 'special ops' and 'black >>projects', I'm reminded that someone once wisely pointed out to >>me, "the more you know, the more you realise you don't know".

If this is to be the case, would just some of these ' Special Ops & Black Projects, be in the employment of H.M. Government? If the answer is no, then who pays these guys to do what they do?

Regards,

Roy . .

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Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

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Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 19:37:52 -0500
Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 01:29:26 -0500 (EST)
>From: Chris Kelly <MTBAREA51@aol.com>
>Subject: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I was very disappointed on seeing the brief mention on the
>program 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries' on TLC (The
>Learning channel) of the Edward's AFB UFO story.

>No wonder the public has very little or no information on a
>subject like this when it is given about 2 or 3 minutes of
>coverage.

>The program gave more coverage to skeptics such as Joe Nickel
>making it sound as if people who experience a situation such as
>this are crazy or even worse.

>Another program that can be thrown in the trash can as soon as
>possible.

>Let's get some serious information out to the general public on
>such matters and not quick information as quick as a blink of
>an eye...

Hi Chris and all,

It could all simply be down to what is perceived to be of public
interest.

I'll give you an example:

My brother has been a fan of Peanuts (Charlie Brown and Snoopy)
for well over thirty years. Charles M. Schultz the creator
recently published his last strip after 48 years. Never to be
seen again a new Charlie Brown and Snoopy cartoon strip. Most
people couldn't give a s**t.

My brother cried out about the world media not picking up on
this historic moment, he didn't understand that his obsession
did not reflect the worlds interest i.e: war, climate change,
politics. Well lets face it, Charlie Brown was after all a
cartoon.

I suppose the point I'm trying to make is until someone can come
up with some solid evidence on UFOs or abductions this whole
thing will remain in the end of the news comedy slot along with
the two headed lamb and 'oh my God... NASA's lost another one'.

Big yuks...

Dave.

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Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

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Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 14:03:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 19:43:20 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>To Sean Jones and List

Many thanks for taking the time and effort to translate this
Gildas. I for one appreciate your efforts.

>Here are some excerpts from the four pages on UFOs published in
>the French paper "Liberation".

>This is following my first announcement, in which I wrote:

>>Something new just happened again in the French media, The
>>influential French daily newspaper "Liberation" published a four
>>pages report on ufos, in its issue dated 25 and 26 december
>>1999. Its main features are:

<snip>

>Well, in spite of that sort of blunder (which will be exposed by
>skeptics, no doubt), this report should give some hope to the
>poor French, battered ufologists. Will they see the end of their
>crossing of the desert? For the better or for the worse? It is
>still too early to say. After all, this report is just a sort of
>"cultural" essay, written entirely by one journalist,
>apparently. But he had certainly a green light for that.

>Gildas Bourdais

One could wonder if the general French attitude towards UFOs
is changing, if an article like this gets published by a
national newspaper? Perhaps the French are ahead of the game in
public acceptance that we are not alone?

Again many thanks for taking the time to translate this interesting
article Gildas.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.
Sean Jones

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CHINA HAS THE FIRST UFO
OF THE NEW MILLENIUM

UFOs kicked off the New Millenium with the surprise appearance of a daylight disc on New Year's Day.

At about 6:30 a.m. Beijing time on Saturday, January 1, 2000, a silver-gray UFO appeared over the Great Wall of China. As it hovered, it was captured by Cable News network (CNN) TV cameras and broadcasted live in the USA.

Eyewitness M. Lamb was watching the CNN coverage "when CNN showed a shot of the Great Wall of China at sunrise...When they cut to the shot, there was a gray orb floating over the wall. Then it floated to the right, then up. Then they (CNN) cut away from the shot without any explanation of the floating object. It was silver and appeared to float or glide without any means of propulsion." (Email Interview)

"In Pusalu, a patch of struggling corn and bean farms 30 miles (48 kilometers) from Beijing, villagers believe cosmic forces were at play on December 11 (1999)."

"As they tell it, an object the size of a person shimmering with golden light moved slowly up into the sky from the surrounding mountains."

"'It was so beautiful, sort of yellow,' villager Wang Cungiao said. 'It was like someone flying up to heaven.'"

Mrs. Wang told the Chinese media that the mysterious yellow object rose above the red roof of Pusalu's one-story village hall.

The Journal of UFO Research is China's "bimonthly magazine--circulation 400,000--devoted to UFO research. The conservative, state-run media report UFO sightings. UFO buffs claim support from eminent scientists and liaisons with the secretive military, giving their work a scientific sheen of responsibility."

"'Some of these sightings are real, some are fake, and with others it's unclear,' said Shen Shituan, a real rocket scientist, president of Beijing Aerospace and honorary director of the China UFO Research Association. 'All these phenomena are worth researching.'"

"Research into UFOs will help spur new forms of high-speed travel, unlimited sources of energy and faster-growing crops, claims Sun Shili, president of the government-approved UFO Research Association (membership 50,000)." (See the

Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for January 3, 2000,
"Aliens or Illusions?" page 5A.)

CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SEEN BY THREE IN VITEBSK, BELARUS

A cigar-shaped UFO appeared the day before
Christmas in the eastern European nation of Belarus.

On Friday, December 24, 1999, at 8:44 a.m., Oleg
V. Kirillov, 29, and two other men saw the UFO in
Yurievka Gorka, a suburb of Vitebsk.

Kirillov described the UFO as "a cigar-shaped
object, color blue-red, the color of a cloud at sunset.
bright like a cloud but without any rays or a trail.
Its size was about three meters (10 feet) by five
meters (17 feet). The front portion was rounded
and symmetrical. The rear portion seemed
blurred."

"There was not any noise at any time. After
three or four seconds, the object suddenly vanished.
There was no impression of a real solid object..
It was more like an image, maybe semi-transparent."

Vitebsk is a large city in Belarus approximately
320 kilometers (200 miles) north of Minsk. (Many
thanks to Errol Bruce-Knapp for forwarding this
report.)

UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN NEW ZEALAND

"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," i.e. Auckland,
located on the North Island.

"Police received six calls over two hours from
several different areas north of Auckland on
Saturday night (December 25, 1999) but have
been unable to explain the lights."

"One caller said the lights moved 400 metres
(1,320 feet) in less than two seconds whilst two
others said they moved up and down in the sky
very fast."

"Inspector Barry Smalley of the Police North
Communications Centre said there was something
in the sky, but no one knows 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 (fictional heroes of the TV show X-Files)
on it.'"

"The first call to police was at 9:30 p.m., twenty
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 11:36 p.m. from
Tinopai, in Northland, where a 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
bright and intensely red,' looking across Kaipara
Harbour. The lights were reported to be darting
about in the sky." (See The Press of Auckland,
N.Z. for December 29, 1999, "Night Lights
Mystery," page 2. Many thanks to Steve Wilson
Sr. for forwarding this newspaper article.)

UFOs RING IN THE NEW YEAR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

On Wednesday, December 29, 1999, at 2:40 p.m.,
Bryan C., 42, "had returned from the grocery store"
and had just arrived at his home near La Jolla
Hermosa Avenue in La Jolla, California, he reported,
"When I heard a helicopter to the north."

"As I always do when I see or hear a plane or
helicopter, I looked as it approached and noticed a

white object sitting off to its eastern side. At first I thought it was a reflection of the sun. Then I thought it might be a bird. But whatever it was, it matched speed and altitude as it paralleled the helicopter."

"After it went overhead, I continued to watch the two (craft) and stared intently at the object. The object stayed the same until ten seconds, when it veered towards the east and away from the helicopter."

"The helicopter made a steep turn towards the west as the object made a curving motion and disappeared into the horizon's brightness."

"The object was about 2.5 to 3 feet in length. It was a milky white orb, and some of the edges were slightly translucent. It was shaped like a star with dozens of spikes or points in a spherical pattern. It also looked like a white rose with many pointed petals. It was not illuminated from within but seemed to have a constant luminosity."

Bryan added that he had an impression that the helicopter was in pursuit of the object. This, he added, was unusual because it was not a police or a military helicopter but had a civilian livery or color scheme. (Email Form Report)

On January 2, 2000, at 9:32 p.m., Michael R. and two other witnesses spotted three silent but unusual bright UFOs over Lancaster, California (population 97,291), a city 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Los Angeles.

Mike was "about one mile west of Route 14 and Avenue J" in Lancaster when the UFOs "suddenly appeared on a relatively flat trajectory from the north, heading south."

He described them as "three very brilliant fluorescent green dots" which "followed the same trajectory until turning into tails, then turning yellow in color before disappearing almost simultaneously."

Mike said he and the other two witnesses saw the overflight from three separate locations "within a block of each other. It was so bright as to call our attention to the side of our field of view. No sound, no explosion at the change of color or the disappearance. Clear skies. No discernible wind." (Email Form Report)

MOTORIST SEES A UFO
NORTH OF BANGOR, MAINE

On Wednesday, December 29, 1999, around 6:30 p.m., a man was driving on Interstate Highway 1-95 in Maine, from Millinocket to Belfast, when he spotted a bright UFO hovering in the sky in Old Town, just north of Bangor (population 33,181).

The witness was driving along "when something caught his attention in the nighttime sky."

"He said it was a very bright light," the witness's wife reported. "He didn't think much of it since the Bangor International Airport was only 10 miles away. That is, until he saw it move ever so slowly, then it shot across the sky and out of sight at a much faster rate of speed than any aircraft could fly. Then it was gone."

"When he walked through the door and told me this story, he was upset because he was alone in the car and wished I could have been there to see it."

Bangor is on I-95 approximately 132 miles (211 kilometers) northeast of Portland. (Email Form Report)

Y2K: MILLENIUM TURNS
QUIETLY EVERYWHERE
BUT JERUSALEM

Well, it was a pretty quiet millenium after all. Except for a tiny handful, computers didn't crash. Jesus Christ didn't land on the Mount of Olives. Madame Pele didn't set off a volcano on Bishop Street in Honolulu.

It was all pretty quiet.

Not to say that there weren't some strange moments. Such as in mid-morning here in Duluth on December 31, 1999, just about the

time it was hitting midnight in Auckland, N.Z. All at once, the PA system at work began playing a familiar tune--Scott Joplin's ragtime hit The Entertainer, from a century ago.

Laughing, I turned to fellow worker Jim Englund and said, "Y2K's working already. We're going back through time to 1900."

I was tempted to run down to the lobby newstand, pick up a copy of the Duluth Herald and see if Lord Roberts had made to to Spion Kop yet.

But in Jerusalem, it was more of the same old same old.

"The Temple Mount will be the most sensitive place in the world Friday," Israeli Cabinet Minister Haim Ramon says. "We have to be ready for everything though it's going to be difficult to monitor everyone."

"Nearly 3,000 police will be deployed in and around the Temple Mount along with Israeli Special Forces and special 'millenium units' made up of police and agents from Israel's spy agencies."

"Nearly 400 video cameras have been installed in an attempt to identify possible terrorists."

"Israel has already deported nearly 60 Christians this year, including 34 Americans who planned to carry out violent attacks or posed other unspecified security threats, officials say. Some become so enraptured on their visit to the Holy Land that they assume the identity of a biblical character such as Jesus, Moses or Elijah."

"Israel's Givat Shaul Mental Health Center expects the number of people suffering from the disorder, dubbed the Jerusalem Syndrome by psychiatrists, to increase to 300 during the millenium's opening year, up from the annual average of 150. Police say they have arrested up to four people each day for 'weird behavior.'"

"Among some of the recent arrests:"

"A British man, dressed only in a loincloth, who said he was John the Baptist and yelled, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!' atop the Mount of Olives."

(Editor's Comment: Big deal! If this guy showed up in Vandavasi, India, people would automatically assume he was an itinerant sadhu from the Javadi Hills.)

"A California woman, dressed in only a blue bed sheet, who said she was the Virgin Mary and had been commanded by God to declare it was time to rebuild the Temple."

(Editor's Comment: Good thing it wasn't a white sheet. Rabbi Meir Lau might've thought she was Ku Klux.)

"A Michigan man, carrying a pair of small cardboard wings, who said he had been commanded by Jesus to fly over Jerusalem."

(Editor's Comment: Sounds pretty harmless to me. But then, I'm not a Zionist.)

"We are here to save the place from the crazies," says Israeli Army Sgt. Matan, 21, one of 48 Israeli soldiers who began deploying Wednesday at the Temple Mount. Israeli soldiers are not allowed to give their last name. "There aren't many here, but one is enough." (See USA Today for December 30, 1999, "Israeli authorities bulk up forces," page 8A.)

"Outside Jerusalem, hundreds of police and park wardens surrounded a field in the northern Israeli city of Megiddo, where, according to the New Testament Book of Revelations, the final battle of Armageddon will take place. Hundreds of Christian pilgrims have been visiting the site daily in anticipation of the battle."

"Police say several dozen Christian extremists, most of whom have gone into hiding to avoid being jailed or deported by Israeli officials have been illegally distributing pamphlets titled Earth's Final Warning at the homes of Jews, Muslims and other Christians."

(Editor's Comment: Gone into hiding? Gee, just like Anne Frank.)

"They also have been preaching in hostels, homes and cafes that President Clinton and Pope John Paul II are Antichrists, and have even urged

people to prepare for the showdown of Armageddon."
(Editor's Comment: This is terrorism? Sounds like a typical revival meeting in Coushatta, Louisiana.)

"But one of nearly a dozen extremists, some of whom were interviewed behind locked doors and refused to be photographed, said they are planning to do anything violent if Christ does not return soon. Most say they would attempt to remain in Israel or the Middle East to await his eventual return."

"We are not proclaiming any violence or aggression," said Karin Houwers, 28, of the Netherlands, who, with two others, leads a nightly walking tour of Jerusalem to explain their Biblical principles. "Those who are saying these things are deeply misguided." (See USA Today for December 31, 1999, "'Clock is ticking,' and Israel readies for stroke of midnight," page 3A.)

"One man, armed with a six-inch knife, came ready to fight Satan in the biblical Armageddon."

"Another, carrying Bibles and religious tracts, hoped to fly to heaven by jumping off a church tower on the Mount of Olives."

"And a third, holding lighted candles and pre-printed tickets, invited Jews at the Western Wall to 'board the train to the new (heavenly) Jerusalem."

"But neither the train nor the devil showed up. And the priest who runs the church refused to give the man the key to the tower. Instead, all three were arrested and deported over the weekend."

(Editor's Comment: Yes, another great victory over terrorism.)

"'All was peaceful in Israel,' a police statement said, 'Thankfully, there were no troubles--and no Armageddon.'"

"While most Christian pilgrims said they were treated well by ultra-Orthodox Jews, others complained that religious Jews mimicked their prayers, called them 'fanatics' and even cursed at them as they retraced the traditional steps of Jesus along Jerusalem's Via Dolorosa, or Way of the Cross."

"Religious Jews, the ultra-Orthodox Israeli newspaper Yated Neeman said, fear that the pilgrims will turn the Jewish state into 'a vast center for Christianity.'"

"We wish the Christians would take their religion and crosses and go back to their churches," said Abraham Lowenstein, 23, an ultra-Orthodox Jew from Brooklyn, N.Y., surrounded by six other religious Jews who nodded in agreement. "We don't know much about Christians, but what we've seen we don't like."

"The feeling appears to be deeply embedded. A Gallup poll of 479 Israelis, conducted last month (December 1999) by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, showed:"

"75 percent of Israeli Jews could not identify the date of Christmas,"

"64 percent did not have a single Christian friend,"

"62 percent had never met a Christian,"

"18 percent thought Christians were interested primarily in converting Jews,"

"17 percent see Christians coming to Israel this year as a threat to the Jewish state." (See USA Today for January 3, 2000, "Christians fear that extremists poisoned mood," page 5A.)

from the UFO Files...

1815: SPAIN'S MYSTERIOUS
MOUNT MONCAYO

Like Mount Shasta in California, Mount Moncayo in northern Spain has a legend of strange caverns underground, complete with glittering cities. And

some of these tales have much in common with contemporary reports of alien abduction.

Mount Moncayo is on the border of the Spanish provinces of Castilla and Aragon, located about 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of Zaragoza and 200 kilometers (120 miles) northeast of Madrid. The mountain is 2,332 meters (7,695 feet) high and looms over the nearby city of Soria.

The people of Soria have many stories about strange disappearances on the mountain. One of these took place in the early Nineteenth Century, after the Napoleonic wars (my date of 1815 is a guesstimate--J.T.), and it involved a shepherd in his 20s named Gregorio Murillo.

Murillo "following some stray of his flock, penetrated into the mouth of one of those caves whose entrances are covered by thick growths of bushes and whose outlets no man has ever seen."

"Going on along that cavern, he had come at last to vast subterranean galleries lighted by a fitful, fantastic splendour shed from the phosphorescence in the rocks, which there were great boulders of quartz crystallized into a thousand strange fantastic forms. (my emphasis--J.T.) The floor, the vaulted ceiling and the walls of those immense halls, the work of nature, seemed variegated like the richest marble; but the veins which crossed them were of gold and silver, and among those shining veins, as if encrusted in the rock, were seen jewels, a multitude of precious stones of all colors and sizes."

"No noise of the outer world reached the depth of that weird cavern; the only perceptible sounds were, at intervals, the prolonged and pitiful groans of the air which blew through that enchanted labyrinth, a vague roar of subterranean fires furious in their prison (my emphasis--J.T.), and murmurs of running water which flowed on not knowing whither they went."

"The shepherd, alone and lost in that immensity, wandered I know not how many hours without finding any outlet, until at last he chanced upon the source of a spring whose murmur he had heard."

"This broke from the ground like a miraculous fountain, a leap of foam-covered water that fell in an exquisite cascade, singing a silver song as it slipped away through the crannies in the rocks."

"About him grew plants he had never seen, some with wide thick leaves, and others delicate and long like floating ribbons. Half hidden in that humid foliage were running about a number of extraordinary creatures, some of them manlike, some reptilian, or both at once (my emphasis--J.T.)"

"There, darting in all directions, running across the floor in the form of repugnant, hunchbacked dwarves (aliens?) scrambling up the walls, running along...So there they were keeping stored up in heaps all manner of rare and precious things. There were jewels of inestimable worth; chains and necklaces of pearls and exquisite gems, golden jars of classic form, full of rubies; chiseled cups; armor richly wrought; coins with images and superscriptions that it is no longer possible to recognize or decipher...And all glittered together, flashing out such vivid sparks of light and color that it seemed as if the whole hoard were on fire."

Immediately Murillo dipped his hands into the mounds of jewels, gasping as the cool stones trickled past his fingers. And then he paused, the short hairs on the back of his neck bristling. He experienced a sudden sense of dread, of a lurking doom that was growing closer and closer.

All at once, he heard the pealing of the bell in the monastery of Nuestra Senora del Moncayo. "On hearing the bell, which was ringing the Ave Maria, the shepherd fell to his knees, calling on the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"And instantly, without knowing the means nor the way, he found himself on the outside of the mountain, near the road that leads to the

village, thrown out on a footpath and overwhelmed by a great bewilderment as if he had just been startled out of a dream." (my emphasis--J.T.)

Disoriented, Murillo stumbled back down the mountain road to Soria. "When he came back to the village, he was as pale as death; he had surprised the secret of the gnomes; he had breathed their poisonous atmosphere, and he paid for his rashness with his life. But before he died he related marvelous things."

It's a shame the townspeople did not keep more accurate contemporary records of this strange incident. I wonder--did he die of "breathing their poisonous air?" Or did the shepherd die of radiation sickness brought on by his exposure to those strange giant crystals in the heart of Mount Moncayo? (See Romantic Legends of Spain by Gustavo Adolfo Becquer, Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York, N.Y. 1909, pages 199 to 202.)

ROUNDUP CORRIGENDA:

Australian ufologist Bill Chalker, author of The Oz files--The Australian UFO Story, had some corrections for last week's article, "A Century of UFOs" in UFO Roundup, volume 4, number 36.

"1900 - Hanging Rock! Let's keep this affair where it belongs--an enduring and haunting piece of fiction. Unless there's information I don't know about, this story never happened. It is fiction, exquisite fiction penned by Joan Lindsay in her wonderful novel Picnic at Hanging Rock (Penguin Books, 1967) and then it was a great film (1980) directed by Peter Weir."

(Editor's Comment: Janet Bord mentions the Miranda McKay/Irma Leopold/Hanging Rock case in one of her recent UFO books. But I think Bill Chalker is right on this one. There is no mention of any "missing girls" case in the Melbourne Argus for February 1900.)

"The only cross-shaped mystery I recollect Lismore (N.S.W.) being associated with was of a glowing "cross" that titillated locals around 1978." (Editor's Comment: Again Bill is right. The date 1918 is Unsolved Mysteries of the Twentieth Century is probably a typo.)

Also, Frederick Valentich's middle name is Paul, not Michael.

And the Knowles family had their harrowing UFO experience of January 1988 in the state of Western Australia, not South Australia.

Now that Y2K is over, we can kick back and relax and watch that hilarious new situation comedy on CNN--The New Hampshire Primary.

But don't return your Spam and beans to the supermarket just yet. The next Apocalypse is due in May. Edgar Cayce (1874-1945), the prominent New Age psychic, forecast that Earth's axis would shift during the year 2000. Florida would end up where Greenland is now and vice versa. Some people think the massive destruction will occur on May 5 or May 17, 2000 when the sun, the moon and five planets will be in perfect alignment with Earth for the first time since 1962. We shall see.

In the meantime, we'll be back next week with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." Enjoy the New Millenium!

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>>>>I also add the fact that the Pleiades are too young to support
>>>>anything like life yet.

>>>>Bill Alford

>>Hi Bill,

>>Could you please publish how you come to this fact, or point me
>>to a site where your research into the Pleiades System is?

>You can find this in good astronomy books. The Pleiades, or
>Messier object 45 (see the url
><http://www.galaxyphoto.com/jwm45.jpg>) is the brightest, nearest
>and most famous young open star cluster in the constellation of
>Taurus. It consists of many hundreds of bright, hot blue young
>stars no more than about 10 million years old about 400 light
>years from Earth that were all formed at the same time within a
>large cloud of interstellar dust and gas. Compare this to the
>Sun, a medium-sized, yellow medium-hot star in the middle of its
>life which began about 4.6 billion years ago. The Pleiades star
>nursery has been recognised since ancient times. Seven of the
>brightest stars are quite easy to see with the unaided eye and
>bear the names of the Seven Sisters, the daughters of Atlas (see
>the url <http://www.ras.ucalgary.ca/~gibson/pleiades/>). The blue
>haze that accompanies them is light reflected from the particles
>in a cloud of cold gas and dust that the Pleiades formed from.
>It appears blue because these tiny interstellar particles
>scatter blue light more efficiently than the longer wavelengths
>of red light and it is streaky because the particles have been
>aligned by magnetic fields between the stars.

Dear Everyone:

As a little tike, maybe ten years old, if that, the very first
sight through my Edmund Scientific three inch reflector was the
Seven Sisters.

I looked at it for more than three hours, marveling at the
beauty of the sight; a cluster of stars, nestled in a cloud of
blue/white nebulosity. Perhaps the word "marveled" is
inadequate. I saw the entire universe in the image in the
eyepiece. It was the beginning of a life of looking at the sky

and seeing overwhelming beauty.

I envy those who can look and see the laws of physics, who see in science, the raisone d'etre. Me? I can see only the beauty and the wonder. I like it much better that way. But that's me.

A simple request from a crazy guy who likes fresh wine, please, after you tell me all about the physics, never forget to tell us how beautiful the sight was. If I don't get a dose of emotion, I tend to grow up a little more. I hate it when that happens.

Jim Mortellaro

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THE GREAT AWAKENING FOR A REMARKABLE NEW CENTURY

Once again at Christmas time the UFO reports have taken a major nosedive from over 400 a month to less than a hundred in December. It appears the UFO occupants have gone on a holiday or people are just too busy to report them. Even so several good sightings were reported from Georgia, California, and China. The New Year came in with spectacular fireworks displays from around the world and UFOs were sighted in Italy and the Philippines watching the celebrations. Congratulations to the US and Russian military experts who worked diligently to avoid any Y2K nuclear disasters. It appears the world came through relatively unscathed from any Y2K problems. For the Chinese this is the year of the dragon when great turbulent change often occurs. The year has started off with a series of UFO sightings that have been wildly publicized throughout China. UFO's could be described as flying dragons with short wings breathing fire. These UFOs indicate that cosmic forces are at work, not unlike those that defeated communism in the Soviet Union. The Falun Gong members who are strong believers in UFOs continue to be arrested, while several million Christians remain in jail. The attraction of capitalism versus communism indicates change as well. It is amazing that the Chinese government has allowed the 500 reported sightings in 1999 to be published in its news media. The military often scrambles fighters to intercept the UFOs.

The future century promises significant changes. There are important indications of a warming trend in the weather with the massive melting of ice in Antarctica. There is a trend towards one world government versus the hundreds of nations that exist today. One advantage of world government is that there would be little need for the military unless they were fighting against the military forces of another world. A whole series of new technologies are being developed that will change the world for the positive. Much of this new technology seems to explain many of the science used aboard the UFOs. Nanotechnology or the miniaturization of computers is occurring at a tremendous pace. Now, you can now wear a tiny cell phone on your collar. Your wristwatch may be your new computer. Theoretically within this century you can wear your automobile. It comes as a suit of clothes. When you need your car, it literally grows up around you. Tremendous changes in medicine are also coming with the unraveling of the genetic DNA code. It turns out we are a combination of some 180,000 DNA codes. Each one is different and composed of various genetic building blocks. It is taking years for powerful computers to unwrap the unbelievably complicated codes. I suggest that we are not the result of pure chance. All living organisms have a similar coding indicating a designer, engineer, biochemist, or the Creator was at work. A single cell is more complicated than the city of New York. Most religions claim that their God created them. For example, the ancient Indian Vedic documents claim that earthly humans descend

from higher human like beings from other planets. It appears that science and religion may become more in agreement with each other during the next century.

WASHINGTON ELK ABDUCTION IS 1999s BEST CASE

LONGVIEW - I've contacted MUFON's Bob Fairfax and I met with National Reporting Center Director Peter Davenport concerning the February 25, 1999, elk abduction near Mount Saint Helens. Elk are moose-like deer and weigh around a thousand pounds. A work crew composed of 14 forestry workers of Mexican descent were planting seedlings on the side of a mountain on lumber company land. A herd of elk were grazing about 280 feet down slope and to the north of them about 1600 feet away. Just before noon, a twelve foot in diameter UFO flew slowly over the ridge, wobbling as it flew toward the herd. The craft was a small elongated disc with the back cut off, roughly in the shape of the heel of a shoe. About 100 feet from contact with the herd, the animals become aware of the craft and ran uphill to the east. One of the elk separates from the rest and the UFO pursues. Without pause the craft goes over the animal at a height that might have brushed the elk's head. The craft with the elk dangling beneath then begins to ascend wobbling even more than previously. As the object gained altitude, the elk, which was suspended upright below the disc, rotated slowly beneath it. When the craft reached the end of the clear-cut and encounters the tree line the elk is almost totally inside as the craft appears to grow slightly in size to accommodate the elk. The UFO is not high enough to clear the treetops and the witnesses watch it brush the tops of nearby trees. The UFO reverses course and proceeds to the west. As it climbed to an altitude above their vantage point, they no longer could see the animal suspended below the craft. The witnesses could discern no windows or doors through which the animal might have been taken into the craft. The UFO circled after much wobbling gaining altitude then ascended nearly vertically until it was lost from sight in the clouds.

Robert Fairfax stated this is an excellent sighting because the 14 forestry workers were working on contract for a large corporation. Some worked 15 to 20 years with the same company. It is not likely that they would risk their jobs to pull a stunt. The forestry people were sincere and believable family men and their corporation vouched for their integrity. The voice tone and body language during the interviews left me with no doubt that they had been frightened, awed, confused and were telling the truth. They were all frightened by the UFO abduction of the elk and remained close together for the rest of the day. The Game and Wildlife officer says, there have been hard conditions this year for animals and most are undernourished and many have starved. 'Thanks to Peter Davenport and Bob Fairfax. Editors Note: It is very unusual for UFOs to attempt to pick up animals in broad daylight in front of 14 witnesses. The UFO's aircrew may also have problems in obtaining food.

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GEORGIA PILOT SEES HIGH SPEED UFO

WAYCROSS --Dan Coble writes I live about an hour north of Jacksonville Florida. During Shuttle missions we often hear

the sonic boom of the shuttle decelerating for it's approach to NASA. Most of the time when the landing is at night we go outside to try to get a glimpse of the shuttle reentering. On December 27, 1999, my family and I were outside looking for the shuttle to reenter. My daughter and I saw a very bright light at high altitude traveling east. It was too far north to be the shuttle. As a pilot, I'm used to seeing commercial and military aircraft at various altitudes, satellites passing overhead, and the shuttle. The craft was traveling on a parallel course with what would have been the approach corridor of the shuttle over the Gulf of Mexico, and was visible at the precise time of the shuttle's return. We watched as the craft traveled almost out of sight to our east, then it made a sharp turn to the north, accelerated, climbed to a VERY high altitude at high speed. The shuttle would have turned south. It was immediately followed by high altitude aircraft, I assume were military. Their speed was much greater than commercial jet traffic. We watched as military aircraft converged from the north and from the south. I assume from the altitude the UFO was at that time, there was no way they could have caught it. It zipped a distance of a 100 miles in the blink of an eye. My wife was able to follow it until it appeared to slow and continue north. The craft was about half the size and brightness when we first saw it, leading me to guess that this UFO had climbed to an extremely high altitude. I am sure you are aware that this part of the country is a hotbed of UFO activity. During last night's shuttle landing, my mother spotted a light in the southeastern sky, emitting bright shafts of light toward the ground. There seems to be alot of UFO activity during nighttime shuttle launches and landings. I suggest people should spend some time looking up. Thanks to Dan Coble. tmray@accessatc.net See www.filersfiles.com for information on the Aurora.

NEW JERSEY MISSING TIME

GLASSBORO -- My husband and I had a strange experience just before Christmas. On Saturday we received a call from our son who called at 5:10 PM and talked for a few minutes. We left the house to go grocery shopping at 5:20 PM. It takes about 9 minutes to get to the Shoprite grocery store. We entered the store at about 5:30 PM and did our usual shopping. At one point I heard two men behind the meat counter talking about UFO's. Just before we checked out I bought ice cream. We pulled the carts to the check out counter, and I started putting the groceries on the conveyor belt. When I put the ice cream on the belt it spilled over. Strangely, the ice cream had melted. We were surprised that it had happened, because we had picked it up last. The cashier told me to get another one, so I did. We took the groceries to the truck and loaded the groceries in it. A friend pulled up in his car and we talked for about 15 minutes and then we left. It was only about 25 degrees and we were freezing so we didn't talk long. We went straight home and when I got into the house I looked at the time, and I just couldn't believe it, it was 11:00 PM. How could 5 hours have passed in an hour? It was impossible, no way were we in that store for 5 hours. We checked all our watches, times, answering machine, and Shoprite surveillance cameras. There is no explanation for the missing time. Editors Note: I have been getting many similar reports of missing time. The people involved have no memories that can account the missing time, but are positive it is gone. Thanks to Evelyn G.

CONTRAILS CONNECTIONS TO FLU EPIDEMIC

TEXAS -- The Contrail Research and Reporting Center writes that research is needed in the relationship of Unusual Contrail Formations (UCFs) and flu-like illnesses in areas where spraying has occurred. Usually four engine jet aircraft have been video taped spraying at low level around the US leaving contrails at a few thousand feet. The Contrail Center reports that North Texas has had unusual contrail formations observed over the North Texas area for about ten days of the month. According to Fox news Dallas affiliate, Channel 4, flu symptoms significantly increased during the third and fourth weeks of December 1999. North Texas reported increased flu symptoms: Plano - 98%, Lewisville - 81%, Lakewood - 76%, Dallas - 30%, and Ft. Worth - 25%. Doctors cited possible causes of the increases as due to people traveling more during the holidays and spreading the viruses. Warm weather has also delayed the

delayed the flu season. The cities north of Dallas had the highest increase in cases with flu symptoms. These are comparatively rural areas while the larger cities -- where one might expect *more* flu cases -- had the *lower* percentages. According to the "Flu-O-Meter" at "discoveryhealth.com," the flu levels in Texas are reportedly "low."

There appears to be a correlation between contrails and flu symptoms in the North Texas cities of Plano, The Colony, Carrollton and Lewisville during December 1999. I caution against reaching premature conclusions and advise more studies need to be conducted. There is, as yet, no conclusive evidence linking unusual contrail formations to illnesses. Heavier concentrations of unusual contrail formations and "conclouds" (artificial clouds that develop when these unusual "contrails" seem to extend and spread out) may be causing flu-like symptoms in people as a side-effect of some process rather than due to any viral agents being "sprayed" over our populations. We do not know what is actually taking place and that's why more research is needed. Thanks to Amy at Contrail Research and Reporting Center. See www.contrailconnection.com for views of the aircraft spraying. Flu is a virus and there are simple tests to determine if someone has the flu. Antibacterial drugs have no effect on a virus.

CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL SHAPED UFO SIGHTING

YUCCA VALLEY -- Patrice Erwin writes, "My mother got a pretty good look at a low flying object on January 2, 2000, at 9:30 PM. She swears that it was not a meteor, but a low flying "football" shaped silver gray ship. It was traveling south in a straight line as slow as a small plane would fly. It had a bullet shape with a tail of bright orange fire. The fire emitting from back was half the size of the vessel and a solid mass of fire with no sparking. It's hard to tell how large it was since she doesn't know its distance. The nose and body shaped was shaped like a football, but the rear part seemed to be rounded where the fire was coming out. (As if you had cut the football 3/4 down so it was rounded.)" It was reported on the news as a left over meteor from a recent meteor shower. It moved northward very slowly toward San Diego. It made a very low deep sounding hum, like an idling diesel truck. The object was reported to the FAA by aviators, ground observers and various news stations. The reports were made to our local radio station at around 9:30 PM, and were reported in the Los Angeles basin around 10:00 PM. There were numerous sightings around this region. The FAA was unable to track anything on it's radar probably because the object was flying very low. We live in Yucca Valley, it is 30 miles from Palm Springs, near the 29 Palms Marine base. The idea that "we're not alone" has always fascinated me. Thanks to Patrice Erwin pms107@thegrid.net

CALIFORNIA SIGHTING OF THREE UFOs IN A ROW

LANCASTER - Mike Rogalski formally of NASA, writes that on January 2, 2000, my girlfriend, her son, and I saw an impressive aerial display of objects, seen frequently in this area just a few miles from the Lockheed Skunks Works. Three bright fluorescent green objects shared the same relatively flat trajectory through a short arc of about 15 degrees across the sky 9:32 PM. Traveling from the north to south they disappeared in short succession, one after the other, after displaying a yellow tail of light. There was no visible origin seen, such as a rocket burnout, or any noise heard. The entire brilliant, eye-grabbing sighting lasted not more than 15 seconds. We estimate the objects were a mile away and about 2,000 feet up. Speed at that distance was estimated at 300-400 mph. The bright green dot-like objects could be seen individually in the beginning, but blurred into a green, then yellow tail. For those familiar with the area, it was estimated to be traveling down Route 14 at 20th Street west. I have seen four of these sightings, three with north to south trajectories. One had a west orientation directly overhead significant enough to scare my teenage daughter who was present at that sighting. No details of the objects could be seen. These objects have been reported on successive nights traveling in opposite trajectories, making a meteor shower unlikely. Thanks to Mike Rogalski. Editor's Note: Both of these sightings were at the same time within a 100 miles of each other.

CANADIAN CROP CIRCLE SUMMARY REPORT 1999

Paul Anderson the Director of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada reports there were 20 crop circles across Canada in 1999, up from 14 the year before. Numerous others were reported in England, the Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, the USA, Israel and elsewhere. This past year's "circle season" in Canada, from July to October was the greatest ever. Some were small circles while others were formations two to three hundred feet in size, and elaborate. There were many associated anomalies, notably stalk nodes from some formations with very significant stretching, swelling and expulsion cavities as compared to normal control samples. There were numerous electrical equipment malfunctions 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. Images are available on the CPR-Canada web site <http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

UNITED KINGDOM UFO LANDING

YORKSHIRE MOORS -- Andrew Makinson writes, "My girlfriend and my brother and I were driving slowly due to the fog on A635 from a millennium celebration over the New Year. We approached a car that had stopped up ahead. The occupants of the car were still inside and my girlfriend said that I should stop and ask if they required any assistance. My brother and I approached the driver's window and knocked on it. The driver wound his window down and said, 'Tell me that you see that?' He was pointing toward some bright white lights facing the road about 100 meters away. Oh my God someone's come off the road in an accident. "I asked the man if he had been over to the car?" and he said, "It's not a car mate, I don't know what it is?" At this point we heard a sort of blast of noise rather like a ships horn, its lights turned greenish and dimmed slightly before a reddish bluish glow appeared underneath. The lights shot up into the air. No noise no nothing and they were gone! We exchanged telephone numbers and names and said that we should contact each other. I am skeptical about such things, but five people witnessed a craft that was not a helicopter. Thanks to Andy Mak and Todd Lemire uk.rec.ufo newsgroup. Domestos@rahrahrandel.fsnet.co.uk Stalybridge

UNITED KINGDOM GIANT FLYING TRIANGLE

GLOUCESTERSHIRE-- Dave Cosnette writes, "On December 7, 1999, at 6.30 AM I saw an incredibly large craft near my house while taking the dog for a walk. I first spotted a large white light that had many different colors moving inside of it. On closer inspection I noticed a star formation behind the craft was moving with it. This craft was as big as an open daily newspaper at arm's length. The lights at the back were like a triangle, but flying backwards. The point was at the rear and a large white light was at the front. Others also saw it. I ran back home to get my brother and we both saw the craft was just moving over a hill, four miles away. It was still three inches wide at that distance. Another witness said he couldn't believe how big it was and that he couldn't hear any noise. Thanks to "Dave Cosnette littlegreys@hotmail.com

ITALY NEW YEAR'S UFO

ROME -- Francis Paliekara writes, "I was watching CNN and MSNBC on New Year's Eve when they showed celebrations from around the world. They were showing footage from the Vatican during the pope's New Year's blessing. As they panned around St. Peter's Square There was an object in plain sight which hovered completely still in the sky on the right. It was gray and disk shaped and had no light coming from it or around it. I don't know what it was. I was curious if others saw it? Thanks to Francis Paliekara paliekara@powerweb.net

PHILIPPINE NEW YEAR'S UFO

MANILLA -- McMahons writes, "Hi, while walking by the T.V. set that is hooked up to receiving dish for the "ABS-CBN TFC Direct"(The Filipino Channel satellite broadcasting to many areas of the world via tape delay) I watched the a portion of the New Year's celebration which included fire works and a Laser light display. Right after the news portion covering the

Laser lights, they showed, what they described, as a bright light that was very high in the sky and moving slow enough that it was there for at least five minutes. There was no guess as to its actual altitude but it was "very high" and they were positive that it was not a Laser projection, it was also observed by their President and members of his "party".. V/r EK mcmahons < mcmahons@access1.net of San Diego

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PULL OUT THE POLYGRAPH

Researcher Bob Durant writes, "In the unlikely event that a Bigelow or a Firmage or a Rockefeller should ask my opinion about the wisest way to invest money in UFO research, I would reply at once: sign up a good polygraph examiner. Yes, a polygraph, commonly known as the "lie detector." Ufology desperately needs a basic truth filter to sort out the stories that soak up so much time and energy, to the detriment of genuine research into the UFO phenomenon. And the filtering needs to be done before the stories spread, not after the fact. The polygraph is not an absolute gauge of truth-telling. It can be defeated by taking a fistful of valium tablets, because the device is a stress gauge. Psychotics can't be tested. Apparently there are a few tricks one can practice to sidestep the process.

Aldrich Ames, the CIA official who betrayed dozens of agents to the KGB, and who in the course of his business seems to have picked up these wiles, passed several polygraphs. Nor is the polygraph admissible in courts of law. On the other hand, it continues to be used in a wide variety of settings, from industrial hiring sessions to law enforcement. Every federal law enforcement or intelligence agency uses the polygraph. All day and all night. That's because 99% of the time it works. My modest suggestion is that this technology be introduced into the wild world of ufology. Snip. Apparently Rockefeller got "bit" once too often, and has backed away from UFO projects. How much more of this nonsense can we take? We haven't the funds to do appropriate testing of the scores of alleged "alien implants," or to translate the recently published high-level French study of the UFO problem, just to name two items that cry out for accomplishment. And I claim the money would be there, but for the frauds who got there first, and permanently alienated the few funding sources available. It's time to demand that the "established" characters on my list take a lie detector examination. And from this point forward, those who want us to believe in their films, or documents, or Area 51 adventures must submit to the polygraph, or be branded with the ufological version of the Surgeon General's beer bottle warning: Caution -- this "source" refused to take a lie detector test. Reading his book, or his documents, or viewing his film may cause damage to your mental health, and waste your time and money, and will almost certainly do nothing to enhance your knowledge of the true nature of UFOs. Thanks to R. J. Durant, 106 Hessian Hill Drive, Pennington, NJ 08534
Editor's Note: Bob gave me a list of people that he would like to see polygraphed and why. He has an excellent suggestion. Do our readers have their favorites?

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Re: Cydonian Imperative 2000: Mars Global Surveyor

From: Joachim Koch <AchimKoch@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 18:25:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 23:51:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative 2000: Mars Global Surveyor

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 02:16:03 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Cydonian Imperative 2000: Mars Global Surveyor Petition
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>This is a telling development; it demonstrates not only that the
>MGS' camera resolution is sufficient to discern extremely fine-
>scale detail on the Martian surface, but that the craft's camera
>contractor, Malin Space Science Systems, has misled the public
>as to the flexibility of the MGS Camera. MSSS has maintained
>that the MGS Camera is fixed to the spacecraft and unable to be
>aimed at a given target on the surface. While technically
>accurate, the Mars Global Surveyor itself serves as the Camera's
>base, which can be positioned to effectively aim the Camera.

Hi Mac,

To suport your thesis, I found this under:

http://www.msss.com/mars_images/moc/6_10_99_mensae/index.html

>Mars Global Surveyor
>Mars Orbiter Camera
>North Nilosyrtis Mensae
>MGS MOC Release No. MOC2-133, 10 June 1999

<snip>

>The MOC image shows several low, flat-topped mesas. Although
>flat at large scale, their surfaces are quite rough and bumpy
>at smaller scales. Many of these bumps might be boulders, but
>the resolution of this particular image (4.5 meters--15 feet--
>per pixel) is not high enough to be certain. The lowlands
>surrounding the mesas are cracked and pitted--especially the
>darker surfaces on the right side of the image. The cause of
>the pitting is not known and can only be speculated upon
>(because the material removed from each pit is now gone).
>Possible origins for the pits include removal of dust or sand
>by wind and/or sublimation of ice from the near subsurface.
>The picture covers an area 3 kilometers (1.9 miles) wide and
>is illuminated from the left.

<snip>

And:

We have on our website of the German UFO magazine 'UFO-Kurier'
(<http://www.kopp-verlag.de/themen/Mars/Cydonial.htm>) a
comparison of the photographs. We all remember the previous
analysis of the Face - done with the best available computer
equipment by some respected experts who even involved fractal
geometry (as it was applied by the best army on this planet
during a war in the the arabian desert) to find hostile tanks
on/in the ground), we remember calculations of height, size and
shape of the structures - all rubbish?

If you would not know anything about "The Face on Mars" and
would see the first and the second photographs for the first
time, you would say: it seems as if what was so clear in shape

in the first picture is only a shadow of itself in the second picture - as if it is/was destroyed in the meantime.

But the rectangular bank on the left edge is consistent - why don't we focus on this?

With the new data - let us focuss on the banks of The Face because it seems that this is not "trick of the light" but really there.

Remember: when Napoleon conquered Egypt he found the Sphynx visible only by its head, the rest was underneath the sand.

Be shure: there is something underneath the sands of Mars.

Joachim Koch, Berlin

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Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

From: **Erol Erkmen** <andromeda@mail.koc.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 02:55:07 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 23:58:21 -0500
Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 19:04:08 +0000
>From: Dave Bower <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I suppose the point I'm trying to make is until someone can come
>up with some solid evidence on UFOs or abductions this whole
>thing will remain in the end of the news comedy slot along with
>the two headed lamb and 'oh my God... NASA's lost another one'.

>Big yuks...

>Dave.

Hi dave,

Let's try learn again UFO, UFO means unidentified flying object,
not aliens space craft. For that reason UFO evidences always
here, like plasma vortex or A.L.P (natural Phenomena) or else.

If you look this window you can find much evidence. Please look
ancient of traces articles

Erol

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Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 19:37:02 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 00:05:57 -0500
Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 19:04:08 +0000
>From: Dave Bower <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 01:29:26 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Chris Kelly <MTBAREA51@aol.com>
>>Subject: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>My brother has been a fan of Peanuts (Charlie Brown and Snoopy)
>for well over thirty years. Charles M. Schultz the creator
>recently published his last strip after 48 years. Never to be
>seen again a new Charlie Brown and Snoopy cartoon strip. Most
>people couldn't give a s**t.

>My brother cried out about the world media not picking up on
>this historic moment, he didn't understand that his obsession
>did not reflect the worlds interest i.e: war, climate change,
>politics. Well lets face it, Charlie Brown was after all a
>cartoon.

Huh? What do you mean the world media didn't pick up the
passing of Peanuts? It was the subject of enormous coverage,
often on the front pages of major newspapers. It was on the
cover of Newsweek, the subject of radio talk shows (including
NPR's Talk of the Nation), and the like. My word. Your brother
apparently spent more time crying out than paying attention.
Good grief!

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 15:28:19 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 00:10:14 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

>>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 14:03:18 +0000
>>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>One could wonder if the general French _attitude_ towards UFOs
>>is changing, if an article like this gets published by a
>>national newspaper? Perhaps the French are ahead of the game in
>>public acceptance that we are not alone?

Hi All,

I have a colleague who gives lectures in France about Crop
Circles and has been doing so for some time now, he also has a
house in the countryside. He has told me before that the French
are very closed minded on UFO's along with general Paranormal
events.

But since we last spoke, he had a review in a paper about one of
his lectures and it seemed to cover the topic okay, so maybe the
French are becoming a lot more aware of what is flying in and
around their skies?

I also know that there are a few more local researchers
appearing in France, so maybe France will be on the map this
year!

Roy..

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

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Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 00:50:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 01:13:52 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:15:14 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 17:48:32 +1100
>>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>This is not the place to go into the lengthy science behind the
>>>current conclusions and expectations that I stated

>Hi Bill,

>Well hold on a second , what do you mean this isn't the place to
>go into lengthy discussions concerning the Pleiades? What is
>this list all about? Have you seen how long some threads have
>been going on here? With the greatest respect to you Bill, but
>you came out with a rather big statement on the Pleiades as far
>as I am concerned, which was and again I repeat: >>too young to
>support anything like life yet.

Hi Roy

I'm not sure if this will help but I'd like to try.

The Pleiades are 400 light years away, relatively close
considering the vast distances in space.

However, these stars were all born approximately 20 million
years ago, which does in fact make them baby stars.

Our sun is 4.7 billion years old!

All the stars in the Pleiades group are blue-white which makes
them extremely hot. Just to give you an idea on how young this
group is, if we were to go back in time to the Age of the
Dinosaurs, the Pleiades would not exist, and wouldn't be born
for another 50 million years!

When one takes into account that it took approximately 500
million years for our earth to cool and harden to form a crust
then it seems unlikely that any planets which may be forming
around the Pleiadian stars have reached that stage.

So I would tend to agree with Bill... the Pleiades are too damn
young to support any form of life!

Best wishes to all

Jacquie

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"The truth is within ourselves"

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Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 19:45:12 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 07:25:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 13:03:04 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hi All,

>Just going over a very well known case " 9th November 1979, Bob Taylor, the town of Livingston near Edinburgh, Scotland".

>Are there any of the original researchers who investigated this case on this list?

>Were there any leanings toward a Military connection?

>Roy..

Hi,

I was not directly involved in this case, but did coordinate the UFOIN investigation at the time and have met some of those involved. It is an impressive case and remains unsolved.

I dont recall anything that connected it with the military. But it was the first time that police in the UK (possibly anywhere) treated a UFO case as a personal assault and launched a proper scene of crimes investigation. They were left as baffled as we were about what actually occurred.

Steuart Campbell reckons it was a mirage of mercury or some such planet. I think thats a bit unlikely!

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Invitation To Cydonia Mailing List

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 07:32:26 -0500
Subject: Invitation To Cydonia Mailing List

Cydonian Imperative: Rationale
by Mac Tonnies

Many groups have sprouted up since the verification that the so-called "face" on Mars is an actual feature and not the "trick of light and shadow" originally claimed by NASA. The Cydonian Imperative seeks to occupy a position in the Cydonian controversy that is currently lacking--namely, activism. While a crowd of people standing outside the White House holding placards reading "Face the Facts, NASA" is perhaps an inspiring start, it is not what is needed. A campaign to inform the public (and evidently NASA itself) of the potential importance of the Cydonian features must, by necessity, be much more far-reaching and at the same time much more subtle. The Cydonian Imperative argues that this needn't be a paradox.

1. Official Resistance

The popular conception of anything dealing with alien life is one of absurd skepticism. While polls indicate that most educated Americans believe that we "are not alone," official science has tempered our enthusiasm by a dogmatic adherence to radio-based SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence). So far, SETI has yet to discern a conclusive extraterrestrial signal, yet it is propelled by the theory that enough civilizations exist in our galaxy to warrant a prolonged search. The assumptions made by radio-SETI proponents are not trivial. Even so, the effort persists even though we lack tangible evidence to indicate the program's eventual success.

Why then, is the possibility of artifacts on a neighboring planet scoffed and dismissed? Perhaps the dichotomy between accepted SETI practice and the search for artifacts is less arbitrary than it is emotional. The probable existence of alien ruins on Mars is somehow daunting; it smacks of tabloid cover-stories and ranting pseudoscientists. It was probably this association that prompted NASA, in 1976, to tell the news media that a second image of the Face had been received that dispelled the facial resemblance evident in the first image. The fact that no such image existed--indeed, it would have been impossible for the Viking spacecraft to have taken a second picture of the Face in the time-frame provided by NASA-- was quietly ignored until the inquiry was taken up by independent researchers.

Thus, research into the Face and its associated formations, has become a wholly independent endeavor. So, since NASA is recognized as the final word on all things "far out," the fact that Mars anomaly research is a fringe pursuit becomes ample reason for the press to shoot it down.

Today I scanned through the January, 2000 issue of "National Geographic" and was horrified by a caption "revealing" that the Mars Global Surveyor satellite had shown the Face to be a "rocky mesa." That the Surveyor showed us nothing of the sort (its single, tantalizing image showing the Face obscured by shadow, at a near 45 degree angle, and through a veil of windborn dust) simply didn't concern "National Geographic's" editors. The issue of artificiality on Mars has been

effectively closed since 1976.

What, then, of the Mars Global Surveyor image of the Face? Is it what its detractors claim or something more?

2. The April, 1998 "Mars Face" Release

In April of 1998, the first picture of the Face in 20 years was released on the Internet, unenhanced and bereft of any responsible image analysis. Now known as the "catbox" image, this image quickly made it into the national media as laugh fodder. The atonal picture released by NASA didn't look like much of anything; commentators compared it from everything to a footprint to a race track to a potato.

"Nothing jumps out and screams, 'This must have been built by the forces of intelligence,'" remarked Michael Ravine, Advanced Projects Manager for Malin Space Science Systems, NASA's MGS Camera contractor.

NASA evidently intended its release of the historic Face image to eliminate the fringe suspicion that NASA might go to lengths to conduct a secret study of the Cydonia region. As a gesture of scientific goodwill, however, the press release is suspect. Hours after loosing the depthless, "contrast-enhanced" image on the Net, NASA produced a second image, showing the Face in proper three-dimensional relief.

(This second image, an arguable improvement over the first, has since been hailed as the definitive picture of the "Face on Mars," and used to dismiss future imaging opportunities. "National Geographic" couldn't have been clearer: "True believers remain undeterred." This irresponsible delineation between "believers" and so-called rationalists remains the central problem in Cydonia politics. The press, so far as I know, has never addressed the twenty years of intensive peer-reviewed scientific study performed on the Cydonia region by the geologists and computer imaging experts best qualified to make sense of the shots provided by Viking and MGS.)

While NASA's second "enhancement" was welcomed by many following the controversy, it was also severely criticized. The rather Picasso-esque, unfacelike appearance captured in the new image did not reflect the features of the actual Face; image processors at Jet Propulsion Laboratory had subjected the raw data to a process known as orthorectification in an attempt to bring out depth and verisimilitude. Orthorectification is routinely used in assessing photographs taken from orbit. Unfortunately for the Face, orthorectification is only valid when addressing photos taken from above. The MGS photographed the Face from a significant angle--enough to leave the right side in almost complete obscurity.

Consequently, NASA's second released image of the Face formation is visibly deformed. A portion of the proposed "mouth" can be seen, as can some of the formation's unusual "platform." The Face appears anything but symmetric--at odds with the images provided by Viking in 1976.

3. Independent Investigation Weakens NASA's Premature Claim

Over the ensuing weeks, digital image specialist Mark Carlotto, a prominent member of the Society for Planetary SETI Research, provided the few people still curious about Cydonia with much more accurate renderings of the Face, produced in part from elevation data derived from the Viking images. Tellingly, NASA, in its haste to trivialize what in its collective mind was already a false unknown, took none of the cautious efforts demonstrated by Carlotto.

The "Face" was reborn. Suddenly the features hidden in shadow in the old Viking photos took on detail. The almond-shaped depression of the left eye-socket became visible, with hints of a badly eroded pupil.

"In the 1976 Viking images, the impression of a face was unmistakable," noted Carlotto, addressing the original NASA release. "But illuminated from below the Face seems less remarkable. Many of the features seen in the Viking images can also be seen in the new MGS image. But it is apparent that the Face, if it is a face, is severely eroded."

Carlotto was able to discern more and more detail, including possible adornment on the Face's "crest," structures strongly suggestive of lips, and identical "nostrils" placed exactly on the Face's centerline (features invisible on existing images). His report to the American Geophysical Union focused on the Face's remarkable degree of symmetry (within the confines of the MGS data), anthropoid proportions and evident three-dimensionality.

The new Face image not merely sustains the Artificiality Hypothesis, but strengthens it in some respects by the discovery of fine-scale features such as the nostrils and elevated centerline. The Face, regardless of its origin, is heavily eroded, as would be expected of a large sculpture exposed to millennia of Martian weathering and meteoric rain.

And so we are left with a mystery just as strong, and arguably much stronger, than that which the MGS promised to dispel.

4. The Demand for Further Imaging

The above paragraphs focus only on the Face, ignoring the vast evidence of artificiality to be found elsewhere in the Cydonia region. While nothing may jump out and scream that it was built by intelligence, neither does it proclaim itself natural. Its enigma is mute; only human efforts can make sense of this remarkable set of objects.

NASA, not remarkably, has quietly withdrawn its promise to, in the words of administrator Dan Goldin, rephotograph the region "until everyone is satisfied." NASA has never taken the Face seriously, and has never intended to--apparently not even when confronted with evidence that would tend to lessen its stance that there are no intelligently designed structures on Mars.

The Cydonian Imperative seeks to help erode the apathy that is keeping "official" science from investigating what could be the greatest discovery in our species' history. Questions remain unanswered; hypotheses are yet to be tested. Cydonia is not a false unknown, the spawn of overworked imaginations desperate to find a signal in the noise.

The Face and its attendant formations can be tested and confirmed as natural or artificial. It's within our technical ability to accomplish this in the foreseeable future. Contrasted to the relatively airy speculation that drives radio-SETI, is it unreasonable to ask that Cydonia be treated with scientific integrity?

We must change official policy regarding the Cydonian formations; it is up to us.

{To join the Cydonian Imperative, and receive all future installments, send email to alintelbot@aol.com asking to be added to the list.}

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Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening

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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 07:42:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening

>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 7 Jan 2000 16:53:40 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>PULL OUT THE POLYGRAPH

>Researcher Bob Durant writes, "In the unlikely event that a
>Bigelow or a Firmage or a Rockefeller should ask my opinion
>about the wisest way to invest money in UFO research, I would
>reply at once: sign up a good polygraph examiner. Yes, a
>polygraph, commonly known as the "lie detector." Ufology
>desperately needs a basic truth filter to sort out the stories
>that soak up so much time and energy, to the detriment of
>genuine research into the UFO phenomenon. And the filtering
>needs to be done before the stories spread, not after the fact.
>The polygraph is not an absolute gauge of truth-telling. It can
>be defeated by taking a fistful of valium tablets, because the
>device is a stress gauge. Psychotics can't be tested.
>Apparently there are a few tricks one can practice to sidestep
>the process.

>Aldrich Ames, the CIA official who betrayed dozens of agents to
>the KGB, and who in the course of his business seems to have
>picked up these wiles, passed several polygraphs. Nor is the
>polygraph admissible in courts of law. On the other hand, it
>continues to be used in a wide variety of settings, from
>industrial hiring sessions to law enforcement. Every federal
>law enforcement or intelligence agency uses the polygraph. All
>day and all night. That's because 99% of the time it works.
>My modest suggestion is that this technology be introduced into
>the wild world of ufology. Snip. Apparently Rockefeller got
>"bit" once too often, and has backed away from UFO projects.
>How much more of this nonsense can we take? We haven't the
>funds to do appropriate testing of the scores of alleged "alien
>implants," or to translate the recently published high-level
>French study of the UFO problem, just to name two items that
>cry out for accomplishment. And I claim the money would be
>there, but for the frauds who got there first, and permanently
>alienated the few funding sources available. It's time to
>demand that the "established" characters on my list take a lie
>detector examination. And from this point forward, those who
>want us to believe in their films, or documents, or Area 51
>adventures must submit to the polygraph, or be branded with the
>ufological version of the Surgeon General's beer bottle
>warning: Caution -- this "source" refused to take a lie
>detector test. Reading his book, or his documents, or viewing
>his film may cause damage to your mental health, and waste your
>time and money, and will almost certainly do nothing to enhance

>your knowledge of the true nature of UFOs. Thanks to R. J.
>Durant, 106 Hessian Hill Drive, Pennington, NJ 08534
>Editor's Note: Bob gave me a list of people that he would like
>to see polygraphed and why. He has an excellent suggestion. Do
>our readers have their favorites?

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Gosh, Bob, you have no idea how much I value this suggestion. For me, it's right up there with the suggestion that people post their Curriculum Vitae on the list so that we, the illuminated bulbs, however dim, may adjudge their credibility.

Yup. Damned good idea. Polygraph the bastards. Make 'em sweat. On the off-chance that you are correct in the percentages quoted (the polygraph test is 99% accurate), it's that one percent that can mean the difference between having faith or unbelief. Stick another slice in the pizza oven, run it up the flagpole and see whom salutes, etc.

God, I wish I had the cajones to write what you wrote. Even with tongue in cheek I would aks, "Heybobareebob, whose cheeks?"

With all due respect (and that ain't much amigo),

Dr. J. Jaime Health (which is what gesundt means in Yiddish). Actually, the word "Mortellaro," which has the Italian word "morte" or death in it, combined with "ellaro" refers to an evergreen tree indiginous to the island of Sicily. The entire combination means lack of death... Just call me J. Jaime Healthy Tree.

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Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 02:00:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 07:45:04 -0500
Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 19:04:08 +0000
>From: Dave Bower <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 01:29:26 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Chris Kelly <MIBAREA51@aol.com>
>>Subject: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I was very disappointed on seeing the brief mention on the
>>program 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries' on TLC (The
>>Learning channel) of the Edward's AFB UFO story.

>>No wonder the public has very little or no information on a
>>subject like this when it is given about 2 or 3 minutes of
>>coverage.

<snip>

>Hi Chris and all,

>It could all simply be down to what is perceived to be of public
>interest.

>I'll give you an example:

>My brother has been a fan of Peanuts (Charlie Brown and Snoopy)
>for well over thirty years. Charles M. Schultz the creator
>recently published his last strip after 48 years. Never to be
>seen again a new Charlie Brown and Snoopy cartoon strip. Most
>people couldn't give a s**t.

>My brother cried out about the world media not picking up on
>this historic moment, he didn't understand that his obsession
>did not reflect the worlds interest i.e: war, climate change,
>politics. Well lets face it, Charlie Brown was after all a
>cartoon.

>I suppose the point I'm trying to make is until someone can come
>up with some solid evidence on UFOs or abductions this whole
>thing will remain in the end of the news comedy slot along with
>the two headed lamb and 'oh my God... NASA's lost another one'.

>Big yuks...

>Dave.

Dear Dave:

The "Peanuts" closure hits home here. I distinctly remember
reading a Peanuts comic strip, not 30 feet from where I'm
sitting now, (I was pestering the people next door)... this was
almost 50 years ago.

The paper had to be the San Francisco Chronicle, the only one
here (SF Bay Area) to carry Charles Schultz strip all that time.

They were uniformly dismissive if not snide about UFOs that

same entire time as I recall.

I distinctly remember Charlie Brown and the gang, but not the little story. I have one or two Peanuts (Cebollitos) books in Spanish left over from some private language studies long ago.

When newspapers like the Chron take a different stance, then one might posit a real change in public/editorial opinion.

I'm not holding my breath in the meantime.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch.

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Re: Invitation To Cydonia Mailing List

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 04:57:04 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 08:16:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Invitation To Cydonia Mailing List

>Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 01:32:53 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Invitation To Cydonia Mailing List
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Cydonian Imperative: Rationale
>by Mac Tonnies

<snip>

>We must change official policy regarding the Cydonian
>formations; it is up to us.

>{To join the Cydonian Imperative, and receive all future
>installments, send email to alintelbot@aol.com asking to be
>added to the list.}

Dear Mac:

I'm not about to join any groups, not even those I agree with.
I can agree with you on one matter however, that some time and
resources should be devoted to laying the "Cydonia Face" matter
to rest.

Each of us has our own opinions of course.

Mine is that the Cydonia Face is an utterly useless and random
pile of rocks; to the extent that natural Martian geology can
provide "random" features.

I am equally amazed that this matter is still being tossed
around. Again, that is my personal opinion.

I'm sorry the lost lander probe didn't touch down right on the
forehead of the "face". Some sort of plateau must be safer than
the actual landing spot.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening

From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 07:37:36 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 09:58:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening

>Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 04:17:56 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 7 Jan 2000 16:53:40 EST
>>Subject: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. Chuck Warren Webmaster.

Dear Bob Durant via George or Whoever Started This Thread

<snip>

>>THE GREAT AWAKENING FOR A REMARKABLE NEW CENTURY

>><snip>

>>PULL OUT THE POLYGRAPH

>>Researcher Bob Durant writes, "In the unlikely event that a
>>Bigelow or a Firmage or a Rockefeller should ask my opinion
>>about the wisest way to invest money in UFO research, I would
>>reply at once: sign up a good polygraph examiner. Yes, a
>>polygraph, commonly known as the "lie detector."

I'm sure I'm not the only one on this list that thinks this is another ridiculous idea. After taking such a test, despite the fact that the machine may have been tested prior to my taking the test, I can hear it now:

Tester: Aren't you interested in how you scored?

Sue Why? I'm not interested in whether your machine is broken or works.

Tester: Well, the machine says you were telling the truth.

Sue: Then your machine works. Big Deal.

Tester: No, actually, I think it's broken. You broke it. It worked fine before you took the test.

End of (or continuation) of same argument.

Sue Strickland,

just another experiencer.

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Alfred's Odd Ode #333

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 07:23:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 10:19:55 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #333

Apology to MW #333 (For January 8, 2000)

The first time that I've used this date, I pen this rhyme to you. Two thousand! Crawling digits on the move (all four!), contrived but *true*. Still, what a wondrous reach we have, for all exceeding grasp, in this last year of the century -- can we soar and cleave at last? Or will we suffer sad defeat because we were unbrave -- take the first low road encountered just because we liked the grade (though "we" is so inaccurate -- we are dragged down in distress by secret keepers we don't know <and "for our *good*", I'll bet>)?

Though actually penned a few days prior (to the touted Y2K), I have an upbeat feeling that we'll see such better days. It'll take more toleration, and a richly opened mind -- and if we *live* we shall not *die* . . . such satisfaction, find! We won't forget the music, and the art lives by its side -- be won't dismiss the poetry, so GOOD for our insides. We'll really teach the real deal, and won't heroize our slime -- we'll be MORE than even handed as we learn some cleaner rhyme. The Earth becomes the garden we can carry in our hearts, our knowledge gained so gracefully, and each shall WANT to do their part.

We won't let smirking tyranny use democracy as a tool to destroy that same democracy, as it's when we do we're fools. We'll curb our sociopathy as it becomes acute. We won't let folks run rampant when it contradicts some truth. We won't condone majorities that would USE a tyrant's tools; we won't let loud minorities, leaning right, control our schools. We won't shut up for bullies pulling mocking, glad derision. We'll avoid the incredulity, and we'll make informed decisions.

Perhaps we'll find the courage reaching out to timeless space. Perhaps we shall accept the FACT that we are but *one* race. Perhaps we'll go along our path progressing ever UPWARDS. Perhaps we'll be inclusive, and give up our plodding backwards. Perhaps we'll house the homeless, and alleviate the poor -- perhaps we'll find the keys for locks that complicate our doors. Perhaps we'll find the courage to admit that UFO's are more than mere anomaly -- they are the future, Joe.

. . . And we might have our grasp a little closer to our reach. Or we might cure diseases with genetics we can teach. Yes -- we might live *forever* with some fundamental change to the manner we do business that is there within our range! In Babylon God noticed it. *He* said, "they would be as US." *He* said, "we must smite them MIGHTILY, to disincorporate their trust." So *He* mixed up our language and we went our separate ways, and confusion still runs rampant to the time of present day. It IS cooperation (for ourselves) that angers God. That we would dare to lift our eyes, and think without his nod. Demand to see his books like striking workers he has made. And why the hell we striking? Answer THAT to seize the day!

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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 8 January>

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

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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: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 21:43:01 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 12:47:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 12:18:43 +0100
>From: Edoardo Russo <edoardo.russo@torino.alpcom.it>
>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hello Jenny!

>>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 19:45:12 +0000
>>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Steuart Campbell reckons it was a mirage of mercury or some such
>>planet. I think that's a bit unlikely!

>Wasn't his first "explanation" a sort of "black ball lightning"?
>(or is my memory wrong?)

>If I remember, Steuart was at first oriented toward an "it's all
>natural phenomena" line. He changed his mind to a "it's all and
>always mirages of stars/planets" at a later date (circa 1985).
>Is that right?

In fact originally Steurt Campbell was oriented to a theory of demonic
origin for UFOs, but in those days he still spelt his name "Stuart".

--

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
www.magonia.demon.co.uk

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:45:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

Hello List:

I guess we won't avoid discussing the Arnold sightings in the year 2000 either, so I just decided to be the first one this year (yes, I think so).

Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain ridges.

This year I will just refer to what Arnold told some of the newspapers - and - mention a report from the prospector F.M. Johnson, being on the ground up in the Cascades on - apparently - the same day as Arnold made his sightings. And then, prepare a comparison between the main observations as reported by the two men. (I guess that most of this stuff is well known to you, but the Johnson reports were fairly new to me, and I just decided to systemize them a little bit.)

Reference is made to the following "Arnold website":

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947a.htm>

Thus, some of the significant observations made by Arnold (as he told to the newspapers), were as follows:

1. He sighted nine saucer-like aircraft flying in formation
2. They were flying at an immense rate of speed
3. He estimated they were at an altitude between 9,500 and 10,000 feet
4. He clocked them from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, arriving at the "amazing" speed of about 1200 miles an hour.
5. Talking about it to a man from Ukiah in Pendleton this morning, whose name he did not get (it was maybe not Johnson; see below), he was amazed to learn that the man had sighted the same aerial objects yesterday afternoon from the mountains in the Ukiah section!
6. He said that in flight they appeared to weave in an (sic) out in formation
7. They were silvery and shiny and seemed to be shaped like a pie plate
8. He could not find any (vertical) tails on them (when viewed edge-on)
9. He counted nine of them
10. The objects remained in view slightly less than two minutes from the time he first noticed them
11. In addition: Arnold estimated the length of the objects as approximately equal in angular size to the spacing of engines on

a DC-4 at 15 miles. Assume he was right, with the spacing about 60 ft. Then the objects would be $4/60 \times 15 = 1$ mile away (from <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/aug/m25-006.shtml>).

Reference is then made to the following "Johnson websites":

http://services.csi.it/~ufo/arn_fbil.jpg

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/johns47.htm>

Some of the significant observations made by Johnson (as told to the Air Force), were as follows:

1. Prospector in the Mt Adams district on 24 June 1947; being a prospector for the past 40 years
2. He was using a telescope; picking up objects within 10 miles
3. He observed 6-7 similarly looking objects - from his position in the Cascades
4. They were real, and nothing like them he ever saw before.
5. They were passing at approx. 6,000 feet (above sea level).
6. "They" were round; 30 feet in diameter; "tapering sharply to a point in the lead end in an oval shape" (at least one of them; the one he was watching with his telescope)
7. Bright top surface
8. He "did not hear any noise as you would from a plane"
9. There was "an object in the tail" and looked like a big hand of a clock shifting from side to side like a big magnet
10. The speed seemed to be greater than anything he ever saw
11. They reflected the sun
12. One of the discs were procooding in the southeasterly direction
13. He was observing this disc for 45 - 60 seconds
14. There was at least "one cloud" up in the air that day.
15. They didn't fly in any particular formation - when observed by Johnson
16. He remained in the Cascades for several days, after the sightings
17. He had a combination of compass and watch; the compass hand was waving from one side to the other during pass-over of the disc(s)

Other observations by myself - when comparing what they both have been reporting:

- When Johnson mentions "tail", he means the aft part of the "fuselage"; not the vertical tail part, as seen from an edge-on direction up in the air.

- He did not mention anything about noises different from planes' noises. (We could of course assume that there weren't any noises involved at all....)

- He didn't report seeing Arnold's plane up in the air, though.

- It is not quite certain whether the man Arnold's mentioning in the newspaper is Mr. Johnson; Johnson, though, reported that he remained up in the mountains for "several days" after the sightings....

- There were some deviations in the altitude estimations, maybe due to that Arnold saw the objects for twice as long time as Johnson

- Arnold didn't see any "big hand of a clock" in the tail (but, this might be the "different" craft); in any case, a very special observation from Johnson...but that was because he had a telescope, only some 1,000 feet away - below the craft
- Arnold didn't register any compass disturbances from his distance up in the air, approx. 1 mile away, at approx. the same altitude as the discs.
- There were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground.
- Arnold reported a clear day; Johnson a ("somewhat") cloudy day (at least one cloud).
- Johnson is likely to have recognized a bird from a plane with his telescope; he didn't mention the word "bird" at all in his report(s).
- Johnson was a generation older than Arnold.

Conclusion:

We should really assume that both of them were credible persons and observers, and that they both told the truth to the Air Force in their reports. (Or, what interests did they have in not telling the truth? Were they both specifically looking for very much attention?)

Should we pay some specific attention to the compass disturbances - that there were none (reported by Arnold) up in the air, 1 mile (1,600 m) away from the objects, but still there were disturbances on the ground, some 1,000 feet (300 m) below....?

This could possibly assume some pulse radar control - given no pelicans..... (The pulse radar beams should - in my opinion - really reach almost everywhere around the objects..... but I'm not an expert on this.)

But, the most interesting Johnson observation was the "big hand of a clock" in the tail of (at least one) of the objects - and the associated magnetic disturbances.

Further, there were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground - thus the object speeds couldn't possibly be higher than the speed of sound (700 mph).

Which one of these two guys had the best imagination/fantasy? Well, the List members should judge for themselves which one of these men who are the most credible.

When ruling out any conspiracy theory, both of them - highly likely - did observe some strange craft on - apparently - the same day.

Best regards,

Asgeir

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More On Giant Space Snowballs Hitting Earth

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:51:44 -0500
Subject: More On Giant Space Snowballs Hitting Earth

Hi everyone.

Below is an update on the incredible news announcement over 2 1/2 years ago that the Earth was being bombarded by about 20 space snowballs or small comets, each weighing 20 to 40 tons, every minute.

At that time I commented that if these previously unobserved but huge snowballs were entering the Earth atmosphere at such a large rate, then this would suggest that the few UFOs we did observe in the Earth's upper atmosphere should be even much more numerous than space snowballs.

Nick Balaskas

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UI researcher fails to detect small comets

IOWA CITY, Iowa -- University of Iowa astronomy professor Robert Mutel announced today that an eight-month search using an Arizona-based telescope has failed to detect evidence supporting a 13-year-old theory that small comets composed of snow are continually bombarding the Earth.

Mutel and co-author John Fix, professor of astronomy and Dean of the College of Science at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, presented their findings at the annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in San Francisco. In their paper, they described their examination of more than 2,700 photographic images taken with the Iowa Robotic Observatory (IRO), located south of Tucson, Ariz., between Sept. 24, 1998 and June 11, 1999.

"We failed to find evidence that small comets exist," Mutel said. "At the same time, no such search can entirely disprove their existence. But if the small comets do exist, they are present in far smaller numbers than previously predicted."

The small comet theory, developed by fellow UI professor Louis Frank and UI research scientist John Sigwarth, holds that about 20 snow comets weighing 20 to 40 tons each disintegrate in the Earth's atmosphere every minute. Frank, an internationally known experimental space physicist, defended the small comet theory in a paper published in the January 1, 1999 issue of the AGU Journal of Geophysical Research-Space Physics. The paper described how a mathematical formula was used to filter out instrument noise, or static, from data gathered by NASA's Polar satellite. The results showed that the dark spots, or

atmospheric holes, photographed by cameras aboard the Polar satellite vary in size and number when photographed at different times and at different altitudes. However, some researchers continued to believe that the dark spots appearing in the images are caused by instrument noise.

Mutel and Fix said that their search using the 20-inch IRO reflector telescope was designed so that expected trails would be easily seen without the need for elaborate statistical analysis of faint trails. Observations were made each month within one week of the new moon to maximize sensitivity to faint objects. The computer-controlled IRO telescope was used to produce multiply shuttered images to distinguish cosmic ray tracks, sensor imperfections and other artifacts from potential small comet trails. The telescope searched for objects moving in the same direction and orbital plane as the Earth at a distance of about 33,000 miles from the Earth.

Out of a total of 6,148 images made, 2,718 were suitable for detection of object trails with magnitude 16.5 (about 10,000 times fainter than the faintest stars visible with the naked eye) or brighter -- easily bright enough to detect the small comets. The images were recorded on CD ROM, analyzed at the UI, and remain available for independent analysis on the web at

<http://denali.physics.uiowa.edu/rlm>

Among several UI undergraduates who assisted on the project were Christopher Anson of Muscatine and William Peterson of Iowa City, both seniors. Mutel and Fix said that the search, which was conducted at Frank's suggestion, should have detected more than 80 small comets if they are present in the predicted numbers.

Frank, an experimenter, co-investigator or principal investigator on some 40 spacecraft and an AGU Fellow, first announced the small comet theory in 1986, after examining images recorded in photographs taken by Dynamics Explorer 1. Frank and his colleagues had designed and built a special camera to take pictures of the northern lights, including the first images of the complete ring of the northern lights from above the North Pole. Some of the images contained unexplained dark spots, or atmospheric holes. After eliminating the possibility of equipment malfunction and numerous other explanations, Frank and Sigwarth concluded that the atmospheric holes represented clouds of water vapor being released high above Earth's atmosphere by the disintegration of small comets composed mostly of snow.

They calculated that more than 25,000 comets enter the atmosphere each day. At that rate, the comets would have added about one inch of water to the Earth's oceans every 20,000 years -- enough to fill the oceans over billions of years. Frank said that not only their small size -- 20-to-30-feet in diameter -- makes observation difficult, but also that water striking the upper atmosphere glows very faintly as compared to the bright glow of metal and rock in solid meteors. The small comet theory was in the news again after the 1996 launch of Polar, with its two sensitive visible light cameras and one far-ultraviolet light camera, offered sharper photographic images. At the May 1997 AGU meeting Frank showed a series of Polar satellite photographs that included a picture of a small comet the size of a two-bedroom house disintegrating thousands of miles above the Atlantic Ocean.

Mutel and Fix said that they were glad to be able to contribute data to the discussion, and added that the debate over the small comet theory will likely continue for many years to come.

Mutel, a UI faculty member since 1975, supervised the design and construction of the Iowa Robotic Observatory, which is shared among the astronomy departments at the three Iowa Regents Universities. He directed the University's North Liberty Radio Observatory from 1976 until 1991 and was Executive Officer and treasurer for the U.S. Very Long Baseline Interferometry Consortium from 1986 through 1992. Mutel served on the National Science Foundation Undergraduate Curriculum Advisory Board from 1992 through 1995. He was named a UI Faculty Scholar from 1983 to 1985, received a UI Collegiate Teaching Award in 1997, Iowa Academy of Sciences Distinguished Iowa Science Teacher Award in 1997, and the UI President's Award for Technology Innovation in 1998. He has published more than 100 scientific articles in

professional journals.

Prior to becoming Dean of the College of Science at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Fix was on the University of Iowa faculty from 1969-1999. His research focused on observational astronomy and ranged from the structure of circumstellar clouds to an investigation of the zodiacal light using the Dynamics Explorer satellite. He served as executive secretary of the National Science Foundation Astronomy Advisory Committee from 1977-78 and in 1991 received the University's M.L. Huit Achievement Award and Faculty Achievement Award. From 1992-98 he served as associate dean for research and development. He has published more than 60 scientific articles in professional journals.

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Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 16:17:36 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:58:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town

>Date: Wed, 05 Jan 2000 05:19:06 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>Subject: Explosive Sound Jars Ohio Town
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Thanks to researcher Jerry Hamm for informing of the following
>item:

>"Explosive sound shatters quiet of Bloomville night"

>Source: The Blade
>Toledo, Ohio

>Date - Tuesday, January 4, 2000

>Website URL: <http://www.toledoblade.com/editorial/news/0a04shat.htm>

Did anyone think that the bomb sounds are HARRP projects being tested..... maybe this is what happens when the power is turned up!

Vicki

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Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 21:25:58 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:59:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

For general information - it may have gone largely unnoticed that there was a BBC Scotland documentary about 3-4 years ago and which offered an explanation for this case.

If I recall correctly, Bob suffered from epilepsy - something that wasn't highly, if at all, previously publicised.

The journalists identified connections between an epileptic fit and the 'strange' visions, odour and 'passing out' which Bob reported experiencing at the time.

Some other evidence when looked at again, also seemed to possibly have a mundane explanation.

I can only point out the existence of this material, it would really need to be researched and evaluated by anyone interested in the case.

James Easton.
E-Mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk

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Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 02:35:53 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 00:03:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening

>Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 07:37:36 -0700
>From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 04:17:56 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
>>>Date: Fri, 7 Jan 2000 16:53:40 EST
>>>Subject: Filer's Files #1--2000 The Great Awakening
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Filer's Files #01--2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>>>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
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>Dear Bob Durant via George or Whoever Started This Thread

><snip>

>>>THE GREAT AWAKENING FOR A REMARKABLE NEW CENTURY

>>><snip>

>>>PULL OUT THE POLYGRAPH

>>>Researcher Bob Durant writes, "In the unlikely event that a
>>>Bigelow or a Firmage or a Rockefeller should ask my opinion
>>>about the wisest way to invest money in UFO research, I would
>>>reply at once: sign up a good polygraph examiner. Yes, a
>>>polygraph, commonly known as the "lie detector."

>I'm sure I'm not the only one on this list that thinks this is
>another ridiculous idea. After taking such a test, despite the
>fact that the machine may have been tested prior to my taking
>the test, I can hear it now:

>Tester: Aren't you interested in how you scored?

>Sue Why? I'm not interested in whether your machine is
>broken or works.

>Tester: Well, the machine says you were telling the truth.

>Sue: Then your machine works. Big Deal.

>Tester: No, actually, I think it's broken. You broke it. It
>worked fine before you took the test.

>End of (or continuation) of same argument.

>Sue Strickland,

>just another experiencer.

Regarding the polygraph testing: This machine is *far* from being 99% accurate. If it was that accurate then it would be admitted in court and would meet the Rules of Evidence. Though the machine may be highly accurate, polygraph machines are more of a psychological tool used by interrogators than a scientific/physiological one. The other problem is getting the lying parasites out there to actually agree to taking one. And Bob Durant is right when he says it won't work on sociopaths, so that means most of the lying morons in ufology would pass the damn test anyway.

I applaud Bob Durant's efforts in trying to get to the bottom of Cooper and his alleged MJ-12 documents. First rule in investigation: Always confirm the source of the evidence and/or information you receive. If you can't establish that, you might as well dump your investigation unless you have an actual UFO or dead alien dumped on your doorstep or put in your mail box. I think many people in ufology should invest some time in common sense. It's hard doing anything in this field with jerks out there who can get on late night radio programs, sell books and videos, do lectures and whatever else without too many people asking them hard questions or verifying their claims.

Look at Lee Shargel. He was asked to present at the UFO Congress and not a single person checked his credentials before he was invited. He made the entire UFO community look like a bunch of asses... this is nothing new as there are many irresponsible people out there doing the same thing right now. Unfortunately, this same mistake is being made again by the UFO Congress in having the bogus Jonathan "I Killed A Rubber Alien" Reed present at the next UFO Congress in Nevada.

The only suggestion that I have (which is also ridiculous) is to start filing class action lawsuits on behalf of the UFO community against these con artists and frauds. If, by some act of God, you were able to successfully sue the hell out of them, then you could take the money and put it towards something useful... say, scientific investigation or actually training many so-called UFO investigators on how to actually conduct an investigation. Whether you like him or not, Joe Firmage made a great point regarding the fact that the UFO community is unable to police itself. Don't give Bob Durant too hard of a time for at least trying to do something positive. I wish I had some answers on how to bring back credibility so that UFology could actually get some scientific funding that it seriously needs in order to provide what everyone else is screaming about...evidence.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
<http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>

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Jeff Rense Weekly E-News 1-8-99

From: Rense E-News <jocelyn@dewittec.net>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 19:36:19 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 00:10:59 -0500
Subject: Jeff Rense Weekly E-News 1-8-99

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* FROM JEFF'S DESK *

We had the chance to rerun the one hour Uri Geller interview of December 7 this past week...and even via tape he was able to facilitate the start up of at least a couple more broken watches...

Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000
From Ronald L. Stanley <rstan@centuryinter.net>
To: eotl@west.net
Subject: Uri

Hey Jeff, I tried the 'start the watch' trick even though it is a recording. I have two watches that have not worked in 20 years. Neither one of them have second hands and one of them has no minute hand. The one with the minute hand has started working. After observing the sans minute hand one, the hour hand has moved. I am unable to hear well, so could not hear them ticking. A big kudos to Uri. LOL

Now, here's a another one of those amazing commentaries on contemporary society that speaks for itself.

From GEETofPA@aol.com
Subject: Resumes

The common bain of most employers is the lack of competent, capable employees. The following resume and cover letters quotes were published in the July 21, 1997 issue of Fortune Magazine. Wonder how much things have changed in that last three years...

1. "I have lurnt Word Perfect 6.0 computer and spreasheet progroms."
2. "Am a perfectionist and rarely if if ever forget details."
3. "Received a plague for Salesperson of the Year."
4. "Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."
5. "Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave."
6. "Failed bar exam with relatively high grades."
7. "It's best for employers that I not work with people."
8. "Let's meet, so you can 'ooh' and 'aah' over my experience."

9. "I was working for my mom until she decided to move."
10. "Marital status: single. Unmarried. Unengaged. Uninvolved. Nocommitments."
11. "I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse."
12. "I am loyal to my employer at all costs. Please feel free to respond to my resume on my office voicemail."
13. "My goal is to be a meteorologist. But since I possess no training in meteorology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage"
14. "I procrastinate, especially when the task is unpleasant."
15. "Personal interests: donating blood. Fourteen gallons so far."
16. "Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain store."
17. "Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as 'job-hopping'. I have never quit a job."
18. "Marital status: often. Children: various."
19. "The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers."
20. "Finished eighth in my class of ten."
21. "References: none. I've left a path of destruction behind me."

THESE QUOTES WERE TAKEN FROM ACTUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS...

1. "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig."
2. "I would not allow this employee to breed."
3. "This associate is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definitely won't be."
4. "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
5. "Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap."
6. "When she opens her mouth, it seems that this is only to change whichever foot was previously in there."
7. "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
8. "This employee is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot."
9. "This employee should go far-and the sooner he starts, the better."

THESE ARE ACTUAL LINES FROM MILITARY PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS

1. Got into the gene pool while the lifeguard wasn't watching.
2. A room temperature IQ.
3. Got a full 6-pack, but lacks the plastic thingy to hold it all together.
4. A gross ignoramus -- 144 times worse than an ordinary ignoramus.
5. A photographic memory but with the lens cover glued on.
6. As bright as Alaska in December.
7. Gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.
8. He's so dense, light bends around him.
9. If he were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.
10. It's hard to believe that he beat 1,000,000 other sperm.
11. Takes him 2 hours to watch 60 minutes.
12. Wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead.

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"Time is like a river made up of the events that happen and its current is strong; no sooner does anything appear than it is swept away, and another comes in its place, and will be swept away too."

-- Marcus Aurelius Antonius, Meditations

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PLEASE NOTE: The listserver has had an interesting glitch - the system reset hundreds of thousands of subscribers' settings to a mode that does not show links as clickable hyperlinks. The engineers are working tirelessly to reset the system but in the meantime, I guess we'll have to step back in time a little and cut & paste links. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience.

At least we're just stepping back a year or two rather than 100 years!

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- * Where's My Orgasmatron?
- * Biggest Financial Scandal (CAFR) In US History Revealed On TV
- * Buchanan Blasts 'Stealth' NWO - Calls For Massive Reform
- * NATO Excused Mass Murder Of Civilians By Using Speeded-Up Film
- * The Columbus Effect - Columbus, Cortez, And The NSA
- * Harrison Stabbing And Masonic Symbolism
- * Sunspots Could Wreak Havoc During The Next 18 Months
- * Century's Bloodiest Villains... And Greatest Heroes
- * Corrupt IRS Officials Face Exposure In Dope Bust - Part One
- * Pesticide Exposure Threatens Children At School
- * CJD And Mad Cow/BSE Shown To Be The SAME Infectious Protein
- * UK Flu Victims So Numerous Some Being Sent To French Hospitals
- * Disasters In The Mind - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- * \$26 Billion UK Pounds Wiped Off Shares As Market Bloodbath Continues
- * WND Petition To Keep The Internet FREE
- * Satellites To Stop Cars From Speeding
- * 300 Million Trees Downed In French Storms - 'A Catastrophe'
- * Heavy Night Chemtrails Reported Over Indiana
- * Y2K - Police Computer Charges Seniors With Multiple Crimes
- * Y2K? - Computer Glitch Delays US Airline Departures
- * Y2K - 'Next Few Months Will Be The Toughest' - Bug Still Lurks
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Elizabeth Baron - 27 Successful Exorcisms
Bill Hamilton - Director, SkyWatch International

MON 1-10
Dave Talbott/Wal Thornhill: The Electric Universe
Bob Mayer: Best-Selling Sci-Fi Author On Area 51

TUE 1-11
Peter Davenport: NUFORC Report
Dr. Dean Bonlie: Magnetic Sleep Pads

WED 1-12

Nancy Leder: Zetataalk

THU 1-13
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FRI 1-14
Brad Steiger: Master Of The Paranormal

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ET Combos?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 15:16:55 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 00:49:25 -0500
Subject: ET Combos?

Hi All,

I can't but think about the combos of ETs witnessed on craft...

In the Travis Walton case, we all heard how he witnessed beings that more or less resembled "greys" and then later "humanoids".

If this is the case are we to take it that there is some kind of cross co-operation between ET species regarding abduction phenomena?

Or to put it another way, is it common throughout the decades of abduction reports & investigation that different or multiple ETs have been seen on board these craft?

Another question I would like to pose: In cases of humanoid looking ETs being seen during these experiences, have they been seen to play a master role? i.e. are they the one's who have the abduction under their control?

Are humanoid sightings still being reported during abductions?

If so what is the main description of these humanoids?

Are there cases where these humanoids have imparted information to the abductee on why they are going through what they are? I mention this simply, because of the reports of the "greys" talking directly into the mind of the abductees.

Regards,

Roy..

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Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 22:34:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 00:52:59 -0500
Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 19:04:08 +0000
>From: Dave Bower <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 03 Jan 2000 01:29:26 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Chris Kelly <MIBAREA51@aol.com>
>>Subject: TLC's 'The Ultimate Ten Unexplained Mysteries'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>I suppose the point I'm trying to make is until someone can come
>up with some solid evidence on UFOs or abductions this whole
>thing will remain in the end of the news comedy slot along with
>the two headed lamb and 'oh my God... NASA's lost another one'.

Hello Dave,

An interesting point of view considering the implications.

Maybe we should reflect on the nature of information as it is presented to all mortals every day.

Do you believe that matters not regularly covered by the media do not deserve to be? I am sure you have noted that "mediatisation" is not exactly an exercise in democracy - quite to the contrary in fact.

Please re-read your newspaper or, better, rewind your favorite news program. Remove the slo-mo and put yourself in normal speed.

A beer might help too.

If you take what you see seriously, no five cents therapy will ever get you out of it.

If you don't, I suggest you close the TV and buy a newspaper with comic strips in it. If you're looking for the truth, please consult yesterday's sport results. If you're looking for comfort, by all means read the comics strips.

As for the rest of the newspaper, makes me think of this thing on drugs: you know, here is what your brain looks like with drugs: splash! a scrambled egg.

Only, this time, it's cooked.

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Cigar-shaped UFO - Vitebsk, Rep. of Belarus

From: Alex Persky <alexvi@mail.ru>
Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 12:36:13 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 09:43:46 -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>
>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 3x0.5, 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.

<snip>

>The possible explanation suggested by the witness -- mirage,
>during that night (Dec 23-Dec 24) the air temperature decreased
>from -1C to -10C (approximately).

Researchers,

All the figures mean degrees, not meters, not pounds (character
"æ" was encoded incorrectly). "Yurieva Gorka" is located within
the city. And it was reported about two witnesses, not three (Re
Joseph Trainor's "UFO Roundup", vol.5, N1, 6 Jan 2000).

Sincerely,

Alex Persky

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Yorkshire, UK UFO Society Website

From: Dave Baker <davbak@globalnet.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 12:27:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 09:50:47 -0500
Subject: Yorkshire, UK UFO Society Website

Hi y'all,

For those of you interested - and, hell those of you who don't give a damn, the Yorkshire UFO Society website, still under construction, can be accessed at - www.yufos.ic24.net where you can find out all about us.

Dave Baker, YUFOS...

"Come and join us, come and join us!"

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Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 10:31:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 10:58:52 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:15:14 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Now when you put this on the list my impression was that you had
>spent some time researching about the Pleiades system? Now that
>I have asked you to produce YOUR OWN RESEARCH into the Pleiades,
>you keep referring me to a URL which shows me a well taken
>picture of the Pleiades? How has your research proven to you
>that the Pleiades is >>too young to support anything like life
>ye>, could you please publish your findings on the list as I am
>sure others will be interested to read it, failing that please
>point me to a web site where I can read your research?

Hi, Roy!

While Bill may not have personally performed observations and calculations concerning the Pleiades, his statements represent the scientific consensus on the age and state of that star cluster.

There are basically two major types of star clusters. Open clusters, such as the Pleiades, represent a set of stars which have only recently formed and, through light pressure and solar wind activity, ejected most of the remaining embryonic nebula. Globular clusters, largely confined to the galactic halo are older, and probably date from a time near that of the formation of the galaxy. These ages are established using a complex set of physics calculations and spectral observations. Hot, blue-white stars, such as those in the Pleiades are invariably young, because their rate of nuclear fusion is such as to cause them to run out of fuel within a relatively short period, compared to a star like the Sun.

BTW, when I was a teenager, I did perform UBV photometry on the Pleiades, for the purpose of determining their spectral type, and, indirectly their age.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
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Fatima UFO-like Apparitions, 1917 - Book

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Subject: Fatima UFO-like Apparitions, 1917 - Book

Fatima UFO-like Apparitions, 1917

In 1917, from May 13 to October 13 occurred at a rural spot of Portugal, Cova da Iria, near the village of FATIMA, a serie of paranormal/religious events which turned to be spread and accepted around the catholic world as "apparitions of the Virgin Mary".

Among ufologists on the other hand, there are many who feel that the events at FATIMA, in 1917, may have a close and familiar ufological perspective. Jacques Vallée or Paul Misraki, were some of the researchers who suspected of that kind of related modern "unidentified aerial phenomena".

Joaquim Fernandes and Fina d'Armada, two Portuguese historians, challenged themselves to prove these claims, and after six years of intensive effort they succeeded in assembling an impressive body of documentation and testimonial evidence that suggests new hypothesis to explain the so-called "Virgin Mary apparitions".

In 1982 the two researchers publish a 460 pages book untitled "Intervenção Extraterrestre em Fátima - as aparições e o fenómeno OVNI" (Amadora, Livraria Bertrand) ("Extraterrestrial Intervention in Fatima - the apparitions and the UFO phenomenon"), which was reedited in 1995 in a revised version by Editorial Estampa, Lisboa, under the title "Tha Fatima Apparitions and the UFO Phenomenon".

This great work - the most detailed thesis ever published by Portuguese scholars - on the contrary of most the foreign books about this event is based on first-hand sources, original interrogations and statements made by the three principal percipients of the "apparitions", namely Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta and also a selected group of on hundred first-hand witnesses of the events.

A few important and forgot issues of the 1917 events were uncovered by Joaquim Fernandes and Fina d'Armada, such as:

1) - a "fourth percipient" namely Carolina Carreira, whom describes a "telephatic type of contact with a fair-headed being of small stature who instilled into her head a repetitive order described as follows: "Come here and say three Ave Marias, come and say three Ave Marias...".

2) - a surprised description given by Lucia, the eldest of the three percipients, when at the "Parochial Enquiry" she spoke of a "very shining lady, about 1 meter and 10 cms in height, seming to be between 12 and 15 years old, wearing a narrow skirt, a jacket and a cloak, all with golden cords, running through them. She came from "above" and vanished-gradually in the inverse direction, made no facial movements, nor did she articulate her lower lips, and moved only her hands from time to time. She had a luminous BALL in hand and she turned her back towards the percipients when she departed"

3) - the authors managed to determine the distance parameters of the so-called "solar phenomenon" of October 13, 1917, from the witnesses positions on the ground. J. Fernandes and F. d' Armada

found that they were all within a band of 70 meters wide and running through the Cova da Iria area, center of that spectacular aerial phenomenon, called by the vast multitude of people waiting as the "miracle of the sun".

This band, oriented south-north, contained all the witnesses who reported secondary effects only experienced during the time of the "solar phenomenon", that is to say at the moment when the "solar object" descended in a terrifying parabola over the crowd of 60,000 people. The effects felt in that band were: 1. sudden and intense heat; 2. drying of clothing and of the soil; 3. physiological effects or "miraculous cures".

These kind of effects seems consistent, according some researchers, like nuclear physicists James McCampbell and Jean-Pierre Petit (CNRS, France), with a "microwave radiation", also detected in preliminar samples from "crop circles" spots by the biophysics dr. W. Levengood. Others studies, conducted by the Canadian Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and the french Toulouse DERMOLAB laboratories found a "humming or buzzing effect" inside the percipients's heads produced by a microwave radiation between 200 and 3000 MHz, and called as "microwave auditive phenomenon", as well perceived and reported in the 1917 Fatima apparitions scenario as well".

We look for an audacious, serious editor to translate and edit an english version of this work full of NEW information and scientific approach.

Thanks for all the help.

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Re: UFOs In French Paper 'Liberation'

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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>>>One could wonder if the general French attitude towards UFOs
>>>is changing, if an article like this gets published by a
>>>national newspaper? Perhaps the French are ahead of the game in
>>>public acceptance that we are not alone?

>I have a colleague who gives lectures in France about Crop
>Circles and has been doing so for some time now, he also has a
>house in the countryside. He has told me before that the French
>are very closed minded on UFO's along with general Paranormal
>events.

>But since we last spoke, he had a review in a paper about one of
>his lectures and it seemed to cover the topic okay, so maybe the
>French are becoming a lot more aware of what is flying in and
>around their skies?

>I also know that there are a few more local researchers
>appearing in France, so maybe France will be on the map this
>year!

>Roy..

A friend of mine in Paris sent me that newspaper. I must say
that they don't show any substantive change the general attitude
of French media.

It seems more an individual disposition of the journalist,
perhaps obtained with a better tolerance to these fringe items.

The official responsables for the SEPRA/CNES, in Toulouse, i.e.
J.J. Velasco, have some difficulties to do his job.

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>Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:45:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain ridges.

>This year I will just refer to what Arnold told some of the
>newspapers - and - mention a report from the prospector F.M.
>Johnson, being on the ground up in the Cascades on - apparently
>- the same day as Arnold made his sightings. And then, prepare a
>comparison between the main observations as reported by the two men.

<.....>

>11. In addition: Arnold estimated the length of the objects as
>approximately equal in angular size to the spacing of engines on
>a DC-4 at 15 miles. Assume he was right, with the spacing about
>60 ft. Then the objects would be $4/60 \times 15 = 1$ mile away (from
><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/aug/m25-006.shtml>).

Perhaps you should reread the referenced post by Bruce Maccabee, except this time try to read it more carefully. Bruce was calculating how far away 4 foot PELICANS would be to have the same angular size as 60 feet appears at 15 miles. This was NOT a claim that the objects Arnold saw were only 1 mile away.

In your list of details reported by Arnold, you also left out the very important detail that he estimated the objects to be about 23 miles away because he saw them briefly disappear behind a subpeak of Mt. Rainier. He also reported them weaving in and out amongst the peaks of the southern Cascades, and fading out in the direction of Mt. Adams, about 30 miles away.

>Some of the significant observations made by Johnson (as told to
>the Air Force), were as follows:

<.....>

>Other observations by myself - when comparing what they both
>have been reporting:

>- He didn't report seeing Arnold's plane up in the air, though.

Not surprising, since Johnson was on Mt. Adams and Arnold was over by Mt. Rainier, over 30 miles away.

>- It is not quite certain whether the man Arnold's mentioning in
>the newspaper is Mr. Johnson; Johnson, though, reported that he
>remained up in the mountains for "several days" after the
>sightings....

The man mentioned may have been veteran pilot Richard Rankin, who reported seeing 10 objects flying in formation over California the day before Arnold. Rankin and Arnold, I believe, did meet later and compare notes.

>- There were some deviations in the altitude estimations,
>maybe due to that Arnold saw the objects for twice as long time
>as Johnson

Arnold probably got the altitude wrong. He reported the objects appearing on his visual horizon and skimming the tops of the Cascades, which would have placed their altitude at closer to 5000 to 6000 feet instead of 9000 to 10000. Johnson placed himself at 5000 feet altitude with the objects appearing to be about 1000 feet higher. That would resolve the altitude difference.

>- Arnold didn't see any "big hand of a clock" in the tail (but, >this_might_be the "different" craft); in any case, a very >special observation from Johnson...but that was because he had a >telescope, only some 1,000 feet away - below the craft

Right, from 25 miles and without a telescope, Arnold wouldn't be able to make out such details.

>- Arnold didn't register any compass disturbances from_his >distance_up in the air, approx. _1 mile_ away, at approx. the >same altitude as the discs.

No, no, no!!! James Easton's 4-foot "pelicans" would calculate to about 1 mile away, not the objects Arnold reported. Arnold placed them at about 25 miles when first seen. Got it?

>- There were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground.

>- Arnold reported a clear day; Johnson a ("somewhat") cloudy day >(at least one cloud).

"At least one cloud." Sounds like a pretty clear day to me even from Johnson's position, which was NOT the same as Arnold's.

Actually what Johnson reported is that he lost sight of them as they banked in a cloud. How you jump to the conclusion from this that Johnson was reporting a "somewhat" cloudy day is beyond me.

>- Johnson is likely to have recognized a bird from a plane with >his telescope; he didn't mention the word "bird" at all in his report(s).

Yep, no pelicans.

>- Johnson was a generation older than Arnold.

Yes, so???

>Conclusion:

>We should_really_assume that both of them were credible >persons and observers, and that they both told the truth to the >Air Force in their reports. (Or, what interests did they have in >not telling the truth? Were they both specifically looking for >very much attention?)

Yet below, you ask, "Which one of these two guys had the best imagination/fantasy?" So do you find the stories credible or not?

>Should we pay some specific attention to the compass >disturbances - that there were_none_(reported by Arnold) up in >the air, 1 mile (1,600 m) away from the objects, but still there >were disturbances on the ground, some 1,000 feet (300 m) >below....?

Arnold reported them being something like 100 times further away than Johnson. (Your 1 mile is a strawman.) Any magnetic field generated by these objects would be reduced a least a million-fold more at that greater distance.

Under those circumstances, Kenneth Arnold not reporting compass disturbances is hardly surprising, is it?

>This_could_possibly assume some pulse radar control - given >_no_pelicans_..... (The pulse radar beams_should_ - in my >opinion - really reach almost everywhere around the >objects..... but I'm not an expert on this.)

Sorry, I don't understand what you are saying here.

>But, the most interesting Johnson observation was the "big hand >of a clock" in the tail of (at least one) of the objects - and >the associated magnetic disturbances.

Yes, definitely very interesting. Assuming Johnson did observe the objects from as close as 1000 feet (this actually isn't clear from the reports) the object would have to have to be generating a very large magnetic field on the order of 10 to 100 Tesla. Magnetic resonance imagers, by comparison, use fields on the order of 2 or 3 Tesla.

>Further, there were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground
>- thus the object speeds couldn't possibly be higher than the
>speed of sound (700 mph).

Yes possibly. There are theoretical ways to eliminate sonic boom.

>Which one of these two guys had the best imagination/fantasy?

When you say this, you are implying that they were lying. Yet elsewhere, you claim you find the stories credible, which is confusing. Since English isn't your first language, perhaps you don't understand that you are contradicting yourself.

>Well, the List members should judge for themselves which one of
>these men who are the most credible.

>When ruling out any conspiracy theory, both of them - highly
>likely - did observe some strange craft on - apparently - the
>same day.

Johnson's story picked up where Arnold's left off. Arnold lost sight of the objects in the distance as they approached Mt. Adams. Johnson saw them closeby while he was on Mt. Adams.

Are you now saying you don't like the pelican theory?

David Rudiak

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>Hot, blue-white
>stars, such as those in the Pleiades are invariably young,
>because their rate of nuclear fusion is such as to cause them to
>run out of fuel within a relatively short period, compared to a
>star like the Sun.

I find the information that the Pleiades are only ten million years old interesting. As I have pointed out in a previous post, our (human) relationship with and interest in the Pleiades cuts across all cultures, all religions, and all human geographic distribution. What we may see here is the remnants of an ancient religion, at least fifty thousand years old and probably much, much older. (The Greeks have essentially the same myth about the formation of the Pleiades as the Australian Aborigines, and this myth is essentially the same as native Americans in Florida and also those in Wyoming)

The similarities between the accounts are too great to have been the result of chance but the marked differences show that there has been separation for a considerable amount of time from a common source.

Why would ancient humans have used the Pleiades as an important prop during religious observations? Human antiquity goes back at least four million years and maybe as far as six. Tool use by humans has been dated to three million years. Perhaps our oldest relatives saw the formation of this star cluster or its aftermath and were so impressed they made it the basis for their religion. There is evidence that the Pleiades have changed over the eons. While known as the seven sisters, only six are clearly visible to the eye.

"Of the seven stars one is at present distinctly fainter than the other six and there are many myths regarding this so-called lost Pleiad. In fact the myths occur in so many ancient literatures that there is a well established theory that at one time all seven of the stars were of approximately the same brightness." Van Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopaedia

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Police Report Starfield Camouflage UFO

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ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
Sunday, January 9, 2000

"Police officers in St. Clair County report seeing early-morning UFO" By Valerie Schremp Of The Post-Dispatch

In the past few days, Millstadt police Officer Craig Stevens has slept little, taken countless phone messages from national experts and heard all of the little green men jokes his fellow officers can muster.

It's amusing -- to a point, he said.

"It's not like I'm the only one who saw it and I'm Joe Blow from the local bar who just stepped out drunk, you know?"

Stevens, of Highland, and at least three other officers from the Lebanon, Shiloh and Dupo police departments said they saw something in the sky early Wednesday -- something that looked like a UFO.

Shaped like an arrowhead, sprinkled with dimmer lights all over its surface and three brighter lights on its tail, the thing made its northeast-to-southwest flight across the Metro East area about 4 a.m.

The first report came in to Highland police from the owner of a miniature golf course. He was driving into Lebanon, so the police contacted Lebanon authorities. The officer there guffawed at the dispatcher. But he spotted the thing heading toward Shiloh, and he sped through traffic lights to try to catch up with it. It reached Shiloh, where an officer there spotted it.

Stevens, sitting in his patrol car in Millstadt on his overnight shift, heard the radio chatter and drove to the north end of town. He scanned the sky but saw only airplane lights.

Then he looked west.

"Wow," he thought, jumping out of the car. "This thing's huge!"

He said it moved slowly, like a blimp, about 1,000 feet off the ground. It was about two stories high and about three times as long. In addition to the three lights in the back, dimmer lights sprinkled the entire surface, almost, as he described it, like a "starfield camouflage."

He grabbed his Polaroid camera and snapped a shot. The object headed toward Dupo, and Stevens radioed dispatch. The dispatcher radioed back, reporting an officer there spotted it too.

The Polaroid didn't develop well in the cold, and the image only shows the three bright lights. At the station, Stevens made an unofficial police report and sketched a likeness of what he saw.

"It's been driving me nuts since I've seen it," he said. "I haven't been able to sleep for the last day and a half."

He's searched the Internet for a likeness of the object but can only find a picture of a "Stealth Blimp" on the Popular Mechanics Web site. It looked like an experimental military ship, he said.

The only calls that Scott Air Force Base received about the object were from the media, a spokeswoman said Saturday. And the military base's control tower was closed at that hour.

Stevens has also fielded calls from the media, science institutes, UFO experts, and a former FBI man who had "a hundred questions." One expert was adamant that people spotted a similar ship in California the day after Christmas. He and the Lebanon officer went on Art Bell's nationally broadcast radio show.

Stevens said he is taking the attention, and his sighting, in stride.

"It didn't scare me; it was cool. I'll never forget it," he said

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UFO watching the Pope at New Year?

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>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern

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>ITALY NEW YEAR'S UFO

>ROME -- Francis Paliekara writes, "I was watching CNN and MSNBC
>on New Year's Eve when they showed celebrations from around the
>world. They were showing footage from the Vatican during the
>pope's New Year's blessing. As they panned around St. Peter's
>Square There was an object in plain sight which hovered
>completely still in the sky on the right. It was gray and disk
>shaped and had no light coming from it or around it. I don't
>know what it was. I was curious if others saw it? Thanks to
>Francis Paliekara paliekara@powerweb.net

You don't mean the Goodyear blimp, which has been hovering over
Rome (precisely above St. Peter's square) since Christmas and
sometime mistaken for a UFO by casual observers, do you?

(That might explain why nobody gave it a thought, here in Italy,
and no TV station worried about such apparition, BTW.)

Best regards

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>speed of sound (700 mph).

>Best regards,

>Asgeir

Well, I disagree with your statement: "thus the object speeds
couldn't possibly be higher than the speed of sound (700 mph)."

First of all, if the objects were already traveling above "750
mph," when they were sighted, the sonic boom, if there was one,
would have long since been experienced.

Second, the reason our jets cause a sonic boom, is because the
split the air above, around and below the aircraft, where as it
has been said that UFOs form a magnetic field around themselves
and sail through the atmosphere like a ship on the sea. Thus,
there would be no "breaking of the sound barrier," because using
this type of propulsion, there would be no barrier to break.

Wouldn't you think that an object or objects, which can make
what appear to be 90 deg. right and left as well as vertical
turns from level flight at high speed, would employ some type of
power system and technology which overcome these problems.

Of course, there is one other possibility, however unlikely it
might seem. These sightings may be some type of "holographic
projection." Who knows what the state of the art in that
technology may have been at that time, out of the "public
scientific arena?"

REgards, Mike

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>Did anyone think that the bomb sounds are HARRP projects being
>tested..... maybe this is what happens when the power is turned
>up!

>Vicki

These explosions remind me of the "sonic booms" which were occurring off the coast from New York to South Carolina, back in the late 70's and up to the mid 80's.

Each time one of these "sonic booms/explosions" was heard, shortly thereafter, there was a "UFO" sighting in the area.

If you know anything about "Soviet Cosmospheres," they were also associated with these sounds.

Many people will tell you that there are no such things as "Soviet Cosmospheres," but do the research and find out for yourself.

There exists a lot of technology which is not acknowledged in today's society. Herein lies the secret behind most of the UFO experiences.

REgards, Mike

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>time all seven of the stars were of approximately the same
>brightness." Van Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopaedia

The stories which Meier claims regarding the Pleiades is that they did not evolve the life which he claims lives there. That life came to that star system, and established their own civilization there, in an attempt to escape from a War in their own Civilizations System.

If this were to turn out to be true, then the age of those stars would not be nearly as important as if they had evolved there. Terra forming a planet in that system may well have been a possibility.

Also remember, the Pleiadeans claim to have established their civilization "one-half second" out of phase with our time line. In other words, "between the seconds."

If this were so, then we would not find any evidence of their existence there if we could actually view their system.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Principles v. 1

From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 07:50:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Principles v. 1

Cydonian Imperative: Principles v. 1

by Mac Tonnies

I've prepared what I think is a good rationale for the Cydonian Imperative. There are obviously several niches to occupy in a subject so "far out," and I'd like to enumerate the ones I feel are currently lacking in other organizations devoted to Cydonia, the Face, etc.

1. The Cydonian Imperative is not a hotbed for speculation. Its existence is simply to help persuade those in charge, through reasoned dialogue, that the Cydonia region should be a high-priority for the Mars Global Surveyor.
2. The Cydonian enigmas may or may not be artificial, though it is my personal opinion that they probably are. Again, the Cydonian "cause" has plenty of impassioned advocates already preconvinced that the Face is non-natural; this is not science, anymore than NASA dismissing the Face as a "rock" is science.
3. It is our intention to help sway the current official climate through letters, petitions, etc. These need not be limited to Malin Space Science Systems and JPL. For example, the next time you see the Face incorrectly "proven" to be a natural formation in a national magazine, or used as laugh fodder in USA Today, don't stand for it! Write to the publication in question asking that the issue be addressed fairly.

My own reply to the January, 2000 issue of "National Geographic" is forthcoming and, like all my posts, becomes "freeware" for others to modify at their discretion.

4. The possibility for a non-natural origin for the Face, City, Cliff, Mounds, etc. is not a disproven matter, even though the mainstream media is unanimous that there is--and never was--anything to it. The reason for this is deceptively simple, and requires no belief in some bizarre coverup.

Simply, Western journalism is simply unable to deal with subject matter like this responsibly. Science literacy in the United States is abhorrent; this trend is sufficiently evident in most "mainstream" science articles to cause concern. How, then, do we expect something like potential alien artifacts to be handled with any measure of reason or perspective?

The Cydonian Imperative's goal is not to rant and rave, but to quietly remind the press that they've got the facts wrong when they create a straw man out of the Face. Dr. Mark Carlotto has shown, in the revised edition of The Martian Enigmas, that the evidence for artifacts on Mars is actually better than that for extinct microbial life on Mars. Using Bayesian analysis, the odds for artificiality at Cydonia stack up rather impressively.

Remember: in the mind of the press there are only two different kinds of people who concern themselves with such subject matter: "skeptics" and "believers." "Skeptics," unfortunately, have become synonymous with "debunkers," partly due to the parade of inaccuracies produced by groups such as CSICOP (Committee for

the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal). "Believers," of course, are those prone to lining their walls with aluminum foil and obsessing over alleged footage of Elvis taken in supermarkets.

There is a reason for this harsh, inaccurate worldview: it's easier to deal with from a journalistic standpoint than actually thinking for one's self. A typical college journalism class stresses the need to present "both sides of the argument." There is certainly nothing wrong with this. But when faced with something as bizarre as apparent alien ruins on another planet, the "skeptics vs. believers" mentality kicks in, with predictable results: NASA is arbitrarily deemed the voice of reason, and some random crank is called in to "defend" the Cydonian anomalies to the public.

Richard Hoagland, for example, has become synonymous in the public's mind with the notion of Cydonian artificiality, and there is no doubt that he has done some remarkable work on the subject in the past. Lately though, he's given to rambling accounts of "crystalline ruins on the Moon"--actually visited by Apollo astronauts who failed to notice--and any number of conspiracy theories (provided they have something to do with NASA and Egypt). Hoagland, of course, was touted as an expert in USA Today when the infamous "catbox" image of the Face appeared.

His arguments, however well-intentioned, served to seal the coffin on the Face. While this was certainly good news for conspiracy-hungry Net-surfers, it was a significant blow to the Society for Planetary SETI Research, whose arguments (presented in the book The Case for the Face) were responsible for taking a new picture of the Face in the first place. The misconceptions that surround this controversial field indeed boggle the mind.

(After viewing the Kansas City Star's horrible account of the Face in 1998, I proceeded to write all the senior editors, offering to give them the e-mail addresses of scientists whose work has withstood peer-review; I received no replies.)

A helpful rule when dealing with the press: If you advocate reimagining the Face, you're invariably viewed as a nut-case. There's no getting around it.

Or is there? Novel approaches to dealing with the media re. this issue is, after all, one of the reasons for this mailing list. It is my hope that we can pool our thoughts to surmount some of the apathy that has collected around the explosive possibility present in Cydonia.

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I'm back - Are The Pelicans Gone?

From: clearlight@t-online.de (Josh Goldstein)
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Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 07:56:38 -0500
Subject: I'm back - Are The Pelicans Gone?

Dear Fellow wackos on this list,

At the beginning of September I went through the tough task of beating my addiction to UFO UpDates as we were getting ready to go on a European music tour and I could not find the time to keep up. All is going well and I am now living in Berlin. So I am back to torment this list. I would like to make contact with serious UFO researchers in this area who speak some English. Any suggestions?

One of the first posts I have read since I rejoined this addiction had continued the thread of the Arnold sighting, a well worn thread of 1999. Personally, I think Mr. Arnold, Mr. Johnson, and the Californian saw what they reported. But I wonder what kind of telescope Mr. Johnson was using to observe nearby daylight objects that were fast moving. I hope he did not see "rods".

Speaking of strange synchronicity, shortly after I read again about Arnold I found an email that was in my drafts folder since August and that I most likely never sent to the list. It is wacky humor that even I probably thought was too loony to post. But it was written when the pelicanists had gotten pretty absurd. So here goes.

Josh Goldstein wrote:

From: Wendy Connors <ProjectSign@email.msn.com>
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Subject: Re: Black Helicopters in Jane's Defence Weekly
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>From: Steven J. Dunn <SDunn@LOGICON.COM>
>Subject: Black helicopters in Jane's Defence Weekly
>To: UFO Updates <updates@globalserve.net>,
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 1999 09:44:15 -0700

>>Date: Fri, 31 Aug 1956 10:29:49 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 1999 10:19:40 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Black helicopters in Jane's Defence Weekly

>Dear List members:

>There in an article in the 28 July 1999 issue of _Jane's Defence Weekly_ that may be of interest to members of the list. It is >entitled, "The Disappearing Helicopter" and, in highly >non-ufologically-oriented style (as would be expected), deals >with the "black helicopter" phenomon.
>Ex: "There is a persistent legend, fostered by occasional >eye-witness testimony, that the US government has developed a >helicopter so stealthy that part of its repertoire includes the >ability to run silently."
>Groom Lake and tests in the SW US are also prominently >mentioned.

>>This is most interesting. I'll have to check out that issue of >>Jane's. I have been aware of black helicopter reports for many

>>years. I have seen reports of "silent running". As a former Huey
>>(UH-1) pilot (175th Assault Helicopter Company, "The Outlaws") I
>>flew the choppers with the loudest flapping blades. I can't
>>imagine what rotor blade design or other technology would create
>>a silent helicopter. Does anyone out there in Updates universe have
>>any ideas?

>>Josh

No mystery Josh.

They are the closet variety pelicans the racist white flock refuses to acknowledge exist. They even have the gall (no pun intended) to make these little guys fly behind them out of sight. From what I understand, the pier pilings are segregated also. Since these poor unfortunate critters don't reflect like a mirror while flipping around in the sun, they are doomed to fly mostly at night. As soon as the Pelicanists get themselves thoroughly organized, perhaps they will endeavor to use Purple Robes to file a discrimination suit against the elitist white pelicans. It is time those dastardly pouch carrying cretins get what they deserve! In the meantime, I am starting a fund raising effort to assist these poor unfortunate pelicans. I guarantee 2% of all funds sent in to go directly to the alleviation of black pelican suffering throughout the State of Washington. The remainder will, of course, go into a separate fund for the continuing research into those excessively rare occasions when the White Supremist Pelican's (WSP) play their favorite game of throwing Sara Lee pie tins back and forth to each other in an attempt to confuse the non-Pelicanists within the field of ufology.

In further developments, word has been received that the silent rotors are, in fact, surplus Archie beanies that the white pelicans make the black ones wear. The bells on these beanies have been removed in order for the black pelicans to sneak through on the underground pelican railroad undetected to Wright-Patterson AFB, where they can be protected in that secret blue room inside the non-existent hanger 18, until they can safely be taken across the border into Canada and welcomed with open arms by Errol. Time to fess up about your involvement Errol! <G>

Wendy Connors

[Its only the beanies that interest us - honest! That nice Mr. Myer has been most helpful - thanks Osc. -- ebk]

Well Wendy, the above is most profound. It is 3am Monday morning out here on the Malibu - Santa Monica stretch of the great Pacific. I've had a long weekend as a music producer and it is getting near musicians' bedtimes. I guess that's the reason I live on a coast with ocean sunsets. I will ponder your wisdom further upon tomorrow's sand. Due to the present hour I don't have the energy left to don my usual extreme humor beanie for long.

My God! That's right. MY GOD, NOT yours. God, why is it that after being awake at 3:49am and after being aware of the Kenneth Arnold case for a few decades I find myself, this morning in 1999, in contemplation of the philosophy of pelicanists. Things sure get strange at this hour. I find myself deep in the semiotics of UFOs = Unidentified Flying Objects metamorphing into UFOs = Unidentified Flapping Pelicans now identified as both black and white species. Look under the feathers and you will see that they both have the same color dung. Or do I not know about the Top Secret black dung piles out at Groom Lake? The scandal that back in the 1940s the US Government in its black projects could not make stealth pelicans. That in the 1990s the best the government can do towards stealth pelicans is to build tunnels to Wright-Pat to hide their failure.

In 1993 back in Rachel, NV a one of a kind pelican, a strange bird named Gary Schultz demonstrated to me the mental hazards of trying too hard to be a flapping object with too much information. He provided no evidence but seemed to have lost his way to the truth. He told me tidbits of the pelican scandal. I never believed him but you may be confirming something here. He told me that William Cooper had known that John Lear had such evidence from his CIA sources. The pelican plan started with the Marshall Plan and operation paperclip. Documents were recovered

that showed the Nazis were experimenting with Unidentified Flapping Objects. Jet powered black and white pelicans with strange swept wings were developed at Peenemunde as stealth V3s. Silent and invisible by reflecting the sun so strongly that one would be forced to look away. The Nazis trained the Japanese, who sent over the Pelican Baka bombs. They held hand grenades in their beaks. Perhaps, as Roswell was caused by a Baka bomb that took over a year to get from Japan to the US, Mr. Arnold saw a flight of late flying previously lost V3s (remember how he reported the speed, must have been jet powered pelicans with swept wings that were truly Baka Pelicans that got lost flying across the Pacific and arrived late). However, I have been told that the Nazis continued their research after the war with penguins from their "Groom Lake" in Antarctica. Check the ancient Piri Riis map of Antarctica that shows the terrain beneath the icecap to find the location.

Arnold spotted them. But Arnold only saw half the Baka Pelicans due to the rest being black and nonreflective. The black ones could only be seen with fluorescent UV black lights. The white ones only with white light. During the war we could not spare the electrical generating power to light up the miles long black lights that would have been needed for observation. But the end of the war came too soon for the Japanese.

Then this was all hushed up by the Men in Black. Strange, they had feet like pelicans and had to wear big shoes. Black ops put the lid on this. One night it was partially leaked to me at Rachel.

Dr.Flapper Von Bird was brought to the US. He supervised rocket testing and development at White Sands in New Mexico but covertly established Dulce Canyon as an underground Pelican stealth research lab. Later, even the New Mexico State Police witnessed those pelicans. Then it was moved to area S4 in Nevada when the word spread. Wendy, thank you for expanding my knowledge and for confirming an axiom I have long suspected. Strange birds indeed. Does that clear things up also for you? Think about it. It did for me.

I'm going to bed. Tomorrow I will tackle the flapping mythology. Remember the story of the Bigfoot with a black pelican perched on one shoulder and a white one upon the other? If not, we will pursue it at a later date. I'm going to bed. Satisfied that we have identified the flap of Unknown Flapping Pelicans once and for all.

Ah, sweet dreams. Yawn.
Josh

By the way, does anyone know what happened to that unusual bird Gary Schultz? Years ago he used to do a lot of flapping around LA. Did he get swept up in the loose screw magnet? If so, we need more lose screw magnets. The floor of this field is unfortunately littered with too many loose screws. Sure, we all beg for sanity in the midst of UFO mania but remember that the truly deluded will never listen to advice. Maybe some of those poor unfortunates are really the Government's Men In Wack. Wackos programmed to feed disinformation to make us all look like wackos. I know, I'm a certified wacko. This post is the evidence.

"Go Ask Oscar When He's Ten Feet Tall". A song for Oscar Myer Weinermobiles performed by the Jefferson Pelicans, written by Oil Slick.

Ok, I warned you. I've been away a few months and I promise this is the last post this crazy. Now I'll dig into the archives to get an idea of what I missed and the origins of current threads. I hope during my absence no one went on the rampage with undignified, stupid actions such as personal attacks. I hope this list can be passionate yet professional. There is no excuse for that kind of behavior, even with the terminally deluded like myself.

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

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>Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100

>Hello List:

>I guess we won't avoid discussing the Arnold sightings in the
>year 2000 either, so I just decided to be the first one this
>year (yes, I think so).

>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain
>ridges.

>This year I will just refer to what Arnold told some of the
>newspapers - and - mention a report from the prospector F.M.
>Johnson, being on the ground up in the Cascades on - apparently
>- the same day as Arnold made his sightings. And then, prepare a
>comparison between the main observations as reported by the two
>men. (I guess that most of this stuff is well known to you, but
>the Johnson reports were fairly new to me, and I just decided to
>systemize them a little bit.)

It is a good idea to discuss the Arnold/Johnson sighting in the
year 2000. Especially to clear up misunderstandings. Reference
is made to the following "Arnold website":

<snip>

>4. He clocked them from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, arriving at
>the "amazing" speed of about 1200 miles an hour.

The actual calculated speed was closer to 1,700 mph. He
arbitrarily reduced the speed in his public statements in case
he had made an error.

>5. Talking about it to a man from Ukiah in Pendleton this
>morning, whose name he did not get (it was maybe not Johnson;
>see below), he was amazed to learn that the man had sighted the
>same aerial objects yesterday afternoon from the mountains in
>the Ukiah section!

Not Johnson

<snip>

>11. In addition: Arnold estimated the length of the objects as
>approximately equal in angular size to the spacing of engines on
>a DC-4 at 15 miles. Assume he was right, with the spacing about
>60 ft. Then the objects would be $4/60 \times 15 = 1$ mile away (from
><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/aug/m25-006.shtml>).

Misinterpretation here. The objects were about 20 miles away
based on the claim by Arnold that they flew "in and out of the
mountain peaks" south of Mt. Rainier.

Thus the size was (60 ft / 15 miles) x (20 miles) = 80 ft

approximately... of course.

<snip>

>Some of the significant observations made by Johnson (as told to
>the Air Force), were as follows:

<snip>

>3. He observed 6-7 similarly looking objects - from his position
>in the Cascades

Miles South of Arnold.

<snip>

>Other observations by myself - when comparing what they both
>have been reporting:

>- He didn't report seeing Arnold's plane up in the air, though.

Not surprising. He was about 50 miles from Arnold and perhaps on
th south side of a mountain (Arnold was way north of the Mt.
Adams. Johnson was near Mt. Adams)

<snip>

>- Arnold didn't see any "big hand of a clock" in the tail (but,
>this _might_ be the "different" craft); in any case, a very
>special observation from Johnson...but that was because he had a
>telescope, only some 1,000 feet away - below the craft

Arnold was looking from the side and 20 miles or more away from
the bjects. Johnson estimated they were about 1000 ft above him
and he used a telescope.

>- Arnold didn't register any compass disturbances from _his
>distance_ up in the air, approx. _1 mile_ away, at approx. the
>same altitude as the discs.

Arnold was about 20 miles away. Not surprising there was no
compass disturbance (assuming he looked at his compass).
Magnetic field strength decreases as the cube of the distance.
The cube of the ratio of 20 miles to 1000 ft, is a large number.
1/this large number is the field reduction factor (0.0000008)

<snip>

>Conclusion:

>We should _really_ assume that both of them were credible
>persons and observers, and that they both told the truth to the
>Air Force in their reports.

Agree

(Or, what interests did they have in
>not telling the truth? Were they both specifically looking for
>very much attention?)

>Should we pay some specific attention to the compass
>disturbances - that there were _none_ (reported by Arnold) up in
>the air, 1 mile (1,600 m) away from the objects, but still there
>were disturbances on the ground, some 1,000 feet (300 m)
>below....?

Johnson's report of magnetic disturbance is the first such
report in UFO history (so far as I know)

>This _could_ possibly assume some pulse radar control - given
>_no pelicans_..... (The pulse radar beams _should_ - in my
>opinion - really reach almost everywhere around the
>objects..... but I'm not an expert on this.)

Magnetic effects not likely to be related to radar.

<snip>

>Which one of these two guys had the best imagination/fantasy?
>Well, the List members should judge for themselves which one of
>these men who are the most credible.

No reason to think that either is not credible.

>When ruling out any conspiracy theory, both of them - highly
>likely - did observe some strange craft on - apparently - the
>same day.

Yes.

NOTE: Johnson's report was left unexplained by the Air Force. It enjoys a unique position in this regard: it is the first unexplained report in the Blue Book file, Arnold's sighting was officially explained as a mirage. For further info see below.

JUNE 24, 1947: HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Story of the Arnold Sighting

by

Bruce Maccabee

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Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 12, 1997

(UPDATED to Sept. 1999)

INTRODUCTION

June 24, 1947. You will not find any conventional history book that even so much as mentions that on that date there began the public awareness of a phenomenon of such importance that it could well be the most important phenomenon discovered in this century, or even in the history of mankind. The important event of that date was the sighting, by Kenneth Arnold, of a group of strange flying objects which eventually became known throughout the world as flying saucers, Unidentified Flying Objects or UFOs (English, German, Japanese, etc.), OVNI's (Spanish, French) or NLOs (Russian).

Since Kenneth Arnold's story was publicized around the world fifty years ago, sightings of UFOs/OVNI's/saucers have affected the lives of thousands of people the world over. So, why haven't history books mentioned this very important event? Because the subject of flying saucers has been considered to be largely nonsense. Even though no one has yet offered a credible explanation for Arnold's sighting, it has been tacitly assumed by the the majority of the academic community, the community most likely to write history books, that Arnold's sighting, and the tens of thousands of others since his, have been explained in many ways.

This assumption by conventional historians is based on the fact that proposed explanations for Arnold's sighting, and for the other sightings, were widely publicized by the press, skeptical scientists and the U.S. Air Force. Historians, not having the necessary training in physical and perceptual sciences, could not properly evaluate these explanations and therefore assumed they were true. The failure of the Air Force or any other government agency or group of people to provide absolutely conclusive proof such as "hard evidence" (pieces of a saucer, aliens, dead or alive) meant that there was no compelling reason to question the explanations and so the explanations carried the day... and the day after that... and the day after that.... Fifty years later these bogus explanations prevent June 24, 1947 from taking its rightful place in history. It is my intent in this paper to show how the explanations have failed. In doing so I hope to justify the inclusion of this day in future history books.

PRE-HISTORY

Unknown to most of human society, during the spring of 1947 strange things were happening. Oddly shaped objects flying

through the skies were seen by a few people. These appeared to be machines...but they weren't any type of flying craft made by mankind. They did not have aerodynamic shape, yet they traveled at high speed. The sightings were miracles of a sort...anomalous events with no explanation... a preview of coming events. The sightings were portentous occurrences, heralding the dawn of a new era, but the witnesses did not know this. All the witnesses knew was that they had seen something strange. Probably some new development of the Air Force, they thought. After marveling at the sights, they forgot about them. These sightings would have been lost in the their distant memories, absent from history, if it hadn't been for one man and the events which followed his June sighting.

In January, 1947 a British Mosquito fighter aircraft chased unknown flying object for half an hour off the coast of Britain. In April, in Richmond, Virginia, meteorologists saw round silvery objects fly past the meteorological balloons they were tracking. In May a pilot who lived in Oklahoma City saw a huge, shiny, disk-shaped object fly at a high speed and high altitude over him (he was on the ground at the time) without making any noise. During the same month seven employees of a railroad in Colorado watched a strange object perform strange maneuvers for several minutes. It looked metallic and it made no sound. Near the end of May a doctor who was fishing in South Carolina saw four discs which appeared to be spinning fly nearly overhead at a high rate of speed. They made no sound. There were a few other sightings in May and then the sighting rate began to increase in June. The newspaper reports compiled by Ted Bloecher (reference 8) are known to be an underestimate of the true number of sightings, but at least they give us an idea of what happened so long ago. According to Bloecher there was approximately one sighting every other day for the first half of the June. These were scattered over the midwest and western United States. Then the sighting rate doubled to about 2 per day until June 20. Bloecher found 3 sightings for June 20, two for June 21, three on June 22, six on June 23..... and then the explosion: Bloecher found 20 reports on June 24! These were mostly in the far northwestern states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Sightings were scattered throughout the day from morning to night. After the 24th the sighting rate stayed at about 10 per day or higher, with sightings occurring not just in the west but throughout the country. In early July the sighting rate climbed beyond 20 per day to 88 sightings on July 4, 76 on July 5, 156 on July 6, 159 on July 7, and a whopping 189 on July 8. After that it dropped quickly back to 20 per day and then only a few per day. By the end of July the sighting rate was about one per day and by August it was down to several per week. (Newspapers reported a few sightings in other countries as well.)

What had happened? Had the American people undergone a summertime "silly season?" Was there something in the air that made people see things that were not there? If you looked at the major national press for that period you would get the impression that the citizens of the United States had been spooked by some odd phenomenon which had burst upon the country with great speed and fury and had departed just as suddenly. After the 1947 flap was over there was no hard evidence - at least none available to the general public - to prove that any of the reported objects were real, i.e., solid, metallic objects. There were only stories and a few disputed photos. During the flap and afterward the U.S. government vehemently denied responsibility for any sightings and furthermore the Army Air Force claimed that a search for evidence of unusual flying craft had produced nothing. By early July explanations were running rampant and by late July the subject was being forgotten by all but the witnesses themselves... and the Air Force and FBI. (Yes, the FBI did investigate sightings in 1947 and collected flying saucer information for years afterward. The "X files" are real! see ref. 12.)

During the first two weeks of the 1947 flap the press had a generally positive attitude toward the sightings. There was a feeling that something had really been seen and there were two acceptable theories: advanced U.S. aircraft or enemy (Soviet) aircraft. But when the government denied having any such aircraft, and when it became apparent that the Soviets would be foolish to fly any advanced aircraft over the United States, the

press became hostile to the idea that saucers were real flying craft. Instead saucer sightings were explained as delusions, notes in the eye, reflections off distant aircraft, ice meteors(!), misidentified natural phenomena and atmospheric effects such as mirages, hoaxes (of which there were a number) or just plain tall stories by people wanting notoriety. By the end of this period witnesses had been embarrassed and worse, ridiculed, by the stories in the press. New witnesses just decided to shut up. Even Mr. Arnold told the press that he would not report anything else he might see.

Of course, the subject of flying saucers did not die with the end of the flap. It just "went underground"...to pop up again and again in one form or another as sightings ebbed and flowed through the years following 1947. And, as students of the subject well know, the Air Force did not forget the sightings. For years there was a publicly known Air Force effort to analyze sightings (projects called Sign, Grudge and Blue Book) and it was one of these which tackled Kenneth Arnold's sighting. The Air Force in December, 1949, publicly claimed to have explained the sighting...but had not, as you will see. Nevertheless, the claim was enough to remove Arnold's sighting from consideration by historians. (Even some pro-UFO books have suggested that Arnold saw a mirage.) Therefore, the reasoning went something like this: if the first major occurrence of a what appears to be a new phenomenon turns out to be faulty...then it is probable that any other similar reports are also faulty. And, by this logic the whole subject was rejected by conventional science, the press and the history of the period.

However, as the following discussion shows, what was faulty was not the "first" sighting. What was faulty was the reasoning which led to various incorrect explanations.

THE ARNOLD STORY

THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Summaries of Arnold's sighting report have been published in a number of books (references 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9) including his own (ref. 10). Unfortunately these books leave out some of the details that must be known in order to properly evaluate (and reject!) the explanations that have been proposed. I, too, do not have space to reproduce his sighting report (ref. 11) verbatim. However, I will present most of the information so that the reader will have a good understanding of what happened.

The Appendix contains a transcript of what was apparently the first radio interview of Mr. Arnold. This presents a very brief overview of the sighting as recalled the day afterward. Although the information contained therein is not used in the following reconstruction of the events, I present it here to show that his basic story had not changed over the weeks between the sighting and his letter to the Air Force, in which he presented his most detailed recollections of his sighting.

WHAT WAS HE DOING BEFORE THE SIGHTING?

According to Mr. Arnold, at 2:00 PM, June 24, 1947 he took off from Chehalis, in the state of Washington, in his small plane after completing a business trip (he sold and installed fire fighting equipment). He planned to spend about an hour searching for a lost C-46 Marine transport plane that had crashed in the mountains west-southwest of Mt. Rainier. (There was a \$5,000 reward for finding the plane.) After searching for about an hour and not finding anything he turned east toward his next destination, Yakima, Washington. He was near Mineral, Washington, about 22 miles west-southwest of Mt. Rainier and Yakima was about 80 miles ahead of him along a flight path that would take him just about 12 miles south of peak of Mt. Rainier. He levelled out onto his new flight path he was at approximately a 9,200 ft altitude. His sighting began within a minute or two of the turn. Sentences and paragraphs taken from his Air Force letter (ref. 11) are preceded by (L) and statements from his book (ref. 10) are preceded by (B). As you read the following story please keep in mind that this is history. It actually happened!

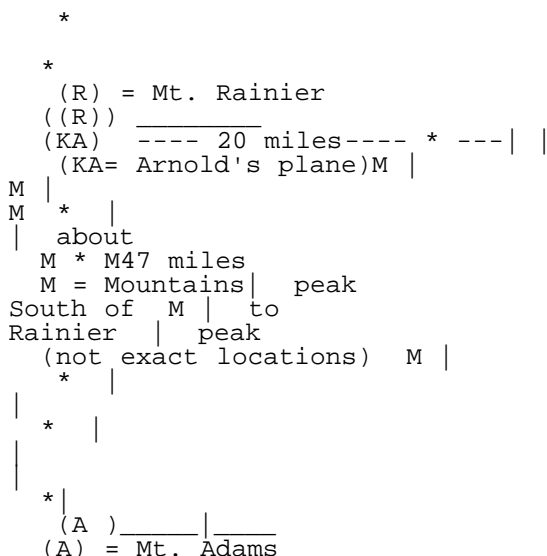
THE SIGHTING BEGINS

(L) "The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as most pilots do, when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and terrain. There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 ft. elevation.

COMMENT: The time was about 3:00 PM and the sun was just slightly to the southwest of being directly overhead (azimuth 230 deg, elevation 60 deg.; this was only two days after the summer solstice). It is important to notice how Arnold's attention was first drawn to the presence of strange flying objects because his initial observation rules out any explanation that is based on things in the sky which are not shiny (reflective, like a mirror) such as, for example, birds. It also rules out atmospheric effects. Also, keep in mind the general geometry of this sighting. The objects traveled almost due south along a path that took them just west of Mt. Rainier. Their travel path from about the location of Rainier to several miles south of Rainier was essentially perpendicular to Arnold's eastward line of sight. This was at the time they were closest to Arnold.

CONNECT THE STARS IN THE FOLLOWING SKETCH TO MAKE THE PATH OF THE SAUCERS

The following "map" is illustrative but not to scale (this may not come out readable unless you use a variable character spacing in your word processor)



(L) "The sky and air was as clear as crystal. I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash of light reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft. (B) I spent the next twenty to thirty seconds urgently searching the sky all around - to the sides and above and below me - in an attempt to determine where the flash of light had come from. The only actual plane I saw was a DC-4 far to my left and rear, apparently on its San Francisco to Seattle run. My momentary explanation to myself was that some lieutenant in a P-51 had given me a buzz job across my nose and that it was sun reflecting off his wings as he passed that had caused the flash. Before I had time to collect my thoughts or to find a close aircraft, the flash happened again. This time I caught the direction from which it had come. I observed, far to my left and to the north, a formation of very bright objects coming from the vicinity of Mt. Baker, flying very close to the mountain tops and traveling at tremendous speed. (L) I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 ft elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction

of about 170 degrees.

COMMENT: Mt. Baker (altitude, 10,000 ft) is about 130 miles north of Mt. Rainier. Even if the objects were not as far away as Mt. Baker the flashes must have been very bright to be visible over a great distance. (If the path of the objects as estimated by Arnold, 170 degrees azimuth, is projected northward from Mt. Rainier, his sighting line to Mt. Baker crosses the projected path about 50 miles from his plane, which is a more likely distance for his initial observation of the flashes.) This suggests that the flashes were reflections of sunlight from mirror-like (specular) surfaces, i.e., a polished metal surfaces. Sunlight flashes could be visible over distances as great as a hundred miles under clear atmospheric conditions. Anything less would be invisible over such a distance in the bright sky. Since the sun was at an elevation of about 60 deg, some portion of the object's surface must have been momentarily at an angle of about 60 deg. to the horizontal in order to cause a reflected sun ray to travel nearly horizontally in the atmosphere from the object to Arnold's plane.

DESCRIPTION AND TIMING THE FLIGHT BETWEEN POINTS

(B) "At first I couldn't make out their shapes as they were still at a distance of over a hundred miles. I could see that the formation was going to fly in front of me. I watched as these objects approached the snow border of Mt. Rainier, thinking all the time that I was observing a whole formation of jets. In group count that I have used in counting cattle and game from the air, they numbered nine. They were flying diagonally in echelon formation with a larger gap in their echelon between the first four and last five. What startled me the most was the fact that I could not find any tails on them. I felt sure that, being jets, they had tails, but figured they must be camouflaged in some way so that my eyesight could not perceive them. I knew that the Air Force was very artful in the knowledge and use of camouflage. I observed the objects' outlines plainly as they flipped and flashed against the snow and also against the sky.

(L) Anyhow, I discovered that this was where the reflection had come from, as two or three of them every few seconds would dip or change course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

(B) As they were traveling perpendicular to my path I was in an excellent position to clock their speed and I determined to make an attempt to do so. (L) I had two definite points I could clock them by. (Note: by this he means Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, about 47 miles to the south). The air was so clear that it was very easy to see the objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day. I remember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my eight day clock, which is located on the instrument panel, read one minute to 3 PM as the first object of this formation passed the southern edge of Mt. Rainier.

(L) I watched these objects with great interest as I had never before observed airplanes flying so close to the mountain tops, flying directly south to southeast down the hog's back of a mountain range. I would estimate their elevation could have varied a thousand feet one way or the other up or down, but they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate that they were near the same elevation as me. They flew like many times I have observed geese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They seemed to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. I could quite accurately determine their pathway due to the fact that there were several high peaks a little this side of them as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

COMMENT: These statements about how they flew with respect to the mountain peaks are very important because they provide information on the distance from Mr. Arnold. These mountain

peaks lie along a wide north-south line extending southward from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams. These peaks were about 20 miles east of Arnold at the time. These statements also provide the altitude of the objects. To Arnold they appeared to be approximately at his altitude because they seemed to be "pretty much on the horizon to me." Since he was flying at 9,200 ft, this implies that they were close to that altitude. (Arnold actually stated his letter that they were at 9,500 ft.) However, the mountain peaks south of Rainier generally are 5,000 to 7,000 ft high, with the higher ones being farther away (more to the east) from Arnold. Hence his statement that there were higher peaks on the far side of the pathway indicates that the objects were definitely lower than about 7,000 ft. Furthermore, he stated that they went behind some (or at least one) of the lower, closer peaks. Geological survey maps show that mountain peaks which the objects could have disappeared behind have altitudes of 5,000 to 6,000 ft. Hence it appears that they were lower than 6,000 ft and that Arnold overestimated their altitude.

Is it reasonable to assume that he could have made an error of several thousand feet in estimating their altitude? The answer to this question lies in the fact that Arnold inferred the altitude by observing that the objects appeared to be almost exactly on his horizon (i.e., level with his altitude). But it is very difficult to determine the exact horizon from an airplane. In this case, the angle (the "depression angle") between exact horizontal and his downward sighting line to the mountain peaks south of Mt. Rainier was very small. The depression angle from Arnold's plane at 9,200 ft altitude to the top of a 5,500 ft high mountain at a distance of 20 miles (105,600 ft) was about 2 deg. Such a small angle would be difficult to detect from an airplane. So the answer is yes, he could easily have made an error of 4,000 ft in estimating the altitude of the objects. Perhaps if he had looked up the actual altitudes of the mountain peaks south of Mt Rainier he would have revised his statement.

FORMATION AND "SKIPPING SAUCER" FLIGHT DYNAMICS

While Arnold was timing the flight he observed the objects carefully. According to his letter, " I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses.)"

(B) "They didn't fly like any aircraft I had ever seen before. In the first place their echelon formation was backward from that practiced by our Air Force. The elevation of the first craft was greater than that of the last. They flew in a definite formation but erratically. As I described them at the time their flight was like speed boats on rough water or similar to the tail of a Chinese kite that I once saw blowing in the wind. Or maybe it would be best to describe their flight characteristics as very similar to a formation of geese, in a rather diagonal chain-like line, as if they were linked together. As I put it to newsmen in Pendleton, Oregon, they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water. They fluttered and sailed, tipping their wings alternately and emitting those very bright blue-white flashes from their surfaces. At the time I did not get the impression that the flashes were emitted by them, but rather that it was the sun's reflection from the extremely highly polished surface of their wings.

(L) What kept bothering me as I watched them flip and flash in the sun right along their path was the fact that I couldn't make out any tail on them, and I am sure that any pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane. The more I observed these objects the more upset I became, as I am accustomed and familiar with most all objects flying whether I am close to the ground or at higher altitude. Even though two minutes seems like a very short time to one on the ground, in the air in two minutes time a pilot can observe a great many things and anything within his sight of vision probably as many as fifty or sixty times. Of course, when the sun reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am making a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be as

they passed the snow covered ridges as well as Mt. Rainier. When the objects were flying approximately straight and level, they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could get a judgement as to their size. These objects were holding an almost constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or coming down, such as would be the case of artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were some type of airplane, even though they didn't conform with the many aspects of the conventional types of planes I know.

COMMENT: In his letter Arnold included a sketch which shows the leading edge being nearly a semicircle, with short parallel sides and with the rear being a wide angle convex (protruding) V shape that comes to a rounded point at the trailing edge. (See also his recorded description in the Appendix: half a pie pan with a convex triangle at the rear.) He wrote on the sketch that "they seemed longer than wide, their thickness was about 1/20th of their width." His suggestion that their width (or length) was about twenty times greater than their thickness may be an exaggeration. The sketch he drew of how they appeared "on edge" has the dimensions 4 mm wide by 45 mm long (approx.) which suggests a ratio closer to 1/11. Although he did not mention it in his letter, he later stated (e.g., in his book) that one of the objects had a somewhat different shape. His book shows an illustration in which the object has a semi-circular front edge and a rear edge that consists of two concave edges that join at a rearward pointing cusp at the center of the rear edge.

THE ANGULAR SIZE AND SPEED OF THE OBJECTS

(L) I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact I compared a zeus fastener or cowling tool I had in my pocket - holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 - that I could observe at quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furthest engines on each side of the DC-4.

(L) I observed the chain of these objects passing another snow-covered ridge in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, and as the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge. As I was flying in the direction of this particular ridge, I measured it and found it to be approximately five miles so I could safely assume that the chain of these saucer like objects were at least five miles long.

(L) As the last unit of this formation passed the southern most high snow covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my sweep second hand and it showed that they traveled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I would land there would be some explanation of what I saw. I might add that my complete observation of these objects, which I could even follow by their flashes as they passed Mt. Adams, was around two and one-half or three minutes--although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams they were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form.

COMMENT: Arnold provided an estimate of size in an indirect way: he stated that they appeared to be comparable to the spacing of the engines on a DC-4 (4 engine propellor driven, 117 ft wingspan, 94 ft length, 27 ft height) which he had seen at a distance which he estimated as 15 miles. He estimated the engine spacing to be 45 - 50 ft, although 60 ft would have been a better estimate. By this means he was essentially providing an angular size, measured front-to-back, for the objects: the equivalent of about 50 (or 60) ft at 15 miles. He reported the size of the objects as 45 - 50 ft by comparison with the airplane as if the plane had been at the same distance as the objects. However, the plane was not at the same distance, so a correction for the distance difference is necessary. It is possible to make an estimate of the front-to-back size of the objects assuming his estimate of the distance to the DC-4, 15

miles, was (approximately) correct. Using the outer engine spacing as 60 ft, the angular size at his estimated distance is $60/(15 \times 5280) = 0.00076$ radians or about 2.6 minutes of arc (1 degree = 60 minutes = 0.0174 radians). Projecting this angle to 20 miles, the rough distance of the objects, would yield a size of about $(20 \times 5280 \times 0.00075 =)$ 80 ft. Had he overestimated the distance to the DC-4 (if it had been less than 15 miles away) the calculated angular size, and hence the calculated object size would increase. If he underestimated the distance to the DC-4, then the calculated size of the objects would decrease. My own suspicion is that he overestimated the distance and that therefore the objects were larger than 80 ft in length. Unfortunately no investigator pursued this size estimate at the time and with Arnold's death many years ago it is no longer possible to improve the size estimate. Using the dashboard clock in his airplane Arnold measured the time from when the first object passed the side of Mt. Rainier until the last object passed Mt. Adams. The distance from the flank of Mt. Rainier to the peak of Mt. Adams is about 45 miles (depending upon where on the side one picks as the starting point). Since the length of the "chain" of objects was about 5 miles, the leading object was about 5 miles south of Mt. Adams when the last object passed Mt. Adams. Hence the total distance it (and the others) traveled was about 50 miles in 102 seconds. This corresponds to a speed of about 1,760 mph. (Arnold intentionally underestimated this speed, saying that it was 1,200 mph or more, which was still faster than any aircraft of the day. Chuck Yeager was the first person to "break" the "sound barrier" at about 700 mph in October, 1947.) Arnold estimated that he had the objects in view for a total of about 2.5 to 3 minutes. During that time, if their speed was constant, they may have traveled a total of 80 to 90 miles, starting from a location about 30 or 40 miles north of Mt. Rainier where Arnold first saw them (not from the 100 mile distance near Mt. Baker, as Arnold had thought) to some distance south of Mt. Adams, where they disappeared from view. When Arnold landed at Yakima, Washington, he told some of the people at the airport about these amazing high speed aircraft.

ARNOLD REPORTS HIS SIGHTING

(L) When I landed at Yakima, Washington airport I described what I had seen to my very good friend Al Baxter, who listened patiently and was very courteous but in a joking way didn't believe me.

COMMENT: Arnold then left the airport to fly to Pendleton, Oregon on a business trip. The discussion of his sighting presumably would have ended in Yakima if it hadn't been for the fact that someone at the airport contacted the press to report that some new, high speed aircraft had been sighted. When Arnold arrived at Pendleton he was surprised to find a number of reporters eager to learn about the new aircraft. Arnold told them about the sighting and his (under)estimated speed of 1,200 mph. He then described how they flew: they wobbled and flipped, like saucers skipping on the water. A reporter, hearing the description, coined a name for the new aircraft, a name which we have been stuck with ever since: FLYING SAUCERS.

(L) I did not accurately measure the distance between these two mountains (Note: Rainier and Adams) until I landed at Pendleton, Oregon, that same day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine what I had observed and they did not scoff or laugh but suggested they might be guided missiles or something new. In fact several former Army pilots informed me that they had been briefed before going into combat overseas that they might see objects of similar shape and design as I described and assured me that I wasn't dreaming or going crazy.A former Army Air Forces pilot ...(told me)... "What you observed, I am convinced, is some type of jet or rocket propelled ship that is in the process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government."

EXPLANATIONS OFFERED FOR KENNETH ARNOLD'S SIGHTING

The official Air Force explanation is that Arnold saw a mirage. Having read the previous material you may wonder how the Air Force could justify that explanation. The answer is not straightforward. The Air Force intelligence officers who investigated the initial saucer reports in the summer of 1947 and through the summer of 1948 treated all of the sightings, including Arnold's, seriously. This was, at least in part, a result of the fact that a number of Air Force pilots reported seeing flying saucers. Arnold's sighting was included as unexplained in the Top Secret intelligence memorandum compiled by Air Force intelligence at the Pentagon during the late fall of 1948 (ref. 3). However, in the early fall of 1948 General Hoyt Vandenburg rejected the conclusion expressed in the "Estimate of the Situation" that saucers were interplanetary vehicles (See ref. 4. Captain Edward Ruppelt, who was the director of Project Blue Book from late 1951 to early 1953, wrote that the Estimate was written by technical intelligence analysts at Wright Patterson AFB who had concluded, in August, 1948, that "interplanetary" was the only logical explanation. They wrote the Estimate of the Situation and sometime in September sent it to General Hoyt Vandenburg Chief of Staff of the Air Force. He rejected the conclusion. The analysts, who were the acknowledged experts in analysis of foreign aerodynamic vehicles, then visited the general to argue their case, but they were told by something like this: "Sorry, wrong answer!") By rejecting the Estimate Vandenburg effectively established an Air Force policy that the "interplanetary hypothesis" was not to be considered as a possible explanation for any sighting. Another alternative, that the Russians had made immense improvements on German aircraft developed during WWII and were flying their new aircraft over the United States, was too much for the intelligence analysts to accept. Therefore they were forced to come up with some conventional explanation for each sighting even if there was no logical conventional explanation. The "urge to explain" biased the sighting analyses done during Projects Grudge (1949-1951) and Blue Book (1951 - 1969). This sorry situation is described more fully, with numerous examples, in ref. 12.

Explanations for Arnold's sighting were proposed by two scientists with close connections to the Air Force project. These skeptical scientists were Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Dr. Donald Menzel. Dr. Hynek, a professor at Ohio State University and then at Northwestern University, was the astronomy consultant to the Air Force's UFO projects starting with Project Sign in 1948 and continuing through the end of Project Blue Book in 1969. Although his specialty was astronomy he was asked to suggest explanations for all types of sightings. Dr. Menzel was an astrophysicist and director of the Harvard Observatory during the same time period. Dr. Hynek, who died in 1986, reversed his skeptical stance toward UFO reports in the late 1960's and, in 1973, founded the Center for UFO Studies, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Menzel, who died in 1976, never retreated from his published opinion that all sightings by credible observers could be explained, many as meteorological phenomena.

In 1948 Dr. Hynek (who was not aware of the Top Secret Air Intelligence Report (ref. 3)) was hired to analyze sightings and to decide which ones could be categorized as misidentified astronomical phenomena. As a "side benefit" to the Air Force he also gave his opinion on the other sightings, including Arnold's. (rev. 9)

Hynek began his analysis of the sighting by assuming that at least part of what Arnold said was true: that Arnold could see the overall shape of the objects, that he could see them edge-on, and that he thought their width was about twenty times greater than their thickness. Hynek decided to try to calculate their size based on the basic visual capabilities of the human eye. He pointed out that the angular resolution of the human eye is typically about 3 minutes of arc (1 minute of arc = 1/60 of a degree = 0.00029 radians = 0.29 mr, where mr is the abbreviation for milliradians; the angular size of the moon is about 1/2 degree or about 30 minutes of arc or about 8.7 mr). He then claimed that if the vertical angular size, i.e., the apparent thickness, were substantially less than this, Arnold could not have seen the objects. Hence, Hynek concluded that the thickness must have been at least 3 minutes of arc (about one tenth of the apparent size of the moon). Hynek

calculated that this angular size corresponds to a thickness of about 100 feet at the greatest distance estimated by Arnold, 25 miles. Therefore, if Arnold's 20:1 ratio of length to thickness were correct, then the objects were about about 2,000 ft long. Dr. Hynek could not accept the idea that 2,000 ft long objects were flying at high speed through the earth's atmosphere. It was just too ridiculously large.

But, on the other hand, Arnold had not said that the objects were that large. He had estimated that the objects were the size of fighter aircraft with typical lengths of 40 to 50 ft. One may imagine Hynek saying to himself, "Aha, a contradiction! There must be an error in Arnold's estimates." Hynek calculated that if, indeed, they had been this short then they would have been too small for Arnold to see any details. Furthermore, if the 20:1 ratio were correct, they would have been too thin to see edge-on if 25 miles away. Thus Hynek noted an inconsistency in Arnold's report: if the objects' size and distance were as estimated by Arnold he could not have seen any details of their shape because he could not have been seen them at all!

Hynek decided to resolve the inconsistency by ignoring both Arnold's distance and size estimates. Instead, Hynek argued that if the objects were a more reasonable size, say, the size of the largest known aircraft, roughly 400 ft long and 30 feet high, then they must have been much closer to Arnold in order for them to be seen "edge on." Hynek estimated their distance at 6 miles. At this distance the aircraft could appear (from the position of Arnold's plane) to travel past Mt. Rainier and then past Mt. Adams in 102 seconds if their speed were only about 400 mph. Hynek concluded as follows: "in view of the above (calculations) it appears probable" that Arnold saw "some sort of known aircraft."

As a result of Hynek's discussion of the discrepancy between Arnold's estimates of the distance and size of the objects, the Air Force officers who wrote the final report of Project Grudge in the spring of 1949 decided that "the entire report of this incident is replete with inconsistencies and cannot bear even superficial examination." (ref. 9)

So, what about Hynek's argument that the objects would have been too thin to be visible, based on his claim that the human eye can't see something smaller than 3 arc minutes in angular size? Does it make any sense at all? The answer to this question is no, and it comes in two parts. First, the fact is that many people can "see" objects smaller than 3 arc minutes in angular size, especially if they are larger than this in one dimension (e.g., like a long cylinder, such as a long wire, viewed from the side). The second part of the answer comes directly from Arnold's report to the Air Force. Although it would have been "nice" if Arnold could have taken an eye test to provide Hynek with actual visual acuity data, the fact is that some information in his report, information that Hynek ignored, provides us with a clue as to Arnold's visual acuity. He said he was able to see a DC-4 at 15 miles (estimated distance) and he compared the spacing of the engines on the plane with the apparent size of the saucers. With its visible height of about 23 ft, the vertical angular size of the DC-4 at that distance was about 0.00034 radians or about 1 arc minute. (Even if Arnold overestimated the distance and it was really 10 miles away then vertical angular size would still have been less than 2 arc minutes.) Hence, by Hynek's criterion, Arnold should not have been able to see the DC-4, and certainly he wouldn't have been able to see the engines and thereby to see the spacing of the engines. But Arnold said that he did see the airplane and its engines and Hynek did not dispute that statement. Therefore Hynek's objection...the "inconsistency"... must be rejected.

Had Dr. Hynek tested his hypothetical explanation - "known aircraft" - against the information in Arnold's report he might have rejected his own explanation. To test Hynek's explanation assume that the unknown objects were ordinary large aircraft six miles away and ask the following question: why wasn't Arnold able to identify them, to see their engines, tails, wings, etc., even though Arnold was able to identify another aircraft that was about 15 miles away? Evidently Hynek did not notice the inconsistency in his own analysis. Had Hynek done what skeptics usually fail to do, that is, to

thoroughly test his suggested explanation against the data, he would have seen that his hypothetical solution failed.

It is amusing to imagine what would have happened if Hynek had accepted Arnold's distance estimate. Then he would have been forced to accept the high velocity (about 1,700 mph), in which case it is conceivable that the early history of the UFO subject would be different from what actually occurred. But instead, Hynek, for good scientific reasons, I presume, chose to take the road more traveled by...to reject important parts of Arnold's sighting...and that has made all the difference (with apologies to poet Robert Frost!). The handwriting was on the wall, but Hynek looked the other way.

Dr. Hynek's work was done secretly for the Air Force and his discussion of Arnold's sighting was not published, although his conclusion was mentioned in the "Project Saucer" report published by the Air Materiel Command at Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) on April 27, 1949. Few civilian scientists had access to Air Force files and so there was no dispute of Hynek's analysis until Dr. Donald Menzel decided to write about Arnold's sighting in his first book on UFOs, which was published in 1953 (ref. 5). This was the first flying saucer book by a scientist and, because of his stature in the field of astrophysics, it was treated very seriously. It received favorable reviews, although there were some atmospheric scientists who questioned Menzel's use of weather phenomena to explain sightings. Libraries and scientific organizations throughout the United States and in other countries ordered the book and it became an important reference for scientists in the following years. In retrospect this is unfortunate since, as I will demonstrate, Menzel did not provide accurate descriptions of some sightings and he apparently slanted the data as necessary to make his explanations fit, beginning with Arnold's sighting.

Menzel criticized the Air Force for accepting Hynek's suggestion that Arnold had seen rather close aircraft. He gave a brief description of Arnold's sighting and mentioned Arnold's estimate of distance and total sighting duration (3 minutes). Menzel wrote, "He clocked the speed at about 1,200 miles an hour, although this figure seems inconsistent with the length of time that he estimated them to be in view. From his previous statement they could scarcely have traveled more than 25 miles during the three minutes that he watched. This gives about 500 miles an hour, which is still a figure large enough to be startling.." Menzel did not tell the reader that Arnold had timed the flight of the objects between two points. Instead, Menzel invented a travel distance of 25 miles, and implied that this distance was covered in 3 minutes (180 seconds). Hence he was able to assign a much lower, although "startling," speed of 500 mph.

Menzel went on to "solve" the mystery of Arnold's sighting: "Although what Arnold saw has remained a mystery until this day, I simply cannot understand why the simplest and most obvious explanation of all has been overlooked.... the association of the saucers with the hogback (of the mountain range south of Mt. Rainier).... serves to fix their distance and approximate size and roughly confirms Arnold's estimate of the speed." (note that Menzel, unlike Hynek, accepted Arnold's distance estimate). Menzel then went on to suggest that Arnold saw "billowing blasts of snow, ballooning up from the tops of the ridges" caused by highly turbulent air along the mountain range. According to Menzel, "These rapidly shifting, tilting clouds of snow would reflect the sun like a mirror...and the rocking surfaces would make the chain sweep along something like a wave, with only a momentary reflection from crest to crest."

This first explanation by a scientist with the reputation of Dr. Menzel may seem slightly convincing, but only until one realizes that (a) snow cannot reflect light rays from the sun (60 deg elevation angle) into a horizontal direction toward Arnold's airplane and thereby create the very bright flashes that Arnold reported in the same way that a polished metal surface or mirror would, (b) there are no 1,200 mph or even 500 mph winds on the surface of the earth to transport clouds of snow (fortunately!), (c) there are no winds that would carry clouds of snow all the way from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams (Arnold saw the objects pass Mt. Adams before they were lost to

his view), (d) Arnold flew eastward along a path that took him south of Mt. Rainier minutes later and surely his plane would have been strongly buffeted (and perhaps destroyed!) by such high winds, but he reported, instead, very calm conditions, (e) an atmospheric oscillation wave can't bend or reflect light over an angle of nearly 60 degrees, which would be necessary to make it appear as if the sun had been reflected by objects nearly at Arnold's altitude, and (f) an atmospheric oscillation wave with a "phase velocity" of 1,200 mph is unlikely, but in any case, when traveling southward its crests would be oriented east-west, so if it reflected any sunlight at all (highly unlikely), the reflection would be in the north-south direction and not westward toward Arnold's plane. Furthermore, even if such amazing atmospheric phenomena had occurred, it is difficult to imagine how Arnold could have failed to realize that he was just seeing snow blowing from the mountain tops, especially since he flew over the mountains about 12 miles south of Mt. Rainier on his way east just a few minutes after the sighting.

In case the first explanation wasn't sufficiently convincing, Menzel offered "another possibility:" he suggested that perhaps there was a thin layer of fog, haze or dust just above or just below Arnold's altitude which was caused to move violently by air circulation and which reflected the sunlight. Menzel claimed that such layers can "reflect the sun in almost mirror fashion." Menzel offered no substantiation for this claim. Perhaps he was thinking in terms of a "reflection" from an atmospheric layer when the sun is so low on the horizon that the light rays make a "grazing angle" with the layer. If so, then that explanation as applied to the Arnold sighting makes no sense since the sun was at an elevation of 60 degrees and southwest of Arnold. Furthermore, layers form under stable conditions and violent air circulation would tend to break them up so there would be no "reflections" of sunlight. Again, one wonders how Arnold could have failed to notice that he was just seeing the effects of a haze layer.

Ten years after his first book, Dr. Menzel offered his third, fourth and fifth explanations in his second book (ref. 6, written with Lyle Boyd): mountain top mirages, "orographic clouds" and "wave clouds in motion". To support the third explanation he presented a photograph of mountain top mirages taken by a photographer many years earlier, and proposed by the photographer, as the explanation for Arnold's sighting. (This is the explanation which appears in the files of Project Blue Book, the "official" Air Force explanation. These files are available to be reviewed on microfilm at the National Archives.) The mirages appear as vague images above the tops of the mountains. (Actually the mirage is an inverted image of the top of the mountain.) These mirages can be seen under proper atmospheric conditions (requiring a stable atmosphere) when the line of sight from the observer to the mountain top is tilted by no more than one half of a degree above or below horizontal. Unintentionally (or intentionally?) Menzel failed to report in his book the following information in Arnold's report: as they traveled southward he saw them silhouetted against the side of Mt. Rainier which is 14,400 ft high, much higher than the altitude of the saucers. Since mountain top mirages occur above the mountain peaks these objects were far below any mirage of Mt. Rainier. Of course, mountain top mirages stay above the tops of the mountains, so the mirage theory cannot explain the lateral high speed movement of the objects reported by Arnold. Nor can a mirage explain the bright flashes of light from the objects.

Menzel's fourth explanation was that Arnold saw orographic clouds which can assume circular shapes and often form in the lees (i.e., downwind of) mountain peaks. The clouds would, of course, be large but, as Menzel notes in his book, they "appear to stand more or less motionless." The lack of motion, as well as the lack of bright reflections, rules them out so, why did he even mention them? Also, Arnold would have realized they were just clouds as he flew past Mt. Rainier only minutes later.

Menzel's fifth explanation, wave clouds, is comparable to his first suggestion of "billowing blasts" of snow except that this time he proposed clouds of water vapor instead of snow. In his second book this explanation was supported by a photograph of such a cloud taken by a newspaper photographer. However, this

explanation, too, fails to account for the very bright reflections reported by Arnold, for distinct semi-circular shapes and for the high lateral speed. Again, Arnold surely would have recognized a cloud as he flew past Mt. Rainier.

In his third and last UFO book (ref. 7; written with Dr. Ernst Taves in the early 1970's, just before Menzel died), which is subtitled "The Definitive Explanation of the UFO Phenomenon," Menzel again discussed Arnold's sighting and offered his sixth (and last) explanation: Arnold saw water drops on the window of his aircraft.

To support this explanation Menzel described a sighting of his own that turned out to be water drops that had condensed on the outside of the window of an aircraft in which he was flying. They moved slowly backwards from the front of the window. They were so close to his eyes as he looked out the window that they were out of focus and he thought they were distant objects moving at a great speed until, after a few seconds, he refocused his eyes and discovered what they were. In comparing his "sighting" with Arnold's, Menzel writes: "I cannot, of course, say definitely that what Arnold saw were merely raindrops on the window of this plane. He would doubtless insist that there was no rain at the altitude at which he was flying. But many queer things happen at different levels in the earth's atmosphere."

Although no one would argue with Menzel's claim that "queer things" happen at different levels of the atmosphere, this fact is irrelevant. Had Menzel bothered to carefully read Arnold's letter to the Air Force he would have seen Arnold's statement that he turned his plane sideways and viewed the objects through an open window to be sure that he was getting no reflections from window glass. (Fortunately Menzel did not propose water drops on Arnold's eyes!)

The "bottom line" is that neither Hynek nor Menzel proposed reasonable explanations for Arnold's sighting, but that didn't stop the Air Force from accepting one of them (mirage).

Recently (1998-99) some skeptics have proposed that Arnold saw a flight of geese or pelicans heading southward at high altitude (about 9,000 ft). These birds were proposed because they can fly quite rapidly, perhaps up to 50 miles per hour. Of course they would have been quite close to Arnold for him to see them (80 ft objects at 20 miles subtend the same angle as 4 ft long objects at 1 mile; this size refers to the length of the bodies of the birds; the wings would have been seen nearly edge-on and so, although the wingspan might be as much as 12 ft, this size would not have been seen broadside, but in a foreshortened perspective). Of course, these birds would not cause bright mirror-like reflections of the sun but, as skeptics often do, they ignored that "minor" detail or tried to imagine that Arnold incorrectly reported the bright "flashing" of these objects (perhaps assuming that Arnold got it wrong or simply lied about it). They also ignored Arnold's claim that he turned his plane, rolled down his window (to view them without glass in the way) and flew parallel to the flight path of the objects for a short time. Arnold did not report his air speed. However, because of the type of aircraft he was flying his speed would definitely have been above a stall speed of 80 mph and probably above 100 mph. By drawing a map, using a reasonable assumption about Arnold's flight path and a reasonable assumption about the path of hypothetical pelicans or geese, one can show that the birds would never appear to pass Mt. Rainier and then, 100 or so seconds later, appear to pass Mt. Adams, from Arnold's (moving) perspective. Rather, Arnold would be more likely to cross their flight track and have to look backward at them. In any case he would have realized immediately that they were relatively slow compared to his speed and certainly he wouldn't have estimated their speed at anything like 1,700 miles per hour, or even 100 miles per hour. In other words, had they been birds, even if unrecognized by Arnold, he would have had no reason to think that he was seeing radically new aircraft with extreme flight capabilities, so his whole report would have to be a fabrication.

In June, 1997, just in time for the 50th anniversary of Arnold's sighting, San Francisco Examiner writer Keay Davidson published another suggested explanation: meteors. The details

of the explanation are given in a small monthly publication by Philip Klass which he calls the Skeptics UFO Newsletter (SKUFON; issue #46 of July 1997). (One wonders why it took 50 years for this explanation to be proposed. Could it be that previous skeptics considered this to be just too "outrageous?") Mr. Klass has been writing articles and books purporting to explain UFO sightings for at least the last 30 years, yet he has not previously "explained" the Arnold sighting. (His first book, UFOS IDENTIFIED was published in 1968.)

According to Mr. Klass writing in SKUFON the new explanation was published by Mr. Davidson after some research that was "sparked by a conversation" with Mr. Klass. The exact nature of this conversation was not reported, but one may imagine Klass suggested that Davidson ought to check on the possibility that Arnold saw meteors. According to Klass, after some research Davidson discovered that "the number of meteor falls reaches a peak around 3:00 PM," in June in the northern hemisphere. Arnold's sighting occurred at 3:00 PM, June 24, 1947. Thus, according to Klass' article, the large number of meteors detected in June lends support to the meteor hypothesis. (The astute reader will note the careful, "lawyerly" use of words: "lends support to" which is not the same as "proves" or "is evidence for.")

Klass' SKUFON article mentions Arnold's statement that the objects seemed bright and shiny as if reflecting the sun. By way of comparison and explanation Klass cites the 6:00 PM, June, 5, 1969 pilot sighting, which he claims turned out to be several meteors, in order to point out that meteors, when seen in the daytime, can look as if they are shiny metal. These pilots saw the bright objects seeming to come toward them (i.e., they were looking along the trajectory of the objects) and thought they were looking at shiny metallic objects. The pilots thought the objects were close, when in fact they were over a hundred miles away.

Klass also pointed out that pilots can make errors (as if we didn't know that!). The implication is that if the 1969 pilots could mistake daytime meteors for UFOS, then perhaps Arnold did, also. However, the Arnold sighting was quite different from the 1969 sighting.

Arnold reported seeing repeated bright flashes at varying time intervals from nine objects traveling one after another, along a roughly horizontal trajectory. Their altitude was about 6,000 ft (since they traveled at the level of the mountain peaks south of Mt. Rainier). He realized that the flashes occurred as the objects tilted steeply to the left and right as they flew along a southward path. Arnold concluded that the flashes were a result of reflections of light from the sun which was high in the sky to the west (behind him). The objects flew southward past Mt. Rainier and, when they weren't tilted, he saw them as thin dark lines silhouetted against the snow on the sides of Mt. Rainier. When they were tilted but not aligned with the sun so as to make a bright flash, he saw them as semi-circular at the front with convex, somewhat pointed rear ends (one seemed to have a double concave crescent shape at the rear).

By way of contrast, meteors which are traveling fast enough to appear to glow do not dim to the point of being "not bright" and then brighten again. This is because, as Klass correctly points out, what causes the light is the high velocity of the meteor passing through atmosphere. The meteor is traveling so fast that it "instantaneously" heats the air as it passes through. (Note: Klass gives a meteor speed as 10,000 mph or 2.8 mi/sec. However, this is lower than that of any body entering the earth's atmosphere from space. Free fall to the earth from a great distance would produce a speed of about 7.4 mi/sec at the earth's surface in the absence of atmosphere. Orbital speed, which is lower than meteoric speed but still large enough to cause a plasma in the upper atmosphere, is about 5 mi/sec.) This heating is a very rapid process caused by the meteor compressing the air ahead of it and raising the temperature (kinetic energy of the air molecules) to the point where the air becomes ionized (a plasma). In returning to the un-ionized state (free electrons reuniting with the atoms/molecules) the atoms/molecules give off light which appears to envelop the meteor (one does not see the meteor itself, but rather the envelope of heated air). The natural

tendency of a meteor is to slow down as it meets with resistance while forcing itself at high speed through the atmosphere. If it slows to a speed low enough so that it no longer creates a plasma it will become dark (not giving off light) and will not again appear bright since there is no way for it to regain its lost speed. At the high altitudes of meteors (50 miles and up) the atmosphere is quite thin and easily heated to the plasma state by the speed of the meteor. Furthermore the air resistance is quite low, so the meteor can travel a great distance before being slowed to "sub-plasma" speed. However, as the altitude decreases the atmospheric density increases and it takes ever more energy from the meteor to maintain a glowing plasma. It is doubtful that any meteor would be still glowing at an altitude of 10,000 ft, but if it were, it would be quite large and eventually slowed to the point of hitting the earth. The suggestion that one.. or several... meteors could travel many miles horizontally at a speed high enough to glow while at an altitude below 10,000 ft is not supported by any known physics of meteors.

Klass points out that Arnold estimated he saw the objects for 2 1/2 to 3 minutes. This included about 1/2 minute of time before they passed Mt. Rainier and another nearly 2 minutes after they passed Rainier. This would be "extra long" for a meteor (most burn out in a second or so; large meteors called fireballs can last many seconds). Hence Klass argues that Arnold's time estimate was probably wrong. He points out that "witnesses are notoriously unreliable in estimating the time duration of unexpected events" and cites the Mar. 3, 1968 reentry of the Zond Soviet space rocket as an example in which witness errors resulted in sighting duration estimates as low as 15 seconds and as high as 5 minutes.

There is an important difference between Klass' example of witness error and the Arnold sighting: Arnold used a clock!

Klass acknowledges that Arnold used his dashboard clock to time the passage of the objects between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams but Klass does not mention the time duration reported by Arnold. Instead, he writes as follows: "SUN questions whether Arnold...who was focusing his attention on the unusual objects while also occupied flying his aircraft... would have taken his eyes off the objects to carefully observe his cockpit clock." In other words, Klass questions the accuracy of the witness' claims about his own actions. If the actions seem illogical to Klass, then the actions are suspect and, of course, any data resulting from the actions are suspect.

So, why did Arnold do such an "illogical" thing as look at his dashboard clock as the objects were disappearing? Even though Klass used Arnold's letter to the Air Force as a reference, he does not tell his readers that Arnold wrote that he intentionally measured the speed: "I had two definite points I could clock them by" (he was referring to Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams) He reported that he could see the objects were flying southward so he looked at his dashboard clock as the first object passed the south flank of Mt. Rainier. He then watched the objects as they continued southward. During this time the objects passed over a ridge that is about 5 miles long. According to Arnold "the first one was passing the south crest of the ridge" as the last one "was entering the northern crest." Hence they covered a total distance of about 5 miles. By the time they were passing Mt. Adams they were so far away he could only see their flashes. At this point there was *no reason to continue watching carefully* because they were fading out in the distance. Therefore he wasn't missing anything by taking his eyes off the objects to look at the clock. The second hand on his clock showed that 102 seconds had passed. (Note: he was able to pay attention to the objects even though flying the plane because, as he reported, the atmosphere was calm and clear and there were no aircraft in his vicinity; the closest aircraft was roughly 15 miles north and heading away from him.)

The calculated speed based on Arnold's measured time between Rainier and Adams is by itself sufficient to reject the meteor explanation (is this why Klass did not report the calculated speed?). The objects traveled about 50 miles in 102 seconds, corresponding to a speed of about 1,700 mph, far below any meteoric speed and certainly not enough to make the atmosphere glow.

By way of comparison, if one were to hypothesize a meteor in a level trajectory traveling at essentially orbital speed but at an altitude of 6,000 ft, it would have required roughly 9 - 10 seconds to travel from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams. Even at Klass' underestimated speed of 10,000 mph the flight time between the peaks would be only about 17 seconds. One would hope that Arnold, using his dashboard clock, could tell the difference between 102 seconds and 10 (or 17) seconds.

Aside from the difficulty in imagining that Arnold could mistake 10 seconds for 102 seconds, the mere suggestion that a meteor, or nine such meteors, could travel at a meteoric speed at an altitude of 6,000 ft while glowing brightly is far outside the accepted meteor phenomenology. Meteors cool as they penetrate the lower atmosphere, or rather the speed decreases to the point that they are no longer ionizing the dense air. Hence the basic concept that Arnold saw bright meteors traveling past Mt. Rainier must be rejected.

Consider, now the number of explanations offered for the Arnold sighting: mirage (Hynek), blasts of snow (Menzel), haze reflection (Menzel), mirage (Menzel), orographic clouds (Menzel), wave clouds in motion (Menzel), water drops on the windshield (Menzel), birds (recent skeptics) and meteors (Klass/Davidson).

With all these available explanations, surely the Arnold sighting has been explained?

NOT!

THE PROSPECTOR'S SIGHTING

As fate would have it, a second witness saw the same objects as Arnold. His sighting occurred just as Arnold was losing sight of them near Mt. Adams. (Dr. Hynek evidently was not aware of this because he indicated in his analysis of the Arnold sighting that there were no other witnesses.)

In the latter half of August the Air Force received an unsolicited letter dated August 20, 1947, which reads as follows (the errors in the original letter are preserved; emphasis added):

Sir.

Saw in the portland paper a short time ago in regards to an article in regards to the so called flying disc having any basis in fact. I can say am a prospector and was in the Mt Adams district on June 24th the day Kenneth Arnold of Boise Idaho claims he saw a formation of flying disc. And i saw the same flying objects at about the same time. Having a telescope with me at the time i can assure you they are real and noting like them I ever saw before they did not pass verry high over where I was standing at the the time. plobly 1000 ft. they were Round about 30 foot in dimater tapering sharply to a point in the head and in an oval shape. with a bright top surface. I did not hear any noise as you would from a plane. But there was an object in the tail end looked like a big hand of a clock shifting from side to side like a big magenet. There speed as far as i know seemed to be greater than anything I ever saw. Last view I got of the objects they were standing on edge Banking in a Cloud.

Yours Respectfully
(Fred Johnson)

(Note: the Blue Book file page which contains this letter is labelled "A TRUE COPY" that was authenticated by Lt. Col. Donald Springer. I assume that the errors in the above letter were in the original letter and were not simply errors in copying.)

At this time during the summer of 1947 the FBI was actively investigating sightings, at the request of the Army Air Force,

to determine whether or not any such reports could be part of subversive activities carried on by enemies of the United States. (Yes, the "X-Files" are real, as described in ref. 12. The FBI ended these investigations, having found no evidence of subversion, in the fall of 1947.) Therefore, at the request of the Air Force, an FBI agent interviewed Mr. Johnson. He sent a copy of his report to FBI headquarters in Washington, DC, with the title "REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS, SECURITY MATTER -X." This report was discovered when the FBI responded to a Freedom of Information Act request which I made in 1976 for any documents concerning flying saucers, UFOs, etc. The FBI found well over 1,000 pages of material relating to the Air Force investigation of UFOs, internal memoranda and sightings reported to FBI (see ref. 12). The FBI report on Johnson's sighting reads as follows:

(Fred Johnson, resident of) First Avenue, Portland (Oregon), reported without consulting any records that on June 24, 1947, while prospecting at a point in the Cascade Mountains approximately five thousand feet from sea level, during the afternoon he noticed a reflection, looked up, and saw a disc proceeding in a southeasterly direction. Immediately upon sighting this object he placed his telescope to his eye and observed the disc for approximately forty-five to sixty seconds. He remarked that it is possible for him to pick up an object at a distance of ten miles with his telescope. At the time the disc was sighted by Johnson it was banking in the sun, and he observed five or six similar objects but only concentrated on one. He related that they did not fly in any particular formation and that he would estimate their height to be about one thousand feet from where he was standing. He said the object was about thirty feet in diameter and appeared to have a tail. It made no noise.

According to Johnson he remained in the vicinity of the Cascades for several days and then returned to Portland and noted an article in the local paper which stated in effect that a man in Boise, Idaho, had sighted a similar object but that authorities had disclaimed any knowledge of such an object. He said he communicated with the Army for the sole purpose of attempting to add credence to the story furnished by the man in Boise.

Johnson also related that on the occasion of his sighting the objects on June 24, 1947 he had in his possession a combination compass and watch. He noted particularly that immediately before he sighted the disc the compass acted very peculiar, the hand waving from one side to the other, but that this condition corrected itself immediately after the discs had passed out of sight.

Informant appeared to be a very reliable individual who advised that he had been a prospector in the states of Montana, Washington and Oregon for the past forty years.

Mr. Johnson's letter to the Air Force indicates that he was in the right area at the right time to see the objects which Arnold reported. Johnson, like Arnold, reported that his attention was attracted to them by a reflection, possibly a flash of light on the rocks he was examining. He reported only five or six, but it is likely that he missed seeing the others as he concentrated on his telescopic view of a single one. (Also, he was recalling the event almost two months after it occurred, so he may well have forgotten some details, such as the exact number of objects.) Adding his estimated distance of the objects above him, 1,000 ft, to his estimated altitude, 5,000 ft, yields an altitude for the UFOs, about 6,000 ft, which is consistent with the altitude indicated by Arnold's claim that they were traveling "in and out" of the mountain peaks south of Mt. Rainier.

Johnson claimed that he watched one disc for 45 to 60 seconds. Assuming that they were traveling at the speed calculated previously, about 1,700 mph, in 45 seconds they would travel about 20 miles. Although it may have been possible that Johnson could see the objects over a distance of 20 miles from his location, it seems more likely that he saw them for less time. However, even if it were only for 30 seconds with his telescope,

we may assume that he was able to discern many details that Arnold couldn't see, such as the point on the front and the "tail" waving side to side "like a big magenet" in the rear. (Here I presume Johnson is comparing it with the magnetic needle in a compass which swings left and right before reaching equilibrium.) He claimed that the objects were "round" and also "oval," thus generally agreeing with Arnold's description of nearly round objects (certainly they they weren't square or triangular or T shaped) and he estimated that they were 30 ft in diameter, a value that is smaller than Arnold's estimate and smaller than the previously calculated value, suggesting that Johnson underestimated the size. He also stated that the speed was "greater than anything I ever saw", which is consistent with the speed calculated from Arnold's sighting. He heard no noise. He observed that while the objects were in sight the needle of his compass waved from side to side. The waving stopped after the objects were out of sight.

The last statement in Johnson's letter provides important confirmation of Arnold's claim that he was able to see flashes of sunlight reflected from the objects. In the previous discussion of Arnold's sighting I pointed out that for the objects to reflect sun toward Arnold it would be necessary for some portion of each shiny object to tilt at least to an angle of about 60 degrees. The idea that the objects could tilt that much is supported by Johnson's claim that when he last saw the objects they were "standing on edge" while "banking in a cloud."

Aside from the apparent confirmation of Arnold's sighting, Johnson's sighting is unique as being the first to include a report of a physical effect during sighting (the apparent effect on the needle of his compass).

Dr. Hynek, in reviewing all the sightings for Project Grudge in 1949, did not offer an explanation for this sighting. Dr. Menzel, on the other hand, claimed to have explained it while analyzing the early sightings for his 1953 book (ref. 5). Menzel began his review of the sighting by pointing out that it occurred on the same day as Arnold's. However, he did not tell his readers that it took place at the same time in the afternoon, nor did he mention that Johnson was near Mt. Adams at the time and thus in the area where Arnold last saw the objects (flying past Mt. Adams). Thus the reader of his book would not have known, as Menzel probably did (Menzel had access to the Air Force files), that Johnson said he saw the objects reported by Arnold!

Menzel accepted Johnson's sighting as real (i.e., not a hoax, not a delusion), but explainable. After pointing out that Johnson observed the objects through his telescope for nearly a minute Menzel stated his explanation: "The behavior of the saucers... is distinctive enough to label them as probably a true sighting. Bright reflections from patches of clouds were the most likely cause."

One wonders how Menzel could seriously suggest that Johnson could fail to realize that the objects were merely clouds after viewing them for many seconds through a telescope as they traveled by rapidly and were last seen banking into a cloud.

Menzel also dismissed the wobbling compass effect, arguing that in his excitement Johnson was not able to hold the compass steady. This is essentially saying that Johnson, who had about forty years of prospecting experience at the time, would not realize that the compass would wobble if he didn't hold it steady.

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Fred Johnson's sighting holds a unique place in the history of the Air Force investigation.

Although I have stated that after the early fall of 1948 the Air Force investigators were under pressure to provide conventional explanations for all sightings because "interplanetary" was not an option, the fact is that some sightings resisted explanation. By the time Project Blue Book closed in 1969 the Air Force analysts at the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, had collected a total of about 13,000 sightings (1947-1969). Of these about 700 were left unexplained. Fred Johnson's sighting is the first of

these 700!

But, you may ask, why isn't Arnold's sighting first, if Johnson saw the same things minutes (or less) after Arnold, and Johnson's sighting is unexplained? The answer is that due to sloppy record keeping and analysis (or by intent?) these two sightings were effectively separated (recall that Hynek did not know that Johnson's sighting occurred immediately after Arnold's) and hence one could not support the other. Then, when Arnold's sighting was determined by Hynek to be "replete with inconsistencies" it lost its credibility and was therefore explainable (as a mirage).

(Note: the Air Force has explained its failure to identify the 700 or so unexplained sightings as follows: there was not enough information to allow a positive identification. In other words, the Air Force says, "If we had had more information we could have identified these, too." Although this may seem like a reasonable explanation, the fact is that the unidentified sightings were the ones with TOO MUCH information to allow a reasonable identification. Johnson's sighting is a good example of this. If he had just said "I saw some strange objects fly over. I don't know what they were," and left it at that, any reasonable explanation would be acceptable. Instead, he provided specific details. He described high speed, large angle tilting during flight, unusual semi-circular shape, tail wobbling back and forth, lack of noise and the apparent magnetic effect on his compass. What conventional aircraft or phenomenon had these characteristics in June, 1947? Answer: none. To explain this sighting one has to reject almost the complete description. No wonder it was left unexplained.)

CONCLUSION

Fifty years later it is clear that Kenneth Arnold's (and Fred Johnson's) sighting contained sufficient information to prove that strange, non-manmade objects were flying around in the atmosphere. Therefore it is a tribute to the effectiveness of the (yes, I'll say it) propaganda put forth by the government and military, and widely promulgated by the press, the propaganda that all sightings have been or could be explained, that society in general has not accepted the idea that at least some reported UFOs/saucers are real, physical "hardware" objects of odd, non-aerodynamic shape and extreme dynamical capabilities.

It is resoundingly not a tribute to science that Dr. Menzel's explanations carried such weight with the scientific community that scarcely anyone complained about his atmospheric explanations. Instead the book was complemented for bringing a measure of sanity to the field of flying saucer research.

Hynek's and Menzel's "explanations" helped to establish the TRADITION which we live under today, that flying saucers/ufos, are all mistakes or hoaxes or delusions and certainly nothing to worry about. This TRADITION has a vary important impact on present society... (so important that you could write a song about it, and have portly gentleman dancing around singing TRA-DI-TION....!)

However, careful analyses of sightings such as these by Kenneth Arnold and Fred Johnson show that this tradition is like a house of cards built on sand...

.... and it is crumbling.

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APPENDIX

RADIO INTERVIEW OF KENNETH ARNOLD, June 25, 1947

I thank Mike Christol for providing the audiotape and John Powell for transcribing it and posting it on the Encounters Forum of Compuserve

This is probably Arnold's the first radio interview.

NEWSCASTER:

The nation, every newscaster, and every newspaper across thenation has made headlines out of it, and this afternoon we are honored, indeed, to have here in our studio this man, Kenneth Arnold, who, we believe, may be able to give us a first-hand account and give you the same on what happened.

Kenneth, first of all if you'll move up here to the microphone just a little closer, we'll ask you to just tell in your own fashion, as you told us last night in your hotel room, and again this morning, what you were doing there and how this entire thing started. Go ahead, Kenneth.

KENNETH ARNOLD:

Well, about 2:15 I took off from Chehalis, Washington, en route to Yakima, and, of course, every time that any of us fly over the country near Mt. Rainier, we spend an hour or two in search of the Marine plane that's never been found that they believe is in the snow someplace southwest of that particular area. That area is located at about, it's elevation is about 10,000 foot, and I had made one sweep in close to Mt. Rainier and down one of the canyons and was dragging it for any types of objects that might prove to be the Marine ship, uh, and as I come out of the canyon there, was about 15 minutes, I was approximately 25 to 28 miles from Mt. Rainier, I climbed back up to 9200 feet and I noticed to the left of me a chain which looked to me like the tail of a Chinese kite, kind of weaving and going at a terrific speed across the face of Mt. Rainier. I, at first, thought they

were geese because it flew like geese, but it was going so fast that I immediately changed my mind and decided it was a bunch of new jet planes in formation. Well, as the plane come to the edge of Mt. Rainier flying at about 160 degrees south, I thought I would clock them because it was such a clear day, and I didn't know where their destination was, but due to the fact that I had Mt. Saint Helens and Mt. Adams to clock them by, I just thought I'd see just how fast they were going, since among pilots we argue about speed so much. And, they seemed to flip and flash in the sun, just like a mirror, and, in fact, I happened to be in an angle from the sun that seemed to hit the tops of these peculiar looking things in such a way that it almost blinded you when you looked at them through your plexiglass windshield. Well, uh, I uh, it was about one minute to three when I started clocking them on my sweep second hand clock, and as I kept looking at them, I kept looking for their tails, and they didn't have any tail. I thought, well, maybe something's wrong with my eyes and I turned the plane around and opened the window, and looked out the window, and sure enough, I couldn't find any tails on 'em. And, uh, the whole, our observation of these particular ships, didn't last more than about two and a half minutes and I could see them only plainly when they seemed to tip their wing, or whatever it was, and the sun flashed on them. They looked something like a pie plate that was cut in half with a sort of a convex triangle in the rear. Now, I thought, well, that maybe they're jet planes with just the tails painted green or brown or something, and I didn't think too much of it, but kept on watching them. They didn't fly in a conventional formation that's taught in our army, they seemed to kind of weave in and out right above the mountaintops, and I would say that they even went down into the canyons in several instances, oh, probably a hundred feet, but I could see them against the snow, of course, on Mt. Rainier and against the snow on Mt. Adams as they were flashing, and against a high ridge that happens to lay in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams. But when I observed the tail end of the last one passing Mt. Adams, and I was at an angle near Mt. Rainier from it, but I looked at my watch and it showed one minute and 42 seconds. Well, I felt that was pretty fast and I didn't stop to think what the distance was between the two mountains. Well, I landed at Yakima, Washington, and Al Baxter was there to greet me and he said

...[unintelligible]...

And, he told me, I guess I better change my brand, but he kind of gave me a mysterious sort of a look that maybe I had seen something, he didn't know, and well, I just kind of forgot it then, until I got down to Pendleton and I began looking at my map and taking measurements on it. And, the best calculation I could figure out, now even in spite of error, would be around 1200 miles an hour, because making the distance from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, in, we'll say approximately two minutes, it's almost, well, it'd be around 25 miles per minute. Now allowing for air, we can give them three minutes or four minutes to make it, and they're still going more than 800 miles an hour, and to my knowledge, there isn't anything that I've read about, outside of some of the German rockets, that would go that fast. These were flying in more or less a level, constant altitude. They weren't going up and they weren't going down. They were just simply flying straight and level and I, I laughed ...[unintelligible]..., they sure must have had a tailwind. But it didn't seem to help me much. But to the best of my knowledge, and the best of my description, that is what I actually saw, and, uh, like I told the Associated Press, I'll, I'd be glad to confirm it with my hands on a Bible because I did see it, and whether it has anything to do with our army or our intelligence or whether it has to do with some foreign country, I don't know. But I did see it and I did clock it and I just happened to be in a beautiful position to do it and it's just as much a mystery to me as it is to everyone else who's been calling me the last 24 hours, wondering what it was.

NEWSCASTER:

Well, Kenneth, thank you very much. I know that you've certainly been busy these last 24 hours, 'cause I've spent some of the time with you myself, and I know that the press associations, both Associated Press and our press, the United Press, has been right after you every minute. The Associated and the United Press, all over the nation, have been after this

story. It's been on every newscast, over the air, and in every newspaper I know of. The United Press in Portland has made several telephone calls here at Pendleton to me, and to you this morning, and from New York I understand, they are after this story, and that we may have an answer ...[unintelligible]... because, if it is some new type of army or navy secret missile, there would probably a story come out on it from the army or navy asking, saying that it is a new secret plane and that will be all there is to it, and they will hush up the story, or perhaps that we will finally get a definite answer to it.

I understand the United Press is checking on it out of New York now with the Army, and also with the Navy, and we hope to have some concrete answer before nightfall. We certainly want to thank you, Kenneth for coming into our studio. We feel very pleased that this news which is making nationwide news across the country, we are able to give our listeners over KWRC a first-hand report direct from you, of what you saw. And we urge our listeners to keep tuned to this station, because anytime this afternoon or this evening, and we get something on it on our United Press teletype, which is in direct communications with new York, Chicago, Portland, in fact, every United Press bureau across the nation, why, we'll have it on the air.

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 21:14:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 08:37:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

Hello, all Dave, Asgir.

>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 13:19:17 -0500 (EST)
>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:45:31 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain ridges.

I have a good reason to comment here. An old instructor of mine flew for the Rankins ,Tex and Richard (Tex was famous in his day as oh, Michael Jordan only he and his brother produced 10,000+ Pilots in WWII under the Civilian Pilot training program.(As I recall.)

>>This year I will just refer to what Arnold told some of the
>>newspapers - and - mention a report from the prospector F.M.
>>Johnson, being on the ground up in the Cascades on - apparently
>>- the same day as Arnold made his sightings. And then, prepare a
>>comparison between the main observations as reported by the two men.

><.....>

>>11. In addition: Arnold estimated the length of the objects as
>>approximately equal in angular size to the spacing of engines on
>>a DC-4 at 15 miles. Assume he was right, with the spacing about
>>60 ft. Then the objects would be $4/60 \times 15 = 1$ mile away (from
>><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/aug/m25-006.shtml>).

>Perhaps you should reread the referenced post by Bruce Maccabee,
>except this time try to read it more carefully. Bruce was
>calculating how far away 4 foot PELICANS would be to have the
>same angular size as 60 feet appears at 15 miles. This was NOT
>a claim that the objects Arnold saw were only 1 mile away.

Having flown 4-engine Douglasses for a living ,I agree.

>In your list of details reported by Arnold, you also left out the very
>important detail that he estimated the objects to be about 23 miles away
>because he saw them briefly disappear behind a subpeak of Mt. Rainier. He
>also reported them weaving in and out amongst the peaks of the southern
>Cascades, and fading out in the direction of Mt. Adams, about 30 miles
>away.

>>Some of the significant observations made by Johnson (as told to
>>the Air Force), were as follows:
><.....>

>>Other observations by myself - when comparing what they both
>>have been reporting:

>>- He didn't report seeing Arnold's plane up in the air, though.

yes and the Call Air A-2 was a noisy little sucker too... putttt.. puutt, etc.

>Not surprising, since Johnson was on Mt. Adams and Arnold was over by Mt. >Rainier, over 30 miles away.

>>- It is not quite certain whether the man Arnold's mentioning in >>the newspaper is Mr. Johnson; Johnson, though, reported that he >>remained up in the mountains for "several days" after the >>sighting...

A true Mountain Man...I love it.

>The man mentioned may have been veteran pilot Richard Rankin, >who reported

See the URL at the end of my reply.

>seeing 10 objects flying in formation over California the day before Arnold. Rankin and Arnold, I believe, did meet later and compare notes.

>>- There were some deviations in the altitude estimations, >>maybe due to that Arnold saw the objects for twice as long time >>as Johnson

>Arnold probably got the altitude wrong. He reported the objects >appearing on his visual horizon and skimming the tops of the >Cascades, which would have

Paralax error probably, hard to tell.....

>placed their altitude at closer to 5000 to 6000 feet instead of 9000 to >10000. Johnson placed himself at 5000 feet altitude with the objects >appearing to be about 1000 feet higher. >That would resolve the altitude difference.

>>- Arnold didn't see any "big hand of a clock" in the tail (but, >>this might be the "different" craft); in any case, a very >>special observation from Johnson...but that was because he had a >>telescope, only some 1,000 feet away - below the craft

>Right, from 25 miles and without a telescope, Arnold wouldn't be >able to make out such details.

>>- Arnold didn't register any compass disturbances from his >>distance up in the air, approx. 1 mile away, at approx. the >>same altitude as the discs.

>No, no, no!!! James Easton's 4-foot "pelicans" would calculate >to about 1 mile away, not the objects Arnold reported. Arnold >placed them at about 25 miles when first seen. Got it?

I for one, got it.

>>- There were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground

<snip>

There ways of getting around sonic boom-flat bottoms for one .

>>Conclusion:

>>We should really assume that both of them were credible >>persons and observers, and that they both told the truth to the >>Air Force in their reports. (Or, what interests did they have in >>not telling the truth? Were they both specifically looking for >>very much attention?)

>Yet below, you ask, "Which one of these two guys had the best >imagination/fantasy?" So do you find the stories credible or not?

Don't forget Rankin, a least he's as good as either Arnold or Johnson.

>>Should we pay some specific attention to the compass >>disturbances - that there were none (reported by Arnold) up in >>the air, 1 mile (1,600 m) away from the objects, but still there >>were disturbances on the ground, some 1,000 feet (300 m) >>below....?

>Arnold reported them being something like 100 times further away
>than Johnson.

>(Your 1 mile is a strawman.) Any magnetic field generated by these
>objects would be reduced at least a million-fold more at that greater
>distance.

>Under those circumstances, Kenneth Arnold not reporting compass
disturbances
>is hardly surprising, is it?

<snip>

>>But, the most interesting Johnson observation was the "big hand
>>of a clock" in the tail of (at least one) of the objects - and
>>the associated magnetic disturbances.

>Yes, definitely very interesting. Assuming Johnson did observe
>the objects from as close as 1000 feet (this actually isn't
>clear from the reports) the object would have to have to be
>generating a very large magnetic field on the order of 10 to
>100 Tesla. Magnetic resonance imagers, by comparison, use
>fields on the order of 2 or 3 Tesla.

>>Further, there were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground
>>- thus the object speeds couldn't possibly be higher than the
>>speed of sound (700 mph).

> >Yes possibly. There are theoretical ways to eliminate sonic boom.

As I said, flat bottoms of the air foil changes the angle of the
shock wave, also a way of delaying the shock wave formation such
as modifying the actual slipstream or relative wind, or simply
put, Shields Up! you modify space ahead of your craft, Dam'
The Dilithium Crystals! full speed ahead... That sort of thing.

>>Which one of these two guys had the best imagination/fantasy?

>When you say this, you are implying that they were lying. Yet
>elsewhere, you claim you find the stories credible, which is
>confusing. Since English isn't your first language, perhaps you
>don't understand that you are contradicting yourself.

>>Well, the List members should judge for themselves which one of
>>these men who are the most credible.

>>When ruling out any conspiracy theory, both of them - highly
>>likely - did observe some strange craft on - apparently - the
>>same day.

>Johnson's story picked up where Arnold's left off. Arnold lost
>sight of the objects in the distance as they approached Mt.
>Adams. Johnson saw them close by while he was on Mt. Adams.

>Are you now saying you don't like the pelican theory?

>David Rudiak

Also Rankin's which observation though different than Arnold's
or Johnson's should be looked at as a possible correlation.
Granted that Rankin thought they might be XF5U "flapjack" type
aircraft, the well-advertised (it even appeared in textbooks of
the period) "Flapjack" was a non-flown one off as stated by
myself earlier on this forum. see Rankin's story at the
following: www.paranormalnews/archives/1947/19471.html

GT McCoy

Also, I'd like to state that we have come a long way in the last
50 years or so. we now glorify over paid athletes, as spoiled
children, and 50, 60, 70 years ago we honored Pioneers; Roscoe
Turner for one, John "Tex" Rankin for another. and we can't
remember their names. Hey, you know Amelia Erhart, what about
Jackie Cochran? who truly could compete with men mano a mano -
no apologies. In the 1930's the Air pioneers were the
heroes/heroines, and risked their lives.... Looke'm up -along
with Brown and Alcock.....

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Re: I'm back - Are The Pelicans Gone?

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 08:33:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 08:44:05 -0500
Subject: Re: I'm back - Are The Pelicans Gone?

>Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 03:04:39 +0100
>From: clearlight@t-online.de (Josh Goldstein)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: I'm back - Are The Pelicans Gone?

>Dear Fellow wackos on this list,

>At the beginning of September I went through the tough task of
>beating my addiction to UFO UpDates as we were getting ready to
>go on a European music tour and I could not find the time to
>keep up. All is going well and I am now living in Berlin. So I
>am back to torment this list. I would like to make contact with
>serious UFO researchers in this area who speak some English. Any
>suggestions?

>One of the first posts I have read since I rejoined this
>addiction had continued the thread of the Arnold sighting, a
>well worn thread of 1999. Personally, I think Mr. Arnold, Mr.
>Johnson, and the Californian saw what they reported. But I
>wonder what kind of telescope Mr. Johnson was using to observe
>nearby daylight objects that were fast moving. I hope he did not
>see "rods".

Dear Josh, welcome back.

Bist du ein Berliner?

Anyway, your and Wendy's Black/White Pelican speculation has
caused me to think of a more realistic explanation: Arnold saw
early development UAV's (unmanned/unwomanned aerial vehicles)
which were disguised to look like pelicans!

This explains how they were able to outrun Arnold' plane (recall
he turned so that he was flying in substantially the same
direction but they got away from him anyway).

I have since learned that pelican shaped UAV's 4 ft long and 10
foot wingspan, must fly at over 100 mph in order to maintain
enough lift to support the beak-full of mechanical fish.

Anyway, I now accept this UAV/pelican solution. Probably the
extreme shininess of polished metal pelican feathers explains
Arnold's ability to detect them by sun reflections at distances
of several miles (he though 20 miles or so, but obviously wrong
because even mechanical pelicans aren't 80-100 in size... that's
ridiculous!)

And thanks for letting us know that the primarily repository for
these pelicans is at UFO UpDates headquarters (EBK). What a
clever ploy/disinformation scheme. This way the MIBs, etc., in
charge of UAV/pelicans can keep track of the most rational
thinking on this subject and thus know how best to "duck and
weave" if we ever get too close to the correct answer.

So, you better start to shake in your boots EBK and MIB...
we're closing in on you!!!!

B. "The UAV/Pelicanist" Maccabee

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Re: Fatima UFO-like Apparitions, 1917 - Book

From: Colm A Kelleher <nids@anv.net>
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 08:17:11 -0007
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 11:35:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Fatima UFO-like Apparitions, 1917 - Book

>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 17:27:02 +0000
>From: Joaquim Fernandes <jfernan@esoterica.pt>
>Subject: Fatima UFO-like Apparitions, 1917 - Book
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Fatima UFO-like Apparitions, 1917

>In 1917, from May 13 to October 13 occurred at a rural spot of
>Portugal, Cova da Iria, near the village of FATIMA, a serie of
>paranormal/religious events which turned to be spread and
>accepted around the catholic world as "apparitions of the Virgin
>Mary".

>Among ufologists on the other hand, there are many who feel that the
>events at FATIMA, in 1917, may have a close and familiar ufological
>perspective. Jacques Vallée or Paul Misraki, were some of the
>researchers who suspected of that kind of related modern "unidentified
>aerial phenomena".

>Joaquim Fernandes and Fina d'Armada, two Portuguese historians,
>challenged themselves to prove these claims, and after six years of
>intensive effort they succeeded in assembling an impressive body of
>documentation and testimonial evidence that suggests new hypothesis to
>explain the so-called "Virgin Mary apparitions".

<snip>

I have sent your email to Jacques Vallee and other notable UFO
researchers for comment.

Sincerely,

Colm A Kelleher PhD

National Institute for Discovery Science

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdb.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 17:15:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 18:25:47 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 19:19:27 -0800
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>The stories which Meier claims regarding the Pleiades is that
>they did not evolve the life which he claims lives there. That
>life came to that star system, and established their own
>civilization there, in an attempt to escape from a War in their
>own Civilizations System.

With a cluster age of only \$10m years, they'd probably have to
BUILD the most of the planet themselves. Planetary formation
does take time.

>If this were to turn out to be true,

Huge, HUGE "if".....

>then the age of those stars
>would not be nearly as important as if they had evolved there.

But it still takes time to make a planet from a dust cloud,
especially one around an energetic blue star.

>Terra forming a planet in that system may well have been a
>possibility.

>Also remember, the Pleiadeans claim to have established their
>civilization "one-half second" out of phase with our time line.
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More "ifs." I'm reminded of an old rhyme a relative used to
tease me with when I was a child:

If 'ifs' and 'buts' were candy and nuts, We'd all have a merry
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>REgards, Mike

Toodles,

Brian

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Jan. 20 Total Lunar Eclipse

From: Takeshi Okimura [mailto:tokimura@seti.org]
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 18:47:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 18:47:30 -0500
Subject: Jan. 20 Total Lunar Eclipse

Dear TeamSETI member:

Board Member Andrew Fraknoi thought it might be fun to share the following lunar eclipse information (compiled for the media) with all of you:

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January 20, 2000
Total Eclipse of the Moon

An Information Sheet by
Andrew Fraknoi (Foothill College)

1. What Is Happening?

On January 20, there will be a total eclipse of the Moon. In such an eclipse, the Moon and the Sun are opposite each other in our skies, and the Earth gets between them. This means that the Earth's shadow will fall on the Moon, darkening it about 3 ½ hours.

2. When Will the Eclipse Happen?

On Thursday evening, the full Moon begins to enter the Earth's dark shadow at 7:01 pm PST. The total eclipse begins at 8:05 pm and ends at 9:22 pm PST. The last of our dark shadow moves off the Moon at about 10:25 pm. (For the east coast, add 3 hours to the times.)

3. What is Visible During a Lunar Eclipse

As the shadow of the Earth covers the Moon, note that our natural satellite doesn't become completely dark. Light bent through the Earth's atmosphere still reaches the shadowed Moon and gives it a dull brown or reddish glow. The exact color of the glow and its darkness depend on the "sooty-ness" of our atmosphere -- how recently volcanoes have gone off and how much cloud cover, storm activity, and human pollution there is around the globe.

4. Is it Safe to Watch, and How do I Watch?

Since the Moon is always safe to look at, and the eclipse only makes the Moon darker, there is no danger in watching this eclipse with your eyes or through a telescope. (The dangerous eclipse is the solar one, where it is the Sun that gets covered.) Lunar eclipses are nice to look at without equipment, and fun to see through binoculars and telescopes.

This is one astronomical phenomenon that (provided the sky is clear) doesn't really require you to go to a dark location to see it (although subtle changes in color are best seen from dark locations.) If you go to a location away from city lights, be sure to dress warm, and take a thermos of hot chocolate and someone with whom you like to stand in the dark!

5. What Can I Tell My Kids (or Kid Brother or Sister)?

Be sure to suggest that they take a careful look at the shadow of the Earth as it moves across the bright face of the Moon. What shape is it? The round shape of the Earth's shadow suggested to the ancient Greeks, more than 2000 years ago, that the Earth's shape must be round too. Eclipse after eclipse, they saw that the Earth cast a round shadow, and deduced that we lived on a round planet -- long before there were spacecraft and astronaut pictures showing the Earth's blue globe from orbit.

With best regards,

Andy Fraknoi
Chair, Astronomy Program, Foothill College

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Photo of 'Star Camouflage' UFO Also Drawings

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@FUSE.NET>
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 18:26:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 18:59:30 -0500
Subject: Photo of 'Star Camouflage' UFO Also Drawings

A very intriguing polaroid photograph of the January 5 UFO reported by police officers in Clair County, Missouri can be seen at the following URL location:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/missouri99.html>

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>Christmas.

Well, Brian, "IF" you wish to apply this same 'iffy' approach to
ufology as a whole, then we can just shut down all of the email
lists and chat rooms.

Why waste our time, because we definitely cannot eliminate 'if'
from the scenerio.

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REgards, Mike

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 19:01:35 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 20:01:31 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 10:31:36 -0500
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:15:14 +0000
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Now when you put this on the list my impression was that you had
>>spent some time researching about the Pleiades system? Now that
>>I have asked you to produce YOUR OWN RESEARCH into the Pleiades,
>>you keep referring me to a URL which shows me a well taken
>>picture of the Pleiades? How has your research proven to you
>>that the Pleiades is too young to support anything like life
>>yet, could you please publish your findings on the list as I am
>>sure others will be interested to read it, failing that please
>>point me to a web site where I can read your research?

>Hi, Roy!

>While Bill may not have personally performed observations and
>calculations concerning the Pleiades, his statements represent
>the scientific consensus on the age and state of that star
>cluster.

<snip>

Hi Mark.

Yes, the Pleiades are considered to be much younger stars than our Sun but they may not be too young to support life not indigenous to the Pleiades. We must remember that in all likelihood we will someday soon inhabit the Earth's oceans, settle on terraformed Mars and eventually immigrate to planets orbiting distant stars so we cannot rule out that some other civilizations have not already beat us to the Pleiades and colonized this piece of real estate in a neighbouring part of our galaxy.

One of several unusual items I have received which I hope to get tests done on are hair samples from a very human looking Pleiadian, or so I am told. Since the Pleiades are such a beautiful sight now that they are so prominent in the early evening January skies for observers in North America, Europe and Asia, is it surprising that there is so much folklore, poetry and prose associated with them as opposed to a older but much less prominent star cluster nearby, the Hyades, which is about three times closer to us and, as some could argue, a much better candidate as the home of our alien neighbours?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Photo of 'Star Camouflage' UFO Also Drawings

From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 00:40:35 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 21:55:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Photo of 'Star Camouflage' UFO Also Drawings

>Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 18:26:31 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@FUSE.NET>
>Subject: Photo of 'Star Camouflage' UFO Also Drawings
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>A very intriguing polaroid photograph of the January 5
>UFO reported by police officers in Clair County, Missouri
>can be seen at the following URL location:

><http://home.fuse.net/ufo/missouri99.html>

Kenny,

Why the two different sketches by officer Stevens?

Just a thought - although flight testing of NASA's 'Centurion'
flying wing at night and in that location doesn't seem likely,
it is a large, slow moving, aerial object which could resemble
Stevens' 'large wing' drawing - see:

<http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/Projects/erast/Projects/Centurion/centurion2.html>

Presumably that's coincidental, however, is Stevens' claiming
the object might have looked like that second sketch?

James Easton.
E-Mail: voyager@ukonline.co.uk

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Factual Issue Regarding 'Star Camouflage' UFO

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 00:09:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 06:55:06 -0500
Subject: Factual Issue Regarding 'Star Camouflage' UFO

EBK and list:

I earlier sent a message which likely contains a factual error. The state of the 4:00 a.m. January 5 "star camouflage" UFO seen by the police officers was likely Illinois, not Missouri as first reported.

The cities or towns involved in Clair County are Lebanon and Shiloh. Having lost my maps and being too lazy to look up the correct location on the internet, I am not 100% certain of this. But after again listening to Peter Davenport's appearance with these gentlemen on the Art Bell show, they all announced that they were from Illinois.

So the initial message, which stated Missouri [as per the St. Louis newspaper article] may not be accurate. I will modify the website to correct this. If anyone could assist, please let me know.

Thanks,
Kenny Young
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UFO Research
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Re: Factual Issue Regarding 'Star Camouflage' UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 07:00:30 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 07:00:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Factual Issue Regarding 'Star Camouflage' UFO

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 00:09:08 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>Subject: Factual Issue Regarding 'Star Camouflage' UFO
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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Kenny,

This may make it a little more 'official'

ebk

Source: Chicago-Sun Times

<http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/ufo10.html>

Downstate cops say they saw UFO

January 10, 2000

by Valerie Schremp
Scripps Howard News Service

In the last few days, Millstadt, Ill., police officer Craig Stevens has slept little, taken countless phone messages from national experts and heard all of the little green men jokes his fellow officers can muster.

It's amusing--to a point, he said. "It's not like I'm the only one who saw it and I'm Joe Blow from the local bar who just stepped out drunk, you know?"

Stevens and at least three other officers from Downstate Lebanon, Shiloh and Dupo police departments said they saw something in the sky early Wednesday--something that looked like a UFO.

Shaped like an arrowhead, sprinkled with dimmer lights all over its surface and three brighter lights on its tail, the thing made its northeast-to-southwest flight across the area about 4 a.m..

The first report came in to Downstate Highland police from the owner of a miniature golf course. He was driving into Lebanon, so the police contacted Lebanon authorities. The officer there guffawed at the dispatcher. But he spotted the thing heading toward Shiloh, and he sped through traffic lights to try to catch up with it. It reached Shiloh, where an officer there

spotted it.

Stevens, sitting in his patrol car in Millstadt on his overnight shift, heard the radio chatter and drove to the north end of town. He scanned the sky but saw only airplane lights. Then he looked west.

"Wow," he thought, jumping out of the car. "This thing's huge!"

He said it moved slowly, like a blimp, about 1,000 feet off the ground. It was about two stories high and about three times as long. In addition to the three lights in the back, dimmer lights sprinkled the entire surface.

He grabbed his Polaroid camera and snapped a shot. The object headed toward Dupo, and Stevens radioed dispatch. The dispatcher radioed back, reporting an officer there spotted it, too.

The Polaroid didn't develop well in the cold, and the image only shows the three bright lights.

ebk

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Cydonian Imperative: Making ETI Fashionable

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 01:59:41 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 07:09:23 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Making ETI Fashionable

Making Extraterrestrial Intelligence Fashionable

by Mac Tonnies

Attempts to openly address the glaring inadequacy of the media's treatment of Cydonia have, for the most part, fallen on deaf ears. This situation is not improved by the sudden disappearance of Dr. Stanley McDaniel's website, which was one of perhaps three or four to address the controversy reasonably.

I argue that what is needed to bring Cydonia to the fore is a truly subversive campaign. We must make Cydonia fashionable. Right now, Cydonia belongs to the "kooks." They're the ones wearing the T-shirts, poring over "extreme closeups" of Cydonian terrain.

Unfortunately, they're also not getting us anywhere in terms of new pictures. Cydonia must be "mainstreamed," made palatable--if just barely--to the average reader of popular science articles. The bogus conclusion that "Cydonia is dead" must be quietly dispelled if new pictures are to be taken. It was public interest--and from the "kook" sector at that!--that was largely responsible for the three Cydonia overpasses in 1998.

[It may come as something of a surprise to some that an additional image (a close-up of the "City Pyramid," an evident attempt to verify claims of water ice in the region) was taken in 1999. This image was not given any significant hype, and Malin Space Science Systems' rationale for renewing interest in the region was never disclosed. Disappointingly, two chances to rephotograph the Face at ideal lighting conditions were passed up in late 1999. Malin's failure to take advantage of these opportunities was never discussed on the organization's website.]

How, then, to make Cydonia digestible? The following are but a few easily implemented ideas:

1.) Education. Teachers aware of Cydonia research, pro and con, could very easily incorporate the Cydonian controversy into their space/science curriculum. I, for one, can think of no better way to challenge critical thought than a thoughtful and balanced overview of the Face and its attendant mysteries.

Such a unit could very easily be grafted into a unit about, say, Mars or the Solar System, or even into some sort of exobiological art project. The goal, obviously, is not to pound the notion of Martian intelligence into impressionable minds, but to raise the possibility so that it can be pursued at the student's intellectual leisure.

A program very much like the one proposed was actually carried out on the high school level, as documented in SPSR's The Case for the Face. It resulted in the discovery of an additional anomaly: the now well-known "NK Pyramid." Students, it seems, have much more to offer us in the way of science than the hopeless bureaucracy of NASA and MSSS.

2.) Informal "poster sessions." Drop by a Kinko's franchise and run off a few posters of your favorite Martian real estate. Bring them to work, school, parties and hang them over watercoolers and on chalkboards as conversation pieces. Corny? Very! But appropriately subversive, and just silly enough you won't be labeled a "kook." Not immediately, at least.

3.) Get your local library/s to carry the seminal books on the subject: The Case for the Face: Scientists Examine the Evidence for Alien Artifacts on Mars, The McDaniel Report, The Martian Enigmas: A Closer Look and The Face on Mars: Evidence of a Lost Civilization?

Ideas are living things! Never underestimate the power of a well-vectored virus.

Again, I stress the importance of not defecting to the "kooks," who currently have control of Cydonia. Bringing Cydonia to sufficient public consciousness cannot be accomplished by pamphleteering (How many of you have changed churches because you found special meaning in a certain issue of "The Watchtower"?)

But at the same time, we're sitting on an issue of huge emotional importance. Properly applied, we just might be able to raise this issue out of the gutter in time for the Mars Global Surveyor to help us out. The Face is a convenient package for what may very well be "a signed, sealed, delivered paradigm shift," to paraphrase anthropologist Richard Grossinger.

Look at the vast amounts of money made by films predicated on the idea of nonhuman intelligence, and the corresponding emotional resonance this idea has in our culture. Using actual science to uncover a possible truth even more bizarre than that offered by science fiction will take an abundance of popular enthusiasm; now that NASA has removed Cydonia from the scientific arena, our best medium is pop culture.

We must confront pop culture on its own terms without sacrificing objective integrity. No one said it would be easy.

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((Reader submission))

Jim Miller offers the following:

I enjoyed your recent post to the Mars board and would mention that I wrote to Dr. Michael Guillen of ABC with a challenge that he investigate the poor images Malin gives the public. I also posted earlier to the board about the story Dr Guillen did on the exact same topic of imaging the MPL with the MGS last week.

I would suggest that you also write to Guillen, access to him is through GMA at ABC just go to their homepage. I would also ask that you include the same article about the imaging process as you did at the board. I think it would really help to get someone like him on the case.

*****Mars: The Cydonian Imperative*****

a mailing list devoted to the immediate implementation of manned Mars missions and the democratization of space science, emphasizing the strange formations found in the Cydonia Mensae region. This list is not affiliated with any particular Mars advocacy group, and is intended to be as informal as possible.

To join or unsubscribe: email Mac Tonnie at alintelbot@aol.com. Comments and questions are also welcome.

Useful websites:

Artemis Society: <http://www.asi.org>
Mars Society: <http://www.marssociety.com>
The Martian Enigmas:
<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>
Bigelow Aerospace: <http://www.bigelow-aerospace.com>
International Space Station:

<http://shuttlenasa.gov/station/index.html>

SpaceDev: <http://www.spacedev.com>

Think Mars: <http://www.thinkmars.net>

CNI News: <http://www.cninews.com>

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Steve Johnson?

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:54:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 07:14:03 -0500
Subject: Steve Johnson?

Dear colleagues,

Does anyone happen to have a snail mail or e-mail address for US
special effects artist Steve Johnson?

If you do could you please reply direct to me at:

pmquest@dial.pioex.com

Many thanks,

Philip.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Philip Mantle - UFO <pmufo@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 13:06:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 07:39:09 -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>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000
>>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <pmufo@dial.pipex.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Dear Colleagues,

>>I wonder can you be of assistance. I am researching a new
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>>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

>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.

Dear All,

We have some new leads on the film which we are trying
desperately to follow up. I can say no more on this as they
might lead to yet more dead ends as other such leads have done.

Others are not doing the research, this aspect is called
'co-operation'. Look it up in the dictionary you might find this
word rather enlightening.

Our new book will be a balanced look at the alien autopsy film
some of which you will have heard before some of which you will
not. For example, the complete story of how myself and Tim
Matthews exposed the tent footage as a hoax will be told in full
for the first time.

Any researcher cannot expect to have all the information on any
particular topics, that is why I was requesting the co-operation
of others involved in this field.

Many have been most co-operative and I would like to thank them
all, while others are only interested in rhetoric.

If the cap fits, wear it.

Philip.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Philip Mantle - UFO <pmufo@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 13:07:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 07:51:17 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 29 Dec 1999 01:26:49 -0500 (EST)
>From: Sam Sherman <FLEXARET2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 28 Dec 1999 17:08:33 +0000
>>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <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 responsible, 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.

Dear Sam,

If Ray Santilli provides you or anyone else with the film and
box labels you'll not be able to eat your hat as I'll have
already eaten it for you.

Many thanks,

Philip.

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NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 13:30:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 13:31:10 -0500
Subject: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

Source: The NY Times

<http://nytimes.com/library/world/asia/011100china-ufos.html>

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BEIJING JOURNAL

U.F.O. Boom Doesn't Worry Officials

By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL

BEIJING -- The last few months have been a boom time for U.F.O. enthusiasts in China.

Just before the start of the year 2000, there were dozens of sightings. Strange shining objects were observed scooting through the sky by hundreds of people, from former airport workers to college deans.

"Warning Wuhan! Warning Dalian! Warning Xian! Jiangsu! Beijing! Shanghai!" exulted the Jiangsu U.F.O. Research Society's Web site. "Frequent U.F.O. visits have enveloped all of China."

Buoyed in part by the sightings, the ranks of the research societies in major Chinese cities devoted to unidentified flying objects have grown to more than 40,000 members.

More important still, the normally conservative official news media have been lavishing attention on U.F.O. news, with documentaries on the main government television station, CCTV-1, and credulous newspaper articles.

"The level of interest and acceptance is definitely rising," said Sun Shili, a retired Foreign Ministry official who is president of the Beijing U.F.O. Research Society. "Because of the frequent sightings recently in Beijing, Shanghai and other cities that have had many witnesses, even the media -- which are very serious and careful -- have been paying attention."

Of course, in many ways it would seem a most awkward time for fleets of extraterrestrials to be buzzing China, what with the government jailing leaders of the Falun Gong spiritual movement and a few other groups, also associated with the traditional Chinese practice of qigong exercises, for "superstitious" and "anti-scientific" behavior.

But so far, at least, the government has decided to tolerate the U.F.O. craze even if it does not financially support it. Wildly popular and politically unthreatening, U.F.O. research is the kind of unorthodox pursuit that is allowed in China today. Anyway, government officials and citizens alike tend to view U.F.O. research as science or at least possibly scientific.

And officials of U.F.O. societies are determined to keep it that way.

"The study of U.F.O.'s is fundamentally different from other things like Falun Gong and qigong, which have come under criticism lately," said Jin Fan, an engineer who heads the Dalian U.F.O. Research Society in northeast China. "This is a purely scientific field, whereas Falun Gong deals with cults and superstition."

Indeed, a large portion of China's U.F.O. enthusiasts are scientists and engineers, not the sci-fi buffs or apocalyptic stargazers who are the stereotype in the United States. Many of China's U.F.O. research societies require a college degree and published research for membership. The Chinese Air Force attends important U.F.O. meetings.

"If our conditions for membership weren't so strict, we'd have millions of members by now," said Mr. Sun, a cheerful intellectual in a gray sweater and striped tie, who seems to embody the movement -- a bit offbeat, yes, but also scholarly, serious and strictly establishment.

In his cluttered Beijing study, he proudly displays old photographs of himself interpreting for Chairman Mao and a more recent vintage Alien Collection set containing models of a Nordic alien and of those reportedly found in Roswell, N.M., for example.

Applauding the Chinese government's "enlightened and practical attitude," Mr. Sun said: "In the U.S., scholars investigating this are under pressure and have been derided. But in China the academic discussion is quite free, so in this area American academics are quite jealous of us."

The cluster of dozens of sightings in the last four months has given China's enthusiasts new grist for discussions. Most episodes involved glowing orange-yellow objects that were reported to have lingered in the late-afternoon or night sky for more than 15 minutes before disappearing in an instant.

In a country where camcorders and cameras are now common household equipment, many were captured on film, and the images found their way into newspapers and onto television.

Mr. Jin videotaped some suspected U.F.O.'s over Dalian on Dec. 25. "I believe what I saw was a U.F.O., based on its pattern of movement, its glow, its shape and its appearance," he said. "It had substance and dimensionality -- it was clearly an object."

Mr. Jin, an engineer, said the turns and dips made by the objects, as well as their rapid acceleration, could not have been the maneuvers of man-made planes or rockets. He added that he had been researching the subject long enough to distinguish a true U.F.O. from an "atmospheric phenomenon."

Experts have various theories about the recent rash of U.F.O. sightings. A recent article in the Journal of U.F.O. Research, published by the Gansu Science and Technology Press, notes that sightings in China peak each year around Oct. 1, China's National Day.

"If you think about it, it makes a lot of sense that visitors from an extraterrestrial civilization would come now," Mr. Jin said. "We're entering a new millennium, so any extraterrestrial civilization that's been observing us would want to document the state of our civilization at this particular moment, as sort of a historical snapshot."

He attributed the high frequency of sightings in China to its population density. And club officials say more than half of Chinese are interested in U.F.O.'s and believe that they might exist.

The Beijing U.F.O. Research Society has 280 members, and 30 percent are managers or Communist Party workers. The yearly research meetings of the national U.F.O. society are covered by reporters from the major news organizations.

This is an extraordinary reversal in a country where 25 years ago life was so focused on Communist politics that most people could not imagine anything so ethereal as an unidentified flying object, and expressing belief in them might have been a ticket to jail.

Indeed, Mr. Sun said he did not appreciate his one and only U.F.O. sighting -- a "bright object in the sky" -- in 1971, when he was sent to the countryside as a young Communist Party worker during the Cultural Revolution. "I assumed it must be some sort of monitoring device, since relations between China and the Soviet Union were very tense at the time," he said, laughing. "It was only years later, when I got more access to foreign materials, that I realized what I'd experienced."

He and others credit China's two decades of liberalization and market reforms for allowing U.F.O. fever to flourish. "As China has opened to the outside world in the last 20 years, people's thinking has also opened," he said.

Some of the current U.F.O. research in China centers on investigating sightings, but much of it involves trying to create new forms of propulsion to try to explain how U.F.O.'s might work.

Mr. Sun describes with great excitement a small balloonlike device invented by one of his members that moves faster than other man-made devices. Although it exists now only as a small model, the society is planning to test it, first on water and then on land and in space.

The research societies also share information and reports on the quirkiest aspect of U.F.O.'s, like alien abductions. They are looking into the case of a Beijing worker who said that in December he was held for two hours on an alien spacecraft, where he was studied as part of a medical experiment.

But Chinese U.F.O. society officials say they prefer to maintain a sober exterior, often playing down controversial topics, which they prefer to discuss in private.

And so the most recent issue of the Journal of U.F.O. Research, published in November, scoffed at the notions of a millennial apocalypse -- even as it carried articles on "interstellar migration" and the notion that the Egyptian pyramids were instruments for communication with extraterrestrials.

And U.F.O. enthusiasts say they will avoid the troubles that have befallen qigong.

"We're very careful and cautious to present things scientifically and to filter out things that head in a superstitious direction," Mr. Sun said, "since there's a great deal of fakery in the U.F.O. field as well as real occurrence."

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Re: Steve Johnson?

From: **Michael Lennick** <michael@*****.com>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:51:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 14:14:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Steve Johnson?

[This is from an old friend who's been in the FX biz for years. I'd passed him a copy of Philip Mantle's request, knowing Steve Johnson is a friend of Michael's. Responses to Michael can be passed through me --ebk]

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:54:50 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Steve Johnson?

>Dear colleagues,

>Does anyone happen to have a snail mail or e-mail address for
>US special effects artist Steve Johnson?

>If you do could you please reply direct to me at:

>pmquest@dial.pioex.com

>Many thanks,

>Philip.

Hi Errol;

Re: the above - Steve's not that hard to find.

However, my understanding is that this is in service of that faux 'alien autopsy' footage that made a few people a lot of money a few years back.

I wouldn't recommend asking Steve any serious questions about this one. He does not suffer dorks gladly.

As you probably know, I was planning a debunking of the AA footage a few years back as part of the 'Aliens In The Movies' series I did for The Discovery Channel.

I had commentaries from Steve, along with various anatomy experts, old film stock authorities (including guys from the Lookout Mountain Film Unit who shot all the Army stuff during this era and who debunked both the cameras and techniques displayed), and a few science-fiction authors, all holding their noses over this stuff.

We only stopped work on it when Discovery came to their senses and realized they didn't want to further promote this nonsense.

However, had we proceeded, the coup-de-gras would probably have been my own examination of the footage, which revealed it to have been mastered at 30 frames per second - not 24.

Spottable by any casual frame-by-frame glance at the footage.

There are no repeated frames.

Re: Steve Johnson?

24 fps film, when transferred to 30 fps video, requires every 5th frame to be repeated.

This suggests either a film mastered at 30fps, or a video master treated to look like old B&W reversal stock - both of which we do all the time in current production, but neither of which were in practice in the pre-VTR days this purports to represent.

I can't believe this crap still has any currency left.

Later;
Michael.

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Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 12:50:59 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 14:18:58 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

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>>But it still takes time to make a planet from a dust cloud,
>>especially one around an energetic blue star.

>>>Terra forming a planet in that system may well have been a
>>>possibility.

>>>Also remember, the Pleiadeans claim to have established their
>>>civilization "one-half second" out of phase with our time line.
>>>In other words, "between the seconds."

>>>If this were so, then we would not find any evidence of their
>>>existence there if we could actually view their system.

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Well Michael, I am surprised at you. Apparently you've not been
paying attention to listers, commenters and provocateurs. The
researchers, contorters and hoe-ers.

Except Al.

And this is a sin which requires the wrath of Kahn, John, Paul
and Ringo. And even Ming from the planet Mingo. That was a
small poetic license, as it's really Mongo.

When, Doctor Crystal, have you ever heard just one Ex-Spurt
say the word "IF" except to refer with malice to Intruders
Foundation? Huh? Especially when referring to his silly
fossify as, finally, revealing the truth about whatever. no
'If's, and's or Butts!'

Oh, we peons say "if." The dummy dimbulbs who know nuttin and
writ no books, speak no speeches and make no appearances on the
Maladjusted Science Channel in order to create chaos out of the

order produced by a truth, they say "if." See, it's truth which them folk do not care to hear. It doesn't sell. And everyone knows that ...

"Capitalism is above the law,
It say, 'It don't count, less it sells' ".

So it's sundown on the Union.

><G>
>
>REgards, Mike

Gee,

Regards,
J. Jaime (that's Hi-Mee)

* (Frank Herbert)

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Re: NASA Questions

From: Keith Woodard <gwoodard@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:43:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 15:08:29 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Questions

>Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 18:45:48 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: NASA Questions
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>Believe it or not, "The Europa Proposal" was conceived by
>Richard Hoagland

<snip>

>Arthur C. Clarke even credits Hoagland for the idea in the
>afterword to "2010." I, for one, wish NASA and the news media
>would likewise give him the credit he deserves.

<snip>

It turns out not to be the case that Richard Hoagland originated scientific speculation about life on Europa. Such conjecture, at least in rudimentary form, has been traced as far back as 1971.

I might mention as well that I have yet to see documentation for the contention on Hoagland's website that "At the time, Hoagland's theory encountered overwhelming opposition from almost everyone at NASA."

Hoagland's claim to the idea of life on Europa is summarized on his website at:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/europa.html>

It rests on his article, "The Europa Enigma" in the January 1980 issue of the magazine *_Star & Sky_* .

Disputing this is Cornell astronomy professor Steven Squyres, who contends that credit should go to Voyager scientists. Hoagland has posted Squyres' email to this effect at:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/images/squyres2.jpg>

and

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/images/squyres3.jpg>

According to Squyres, "Within minutes of the first images reaching the ground, there was talk among members of the Voyager imaging team about whether there might be an ocean under the ice, and this talk led immediately to speculation of such an ocean's suitability for life. I was there to overhear this talk, and so was Mr. Hoagland."

Is Squyres' claim credible? How likely is it the prospect of life would occur to planetary scientists faced with evidence of liquid water in quantity on an extraterrestrial body?

That Europa images were suggesting the possibility of water to Voyager team members is confirmed by a JPL press release posted to Usenet:

<http://www.deja.com/=dnc/getdoc.xp?AN=237321334>

The press release says, in part, "The first close look ever obtained of Jupiter's satellite, Europa, was taken today, July 9, by Voyager 2 as the spacecraft approached the planet....The complicated linear features appear even more like cracks or huge fractures in these images. Also seen are somewhat darker mottled regions which appear to have a slightly pitted appearance, perhaps due to small scale craters. No large craters (more than five kilometers in diameter) are easily identifiable in the Europa photographs to date, suggesting that this satellite has a young surface relative to Ganymede and Callisto, although not perhaps as young as Io's. Various models for Europa's structure will be tested during analysis of these images, including the possibility that the surface is a thin ice crust overlying water or softer ice and that the fracture systems seen are breaks in that crust."

At:

<http://www.math.washington.edu/~greenber/EuropaHistory.html>

is a revealing article by University of Washington mathematics professor Ralph Greenberg on the evolution of scientific thought concerning oceans -- and life -- on Europa. Greenberg views Hoagland quite favorably, waxing enthusiastic over "The Europa Enigma": "Even today it is worthwhile to read this article," he comments, "because Hoagland's enthusiasm and excitement about Europa and the possibilities that exist there are quite contagious."

But Squyres' counterclaim is supported by Greenberg's remark that, "The possibility that some of the satellites of Jupiter might have an ocean became rather widely known in the 1970s, at least enough to be discussed in some books written for general audiences."

The professor goes on to say, "It seems obvious that the possibility of a liquid water ocean on some of the Galilean satellites, and the implication that there would have to be some source(s) of heat to maintain such an ocean, would inevitably lead to speculation about the chance that life might develop in such an environment."

Although Arthur Clarke credits Hoagland with the idea of life on Europa, Clarke himself observed in 1974 that Europa and Ganymede had "at least one of the preconditions for life: the presence of water."

Moreover, Greenberg shows that the possibility of life on Galilean satellites -- including Europa -- was noted as early as 1971 by Carl Sagan. It was discussed by Robert Shaw in a series of mid-seventies lectures, by Benton Clark in a June 1979 lecture to an audience that included NASA scientists, in books by Duncan Lunan and Isaac Asimov published in 1979, and in a 1980 book by Gerald Feinberg and Robert Shapiro.

Hoagland deserves some credit. His well-written article seems to have been more comprehensive than its predecessors, and evidently the first to focus exclusively on Europa -- prompted, as it was, by the second Voyager encounter.

But it's hard to believe the possibilities for life would not have occurred to Voyager scientists as soon as their images suggested water. And the fact that Hoagland was apparently within earshot at the time, "sitting here, listening to these informed bits of speculation," as he put it, seems significant.

Keith

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From: googong@interact.net.au
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 08:27:06 +1100
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 17:23:46 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 19:01:35 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Since the Pleiades are such a
>beautiful sight now that they are so prominent in the early
>evening January skies for observers in North America, Europe and
>Asia, is it surprising that there is so much folklore, poetry and
>prose associated with them as opposed to a older but much less
>prominent star cluster nearby, the Hyades, which is about three
>times closer to us and, as some could argue, a much better
>candidate as the home of our alien neighbours?

No Nick. At a distance of 150 light years, the Hyades forms the nearest open star cluster to us. The Hyades open cluster has an age of about 600 million years, which is probably not sufficient time in which to independently form life there. The ROSAT All-Sky Survey of the Hyades has identified over 185 of the 400 or more Hyades cluster stars as X-ray emitters, which is not going to encourage life to exist there.

I suggest instead another candidate like the open star cluster M67, which at an age of 4 billion years is more likely to have had life independently start there. Other candidates are NGC 188 at an age of about 5 billion years and NGC 6791, which is about 7 billion years old and is currently the oldest known open star cluster in our Milky Way galaxy.

A semi-recent estimate of the globular cluster M92's age has given a value of about 16 billion years (anyway more than 14 billion years). The age of M13 is about 14 billion years.

Globular cluster M13 was selected in 1974 as a target for one of the first radio messages addressed to possible extraterrestrial intelligent races, and sent by the big radio telescope of the Arecibo Observatory. I'd be curious to know where other messages have been sent to possible areas of the sky with extraterrestrial intelligence in them or the areas of the sky being searched for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Bill Alford

googong@interact.net.au
<http://users.interact.net.au/~pwa>

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Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 18:03:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 17:27:56 -0500
Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers
>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 13:30:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
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>Source: The NY Times

><http://nytimes.com/library/world/asia/011100china-ufos.html>

>Page One And More

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>BEIJING JOURNAL

>U.F.O. Boom Doesn't Worry Officials

>By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL

I just called the NYT to try to talk with Elisabeth Rosenthal. She is actually in Beijing. But according to the man at the foreign desk, she can be sent letters via email say 'Please Forward to Elisabeth Rosenthal at foreign@nytimes.com .'

I think it wouldn't hurt if many people thanked her for playing it very straight... as opposed to the terrible blind acceptance of the Mogul Roswell explanation displayed in front page Sunday coverage a few years back, by William Broad. It will probably appear in many papers taking the NY Times News Service.

Stan Friedman

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Re: ET Combos?

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 21:26:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 17:30:34 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Combos?

>Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 15:16:55 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: ET Combos?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hi All,

Hi Roy, All

>I can't but think about the combos of ETs witnessed on craft...

>In the Travis Walton case, we all heard how he witnessed beings
>that more or less resembled "greys" and then later "humanoids".

>If this is the case are we to take it that there is some kind of
>cross co-operation between ET species regarding abduction
>phenomena?

>Or to put it another way, is it common throughout the decades
>of abduction reports & investigation that different or multiple
>ETs have been seen on board these craft?

Without bothering to give this matter any real thought. (In other words, off the top of my head) In the film "Communion" with Christopher Walken, "Whitley Strieber" describes walking around in a _UFO_ with three different types of aliens in it. If you want I'll dig the video out, and see which three are depicted.

>Regards,

>Roy..

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:53:13 -0800
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Subject: Bert Alien?

I would bring your attention specifically to the "picture evidence" portion of the web site listed below and make sure you click on the Crop Circle Evidence and the Mars Observer picture file, both!

Given the serious nature of this discovery, I would recommend forwarding this to Richard Hoagland as well!!

<http://fractalcow.com/bert/bert.htm>

Bert is Evil

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Previously, Mr. Jin was quoted by the NY Times:

>"If you think about it, it makes a lot of sense that visitors
>from an extraterrestrial civilization would come now," Mr. Jin
>said. "We're entering a new millennium, so any extraterrestrial
>civilization that's been observing us would want to document the
>state of our civilization at this particular moment, as sort of
>a historical snapshot."

This proves that ET's are more advanced than we are. At least
they aren't in doubt as to when the new millennium starts!
(Or did they need to leave a light-year early?) ;)

Roger

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>:)

>Brian

Grin... don't worry about it. I simply wanted to point out that
virtually all of UFOlogy is speculation.

I for one, wishe it could be otherwise.

I have been chasing this "rainbow" for about 46 years, and
frankly, I'm darn frustrated. <G>

Our science has advanced many hypothesis' to explain how life
exists and came into existence. But until we actually go there
and view the beauty of the majesty of creation, we can never
truly appreciate how much we still have to learn.

All the objections to "alien life" throughout the Cosmos, and
particularly to the idea of it having in some way contributed to
our existence or social tree, is remanement of the "earth is the
center of the universe" ideology of the first half of the first
millinium.

Can you see how we are still having our ideology influenced by
"the keepers of humanity?"

When will we be allowed to shake off those chains of ignorance
and superstition and stand to face the rest of the Cosmos as
mature, deserving humanity? <g>

REgards, Mike

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Hahahahah....I hear you...

Darn, and I just squashed my only chance at Capatilistic gain.
hahahahaha...

Thanks for the prespective.

REgards, Mike

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Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 18:38:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 20:00:06 -0500
Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 18:03:40 -0400
>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I think it wouldn't hurt if many people thanked her for playing
>it very straight... as opposed to the terrible blind acceptance
>of the Mogul Roswell explanation displayed in front page Sunday
>coverage a few years back, by William Broad. It will probably
>appear in many papers taking the NY Times News Service.

>Stan Friedman

Agreed. I do think we started out with an advantage here --
Chinese scientists take the subject seriously, so a journalist
interviewing them has to take it seriously, too.

But note the phrase she used for Americans interested in UFOs --
"the sci-fi buffs and apocalyptical stargazers who are the
stereotype in the United States." Maybe she meant to say this is
a stereotype, not reality, but it sounds to me like she's buying
the description.

Greg Sandow

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 19:53:07 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 20:03:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 08:27:06 +1100
>From: googong@interact.net.au
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 19:01:35 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>prominent star cluster nearby, the Hyades, which is about three
>>times closer to us and, as some could argue, a much better
>>candidate as the home of our alien neighbours?

>No Nick. At a distance of 150 light years, the Hyades forms the
>nearest open star cluster to us. The Hyades open cluster has an
>age of about 600 million years, which is probably not sufficient
>time in which to independently form life there. The ROSAT
>All-Sky Survey of the Hyades has identified over 185 of the 400
>or more Hyades cluster stars as X-ray emitters, which is not
>going to encourage life to exist there.

If independent life is not likely to form on planets in the Hyades star cluster because it is considered too young as you say, then life would be less likely to have formed on planets in the Pleiades star cluster which are much younger still. So we agree on this. Of course, this still would not rule out E.T.s from older parts of our galaxy from colonizing the planets in the Pleiades and Hyades star clusters. As for x-ray emitting stars, the E.T.s would simply colonize those planets around the stars which are not powerful x-ray emitters. On Earth our atmosphere protects us from dangerous x-rays so E.T.s could still colonize the planets which orbit x-ray emitting stars too, even if they have no atmosphere, as long as they settle not on the surface but just a few inches (or more) below it. Now that it is winter in Toronto, with our subways and underground facilities, there are some people can go from their homes to their schools and jobs without even venturing outside even once.

>I suggest instead another candidate like the open star cluster
>M67, which at an age of 4 billion years is more likely to have
>had life independently start there. Other candidates are NGC 188
>at an age of about 5 billion years and NGC 6791, which is about
>7 billion years old and is currently the oldest known open star
>cluster in our Milky Way galaxy.

I too have also wondered why no alleged aliens have identified their home to us as M67, NGC 188 or NGC 6791 which I agree would be much more promising places for life to have formed (even though I have serious reservations about the accepted theories on how life originates and evolves) on planets orbiting stars there as opposed to the younger Pleiades and Hyades star clusters. Could it be for the same reason that in the earlier days, aliens allegedly came from the Moon, Venus or Mars - because these were very prominent in our sky?

>A semi-recent estimate of the globular cluster M92's age has
>given a value of about 16 billion years (anyway more than 14
>billion years). The age of M13 is about 14 billion years.

I also have serious reservations about dating in astronomy. How can stars in M92 have an age of 16 billion years and stars in M13 have an age of 14 billion years when the latest estimates of the age of the universe is about 12 billion years or so? I find it amusing that astronomers can talk with authority about some faint newly discovered object at the edge of our universe or a planet orbiting another star which they detected with their giant telescopes and advanced electronic instrumentation when at the same time they are totally ignorant of our own backyard in space. For example, Earth's two other large Moons have been seen visually and photographed with simple cameras but I have never read about them in any astronomy textbook. If there is one sure thing about our universe and even our solar system, is that there are still lots of unexpected surprises out there for us.

>Globular cluster M13 was selected in 1974 as a target for one of
>the first radio messages addressed to possible extraterrestrial
>intelligent races, and sent by the big radio telescope of the
>Arecibo Observatory. I'd be curious to know where other messages
>have been sent to possible areas of the sky with
>extraterrestrial intelligence in them or the areas of the sky
>being searched for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

An American company, Encounter 2001, has recently purchased time on the large 70 metre radio telescope in the Ukraine. For \$49.95 you can send a message of your own to any listening aliens you feel inhabit planets orbiting stars in your favourite star cluster. Since this radio telescope is also equipt for radar work and a dollar still goes a long way in the Ukraine (even a Canadian one), I am negotiating with one of the astronomers there to have them do a radar search for large asteroids which some astronomers believe must exist just ahead and behind our Earth in the same orbit. Remember that science is for everyone and unlike China (see today's New York Times newspaper article on UFOs) you still do not require a college degree and have published research to be a good ufologist.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 01:13:12 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 20:31:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 13:19:17 -0500 (EST)
>Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 14:29:45 -0500

>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:45:31 -0500

>>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain ridges.
>>This year I will just refer to what Arnold told some of the
>>newspapers - and - mention a report from the prospector F.M.
>>Johnson, being on the ground up in the Cascades on - apparently
>>- the same day as Arnold made his sightings. And then, prepare a
>>comparison between the main observations as reported by the two men.

<snip>

>>11. In addition: Arnold estimated the length of the objects as
>>approximately equal in angular size to the spacing of engines on
>>a DC-4 at 15 miles. Assume he was right, with the spacing about
>>60 ft. Then the objects would be $4/60 \times 15 = 1$ mile away (from
>><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/aug/m25-006.shtml>).

>Perhaps you should reread the referenced post by Bruce
>Maccabee, except this time try to read it more carefully. Bruce
>was calculating how far away 4 foot PELICANS would be to have
>the same angular size as 60 feet appears at 15 miles. This was
>NOT a claim that the objects Arnold saw were only 1 mileaway. In
>your list of details reported by Arnold, you also left out the
>very important detail that he estimated the objects to be about
>23 miles away because he saw them briefly disappear behind a
>subpeak of Mt. Rainier. He also reported them weaving in and
>out amongst the peaks of the southern Cascades, and fading out
>in the direction of Mt. Adams, about 30 miles away.

Yes, I admit now that I wrote the mail too fast....

>>Some of the significant observations made by Johnson
>>(as told to the Air Force), were as follows:

<snip>

>>Other observations by myself - when comparing what they both
>>have been reporting:
>>- He didn't report seeing Arnold's plane up in the air, though.

>Not surprising, since Johnson was on Mt. Adams and Arnold was
>over by Mt. Rainier, over 30 miles away.

Yes, you're probably right here; Johnson likely didn't hear
anything from Arnolds noisy plane either - though the weather

was calm an "crystal clear" - according to Arnold.

(However, my own experiences are that it's very easy to hear noise from planes up in the mountains, even from many miles away from where you're standing.)

>>- It is not quite certain whether the man Arnold's mentioning in >>the newspaper is Mr. Johnson; Johnson, though, reported that he >>remained up in the mountains for "several days" after the>sightings....

>The man mentioned may have been veteran pilot Richard Rankin, >who reported seeing 10 objects flying in formation over >California the day before Arnold. Rankin and Arnold, I believe, >did meet later and compare notes.

I agree; the Rankin story is here:
<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947c.htm>

>>- There were some deviations in the altitude estimations, >>maybe due to that Arnold saw the objects for twice as long time >>as Johnson

>Arnold probably got the altitude wrong. He reported the >objects appearing on his visual horizon and skimming the tops of >the Cascades, which would have placed their altitude at closer >to 5000 to 6000 feet instead of 9000 to 10000. Johnson placed >himself at 5000 feet altitude with the objects appearing to be >about 1000 feet higher. That would resolve the altitude >difference.

Fair enough; I don't really think these altitude estimations are so very much important after all. I think I would rather concentrate more on other technical observations.

<snip>

>>- Arnold didn't register any compass disturbances from his >>distance_ up in the air, approx. 1 mile away, at approx. the >>same altitude as the discs.

>No, no, no!!! James Easton's 4-foot "pelicans" would calculate >to about 1 mile away, not the objects Arnold reported. Arnold >placed them at about 25 miles when first seen. Got it?

Yes. Got it! I was really thinking of where the emitting source was located: This particular object, or, other objects in the air, close to this one, or, from some source on the ground - somewhere. But, most likely the source of magnetic disturbance was this object, or maybe the 5-6 objects all together (...metallic objects).

>>- There were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground. >>- Arnold reported a clear day; Johnson a ("somewhat") cloudy day >>(at least one cloud).

>"At least one cloud." Sounds like a pretty clear day to me even >from Johnson's position, which was NOT the same as Arnold's.

>Actually what Johnson reported is that he lost sight of them as >they banked in a cloud. How you jump to the conclusion from >this that Johnson was reporting a "somewhat" cloudy day is >beyond me.

OK, I do agree that even on "crystal clear" days, the clouds will form very quickly up in the mountains, above the peaks, also at locations not much visible from Arnolds positions up in the air.

>>- Johnson is likely to have recognized a bird from a plane with >>his telescope; he didn't mention the word "bird" at all in his >>report(s).

>Yep, no pelicans.

(see below....)

>>- Johnson was a generation older than Arnold.

>Yes, so???

Well, I thought maybe this should add more credence to Johnson's reporting, and, Arnold's. (Different generations, different interests, etc. But, I don't know if they came from the same town, or, were related.)

>>Conclusion:

>>We should really assume that both of them were credible
>>persons and observers, and that they both told the truth to the
>>Air Force in their reports. (Or, what interests did they have in
>>not telling the truth? Were they both specifically looking for
>>very much attention?)

>Yet below, you ask, "Which one of these two guys had the best
>imagination/fantasy?" So do you find the stories credible or not?

When comparing the reports available for us on the Internet:
Yes, I find the stories credible!

>>Should we pay some specific attention to the compass
>>disturbances - that there were none (reported by Arnold) up in
>>the air, 1 mile (1,600 m) away from the objects, but still there
>>were disturbances on the ground, some 1,000 feet (300 m)
>>below....?

>Arnold reported them being something like 100 times further away
>than Johnson.

>(Your 1 mile is a strawman.) Any magnetic field generated by these
>objects would be reduced at least a million-fold more at that greater
>distance.

>Under those circumstances, Kenneth Arnold not reporting compass
>disturbances is hardly surprising, is it?

OK, I agree; see also below.

>>This could possibly assume some pulse radar control - given
>>no pelicans..... (The pulse radar beams should - in my
>>opinion - really reach almost everywhere around the
>>objects..... but I'm not an expert on this.)

>Sorry, I don't understand what you are saying here.

Well, I was really thinking of where the emitting source(s) was
(were) located: Was it emitting from this particular object, or,
other objects in the air, close to this one, or, from some
powerful source on the ground - somewhere in the Cascades area.

But, most likely the source of magnetic disturbance was this
object, or, maybe the 5-6 objects all together.

<snip>

>>Which one of these two guys had the best imagination/fantasy?

>When you say this, you are implying that they were lying. Yet
>elsewhere, you claim you find the stories credible, which is
>confusing. Since English isn't your first language, perhaps you
>don't understand that you are contradicting yourself.

Well, I wrote the mail more or less in a hurry, so I guess my
"philosophing" and conclusion weren't clear enough. (And, you're
right about my language: My first language is Norwegian.)

>>Well, the List members should judge for themselves which one of
>>these men who are the most credible.
>>When ruling out any conspiracy theory, both of them - highly
>>likely - did observe some strange craft on - apparently - the
>>same day.

>Johnson's story picked up where Arnold's left off. Arnold lost
>sight of the objects in the distance as they approached Mt.
>Adams. Johnson saw them closeby while he was on Mt. Adams.

Yes, I agree on this.

>Are you now saying you don't like the pelican theory?

>David Rudiak

As I mentioned above, when comparing the available reports -

yes, I find Arnold's and Johnson's (and Rankin's) reports credible.

And therefore, I think it's time to forget everything about the pelican theory now: The objects were most likely to be mechanical aircraft, of some unknown origin.

Thus: No birds; no eagles, no seagulls, no geese - no pelicans.

So, I will "simply and quietly" return to some of my earlier suggestions (see previous mails on the List), and will suggest that they were likely to be (when thinking any engine noise from the aircraft is "almost designed away", or difficult to hear anyway):

- Guided (remotely controlled/operated/piloted) missiles, used for some military testing/training purposes, or,
- Target practice planes; drones, or,
- Radar testing/training devices, i.e., light-weight, Al foil "kites", ca. 30 feet in diameter, being dragged behind planes; maybe used in connection with radar scope "jamming" exercises? (And could the Roswell debris from General Rameys office be something similar? Just thinking.)

(Note: I've been a radar operator myself, while serving my time in the Air Force. I know that Al foils/pieces were dropped from planes to "jam"/disturb the radar scopes.)

These are the best explanations I can think of today.....

(I think it's "very unlikely" that they are some kind of E.T. objects - real UFOs; due to the fact that the observed aircraft technology was similar to the state-of-the-art tech. in those days; it is "very unlikely" that any E.T. tech., created in other worlds in the universe should be so close to "our" aircraft tech. in those days. Sorry....)

Best regards,
Asgeir

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>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers
>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 13:30:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

>>Source: The NY Times

>><http://nytimes.com/library/world/asia/011100china-ufos.html>

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>>BEIJING JOURNAL

>>U.F.O. Boom Doesn't Worry Officials

>>By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL

>I just called the NYT to try to talk with Elisabeth Rosenthal.
>She is actually in Beijing. But according to the man at the
>foreign desk, she can be sent letters via email say 'Please
>Forward to Elisabeth Rosenthal at foreign@nytimes.com .'

>I think it wouldn't hurt if many people thanked her for playing
>it very straight... as opposed to the terrible blind acceptance
>of the Mogul Roswell explanation displayed in front page Sunday
>coverage a few years back, by William Broad. It will probably
>appear in many papers taking the NY Times News Service.

Stan, List,

Well, so far I've seen the story on the web, in Two state
(Oregon) papers and probably two weeks from now in our local
fish wrapper. A refreshing difference not not having the
subject of UFOs being one for the "X-files"

GT McCoy

"Get your facts first, then distort
them as much as you want."-Mark Twain

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From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:08:35 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 00:50:15 -0500
>From: Jacqueline Cosford <millpond@home.com>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:15:14 +0000
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 17:48:32 +1100
>>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>This is not the place to go into the lengthy science behind the
>>>>current conclusions and expectations that I stated

>>Hi Bill,

>>Well hold on a second , what do you mean this isn't the place to
>>go into lengthy discussions concerning the Pleiades? What is
>>this list all about? Have you seen how long some threads have
>>been going on here? With the greatest respect to you Bill, but
>>you came out with a rather big statement on the Pleiades as far
>>as I am concerned, which was and again I repeat: >>too young to
>>support anything like life yet.

>Hi Roy

>I'm not sure if this will help but I'd like to try.

>The Pleiades are 400 light years away, relatively close
>considering the vast distances in space.

I'll go into some of the lengthy science. I usually do a thorough job resulting in a very lengthy posting, but I do learn a lot during this long process. I haven't had the time to do a thorough job on this. In the article "Hipparcos: The Stars in Three Dimensions", Sky and Telescope, June 1999, pages 40-50, on page 47 it reports that the Hipparcos astronomic satellite measured with unprecedented accuracy the distance to the Pleiades as 375 light-years away, some 15% closer than previously estimated. This result is still being pondered, questioned and debated as the Pleiades no longer easily fits into the existing astronomers thoughts on star formation or evolution. I haven't had a chance to follow up this debate, but if I was going to be thorough I would and this may give me further information. Also if I was going to be thorough I would expand out upon what astronomer's thoughts are on star formation and evolution.

>However, these stars were all born approximately 20 million
>years ago, which does in fact make them baby stars.

At the URL

<http://seds.lpl.arizona.edu/messier/m/m045.html>

it reports:

"According to new calculations published by a team from Geneva, G. Meynet, J.-C. Mermilliod, and A. Maeder in Astron. Astrophys. Suppl. Ser. 98, 477-504, 1993, the age of the Pleiades star cluster amounts to 100 million years. This is considerably more than the previously published "canonical" age of 60--80 million years".

My previous figure of 10 million years came from trying to read this from an old chart with not many entries on the time-scale. If I was going to be thorough I would consult this paper and I don't know what that may lead on to.

>Our sun is 4.7 billion years old!

Besides sufficient time, you also need a watery planet for independent life to start and evolve on to end up with lifeforms like we are accustomed to. You also don't want this independent life to be destroyed by things like large bodies crashing into the surface of the watery planet or life-killing radiation. I don't know what to think about how often watery planets occur in planetary systems. There may be other lifeforms out there which need a different starting criteria. I don't know what to make of the odd lifeforms involved in the Dogong case about Sirius. This is not the only incident from Africa which may be of interest to the readers of this email group.

>All the stars in the Pleiades group are blue-white which makes >them extremely hot. Just to give you an idea on how young this >group is, if we were to go back in time to the Age of the >Dinosaurs, the Pleiades would not exist, and wouldn't be born >for another 50 million years!

The interesting question is what was there before the Pleiades as we now see them? Having an extremely hot star at the centre of a planetary system, if a planetary system has at all formed, won't encourage the formation of life.

At the URL

<http://seds.lpl.arizona.edu/messier/m/m045.html>

it also reports:

"Cecilia Payne-Gaposhkin mentions that the Pleiades contain some white dwarf (WD) stars. These stars give rise to a specific problem of stellar evolution: How can white dwarfs exist in such a young star cluster? As it is not only one, it is most certain that these stars are original cluster members and not all field stars which have been captured (a procedure which does not work effectively in the rather loose open clusters anyway). From the theory of stellar evolution, it follows that white dwarfs cannot have masses above a limit of about 1.4 solar masses (the Chandrasekhar limit), as they would collapse due to their own gravitation if they were more massive. But stars with such a low mass evolve so slow that it takes them billions of years to evolve into that final state, not only the 100 million year age of the Pleiades cluster.

The only possible explanation seems to be that these WD stars were once massive so that they evolved fast, but due to some reason (such as strong stellar winds, mass loss to close neighbours, or fast rotation) have lost the greatest part of their mass. Possibly they have, in consequence, lost another considerable percentage of their mass in a planetary nebula. Anyway, the final remaining stars (which was previously the star's core) must have come below the Chandrasekhar limit, so that they could go into the stable white dwarf end state, in which they are now observed."

If I was going to be thorough I'd explain this more fully. The presence of white dwarfs in the Pleiades would not be helpful for life to form in the Pleiades.

>When one takes into account that it took approximately 500 >million years for our earth to cool and harden to form a crust >then it seems unlikely that any planets which may be forming >around the Pleiadian stars have reached that stage.

If I was going to be thorough I'd explain the theories of how

planetary systems form. The usual theory on this is that planets accrete from a disk of planetesimals but there are serious problems with this theory for the Solar System as it can't form and account for Uranus and Neptune being where they are.

At the URL

[http://www.metaresearch.org/mrb/a-revision-of-the-original-solar- system.htm](http://www.metaresearch.org/mrb/a-revision-of-the-original-solar-system.htm)

the radical astronomer Tom van Flandern has an alternative theory on this. In the case of the Solar System, Tom thinks that the proto-Sun accreted large amounts of matter from the rapidly rotating disk which spun up the proto-Sun. When the proto-Sun-disk boundary reaches the overspin condition, two prolate bulges on opposite sides of the proto-Sun break away and form twin proto-planets in low orbits just above the proto-Sun surface in the inner disk. The initial spin of the proto-planets, as well as their orbits, would be that of the surface of the proto-Sun, and therefore always prograde. Subsequent tidal evolution will evolve the twin proto-planets outward at slightly different rates, with the more massive of the two evolving outward faster because its tidal forces are stronger.

At the URL

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it also reports:

"Some of the Pleiades stars are rapidly rotating, at velocities of 150 to 300 km/sec at their surfaces, which is common among main sequence stars of a certain spectral type (A-B). Due to this rotation, they must be (oblate) spheroids rather than spherical bodies. ... The most prominent example for a rapidly rotating star in this cluster is Pleione, which is also variable in brightness between mag 4.77 and 5.50 (Kenneth Glyn Jones). It was spectroscopically observed that between the years 1938 and 1952, Pleione has ejected a gas shell because of this rotation, as had been predicted by O. Struve."

This tends to suggest that if planets are forming around the Pleiades stars then they are still in the very early stages of planet formation as uncooled planets, if any are there, which again tends to confirm that there is no hope of independent life existing in the Pleiades. Certainly there doesn't appear to be any hope of life existing near Pleione.

I still haven't gone into how independent life would evolve on a watery planet after it cools, a watery planet being highly unlikely in the Pleiades.

>So I would tend to agree with Bill... the Pleiades are too damn >young to support any form of life!

That is to independently form life. It doesn't rule out the possibility that intelligent life with extraordinary survival abilities has come from elsewhere but I can't see why they would want to (to hide perhaps?).

Bill Alford

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: googong@interact.net.au
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 16:17:49 +1100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:10:01 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 15:00:30 -0500 (EST)
>From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>Subject: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

This 'Photon-Belt' scam is further exposed at the URL

<http://www.cfmeu.asn.au/cwilliams/PhotonBelt.html>

Bill Alford googong@interact.net.au <http://users.interact.net.au/~pwaa>

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: RGates8254@aol.com
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 00:26:20 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:13:22 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 13:06:02 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle - UFO <pmufo@dial.pipex.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Our new book will be a balanced look at the alien autopsy film
>some of which you will have heard before some of which you will
>not. For example, the complete story of how myself and Tim
>Matthews exposed the tent footage as a hoax will be told in full
>for the first time.

I am still hoping Phil will include some chapters at the end
with balanced looks from learned commentators on such topics as
the Pittdown man and the Hitler diarys. :)

All in the same league as Santilli and film if you ask me.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Mac Tonnies <Cydonian Imperative: FAQ>

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 01:29:22 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:23:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Mac Tonnies <Cydonian Imperative: FAQ>

Cydonian Imperative Frequently Asked Questions

by Mac Tonnies

Already there appears to be some online dissent about what, exactly, the "Cydonian Imperative" is all about. I offer the following FAQ (premature as it might be) as an appendix to my earlier posts on the CI's raison d'etre.

Q.: Isn't the Face old news? Didn't the new picture prove it to be natural formation?

A.: The Face, along with a number of other anomalous features, have been essentially "old news," as far as mainstream science will have it, for 20 years. The original two photos of the Face were taken in 1976. Together, they effectively dispelled the official explanation that the formation was a "trick of light and shadow." Despite very good digital enhancement showing that such a "trick" was not possible, this remained NASA's conviction.

In April of 1998, the Face was imaged again by the Mars Global Surveyor during an aerobraking hiatus, causing quite a stir in the fringe science community. Unfortunately for those interested in getting to the bottom of the Face's origin, the initial image released to the news media was basically one step away from a "raw" image, showing no depth or tonal variety. In short, it looked like nothing in particular to those without access to the Viking data with which to compare. [A brief history of the Face controversy has already been posted, and is available on request.]

Media interest in the Face was thus dead on arrival. Taking advantage of an ill-informed public, NASA was able to flaunt the fiction that the Face was "conclusively proven" to be a natural landform while simultaneously claiming a neutral stance on the matter. Over the next year, NASA administrator Dan Goldin unofficially withdrew his promise to reimage the Face (and other formations) at every convenient opportunity.

Q.: Isn't this all just a self-indulgent waste of time for people directed at people who want to believe we're not alone?

A.: On the contrary, the Cydonian Imperative seeks the opportunity to arrive at the truth, whatever that might be. The apathetic climate exhibited by NASA, JPL and Malin Space Science Systems may quite possibly constitute the defining intellectual catastrophe of the 20th century. In the meantime, Cydonian artificiality remains an open question; "belief" does not enter the picture.

Q.: What evidence will please you? Suppose NASA takes a million pictures of Cydonia and scientists of the ultra-skeptical variety and scientists of the open-to-possibilities variety are able to agree that the Face was a false alarm?

A.: At that point, the Cydonian Imperative will have served its purpose. But before those images are taken, we must construct a stringent and uncompromising epistemology. Discerning the

presence of nonhuman artifacts on other planets is an utterly unique venture. This is (pardon the pun) alien territory, and it is undoubtedly this same refusal to face the unknown that has helped to strengthen the apathy we now see.

Q.: Who made all of this stuff on Mars, anyway, supposing it's artificial?

A.: The Cydonian Imperative does not claim to know, unlike some individuals and groups involved in Cydonia research. The CI does not condemn speculation, but frowns upon those who proclaim the mystery "solved." Again, this is an open inquiry, not an arena for our desires.

For the sake of argument, however, here are the three interpretations of the Cydonian anomalies (assuming artificiality):

- 1.) They were made by an intelligent race indigenous to Mars (for whatever purpose).
- 2.) They were made by a star-faring civilization who happened to pay Mars a visit quite a long time ago.
- 3.) They were made by members of an undiscovered, technologically advanced terrestrial culture who visited Mars in the past.

There is also, of course, the "null hypothesis," which holds that the features at Cydonia and elsewhere on Mars and natural formations indicating anomalous geology.

Q.: Is there a NASA coverup?

A.: The CI doesn't subscribe to any of the popular "coverup" theories available online and in the fringe press. Certainly, NASA and Malin have misrepresented themselves and have behaved irresponsibly, but I would be very surprised to learn that there is some sinister "coverup" at work.

Granted, it's tempting to believe that the reason we have yet to make sense of Cydonia is because of some round-table of evil technocrats, but there is no substantial reason to think this is actually the case.

Q.: Will people panic if it is disclosed that the Face and pyramids are artificial, like in "Independence Day"?

A.: This query is actually beyond the scope of this FAQ, but the answer is a confident "no." This is not the same situation as presented in "Independence Day" or other movies depicting alien intelligence as something brutal and malevolent. For one thing, if the Cydonian formations are artificial, they appear very, very old and present no immediate "threat" to us. In the event of disclosure, we would be forced to redefine our planetary self-hood. Quite possibly some, notably members of certain religious groups, might react in an unproductive matter.

This has been an area of much concern. The Brookings Institute prepared a paper for NASA regarding the potential discovery of extraterrestrial artifacts, advising (lamentably) secrecy measures. The authors of the Brookings paper viewed indirect contact with nonhuman intelligence a significant threat to societal well-being.

Needless to say, the CI advocates a serious rethinking of the Brookings results.

Q.: Is the Cydonian Imperative the only organization around concerned with Cydonia?

A.: Not by a long shot! Scientifically, the CI takes its cue from the ongoing work of SPSR (Society for Planetary SETI Research), founded by Drs. Stanley V. McDaniel, Horace Crater, and Mark Carlotto. McDaniel's website has disappeared, leaving Carlotto's as the (in my personal opinion) best online Cydonia reference. It can be reached at www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html.

Q.: Where can I learn more online?

A.: The Cydonian Imperative Newsletter is free upon request. It can also be found on the mailing list maintained by Malta UFO Research (www.mufor.org/ares). The CI does not necessarily endorse any of the many viewpoints available.

Some of the best material available is in book form. The Case for the Face, co-edited by Stanley McDaniel and including a variety of informed viewpoints, is recommended along with the second edition of Mark Carlotto's The Martian Enigmas, which is a feast for the eyes and well as the intellect. Purchasing these books through MUFOR's website helps ensure the continued operation of their Cydonia mailing list.

Lastly, the CI is defined more by its attitude than its structure. This isn't a "club" of any sort, but a nicely packaged ideaology.

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The Anatomy of Opposition

The following letter appeared on the MUFOR list after I posted by previous editorial. My replies are bracketed by parentheses. I hope this serves as a clarification of the CI's particular stance on this rather emotive subject matter.

Mr Tonnies seems to think "kooks" have "control of Cydonia.

That is absurd. He says we "kooks" look to closely at Cydonia images, yet admits "we kooks" were the reason the amazing 1998 MGS images were taken.

((This was by no means an "attack" on anyone! I'm simply reiterating the obvious: the media perceives people interested in ETI as somewhat kooky. Count me as one of them; I really don't care. As for the new Cydonia images: yes, it was the pressure of us kooks who got them taken, with SPSR as a very effective official mouthpiece.))

He reviles, "Cydonia Tshirts" and "pamphleteering" yet suggests copying Cydonia images and posting them for friends and family to see them!?

((I advocate mainstreaming kookiness instead of the present trend, which is to froth and the mouth and revel in it.))

Rather than attack those of us who have dedicated ourselves and our resources to studying and "publicizing" Cydonia, why doesn't he join or existing high level discussion on the MTRAC lists and elsewhere.

((I'm not attacking anyone. And I am on this mailing list, among others.))

Also, our discovery of Face II at Cydonia, a stunning piece of apparently Anunnaki handiwork is not addressed by Mr. Tonnies to our knowledge.

((I find the second "face" interesting, but not because of the reasons you do. I'm very intrigued with the symmetric platform and the formation's orientation (the same as the Face's). It's not my job to analyze every chunk of conceivably anomalous Martian real-estate and then arrive at a conclusion. I am not a trained scientist; my degree is in English. I'm of the opinion that intelligible future research must await new images, which is, after all, why we're all here.))

*****Mars: The Cydonian Imperative*****

a mailing list devoted to the immediate implementation of manned Mars missions and the democratization of space science, emphasizing the strange formations found in the Cydonia Mensae region. This list is not affiliated with any particular Mars advocacy group, and is intended to be as informal as possible.

To join or unsubscribe: email Mac Tonnies at alintelbot@aol.com. Comments and questions are also welcome.

Useful websites:

Artemis Society: <http://www.asi.org>
Mars Society: <http://www.marssociety.com>
The Martian Enigmas:
<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>
Bigelow Aerospace: <http://www.bigelow-aerospace.com>
International Space Station:
<http://shuttlenasa.gov/station/index.html>
SpaceDev: <http://www.spacedev.com>
Think Mars: <http://www.thinkmars.net>
CNI News: <http://www.cninews.com>

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Re: Bert Alien?

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 01:52:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:09:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Bert Alien?

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:53:13 -0800
>From: David Robbins <davidrobbins@bigplanet.com>
>Subject: Bert Alien?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I would bring your attention specifically to the "picture
>evidence" portion of the web site listed below

"Photo Evidence" Its the second link down on a short list
in hard-to-read red on black print. -LH

>and make sure you click on the Crop Circle Evidence

>and the Mars Observer picture file, both!

>Given the serious nature of this discovery, I would recommend
>forwarding this to Richard Hoagland as well!!

><http://fractalcow.com/bert/bert.htm>

>Bert is Evil

Dear David:

The images are absolutely hilarious!
(Especially Bert at Cydonia)

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 02:19:53 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:17:38 -0500
Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 18:38:10 -0500
>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 18:03:40 -0400
>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I think it wouldn't hurt if many people thanked her for playing
>>it very straight... as opposed to the terrible blind acceptance
>>of the Mogul Roswell explanation displayed in front page Sunday
>>coverage a few years back, by William Broad. It will probably
>>appear in many papers taking the NY Times News Service.

>>Stan Friedman

>Agreed. I do think we started out with an advantage here --
>Chinese scientists take the subject seriously, so a journalist
>interviewing them has to take it seriously, too.

>But note the phrase she used for Americans interested in UFOs --
>"the sci-fi buffs and apocalyptical stargazers who are the
>stereotype in the United States." Maybe she meant to say this is
>a stereotype, not reality, but it sounds to me like she's buying
>the description.

>Greg Sandow

Hello Greg:

I noted the word stereotype and took it at face value. I think
the point was that at least one major UFO group in China is well
educated and being careful to avoid some of the excesses here.

If all the average joe sees here are the headline grabbers and
media clowns, what can we expect of the Chinese with their
restricted access to foreign news?

One note: It is possible that the Chinese press has allowed some
good UFO news coverage, simply to draw attention away from their
suppression of the Falun Gong and other religious movements.
In one stroke, they both divert attention from such matters,
and simultaneously present an image of tolerance for divergent
views.

Slick.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 08:13:22 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:21:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 01:13:12 +0100
>Fwd Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 20:31:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 13:19:17 -0500 (EST)
>Fwd Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 14:29:45 -0500

>As I mentioned above, when comparing the available reports -
>yes, I find Arnold's and Johnson's (and Rankin's) reports credible.

>And therefore, I think it's time to forget everything about
>he pelican theory now: The objects were most likely to be
>mechanical aircraft, of some unknown origin.

Some of the big questions are if they were human-made, who made them, where were they being flown from, why are there no records of such craft today, and why were they being seen all over the place?

>Thus: No birds; no eagles, no seagulls, no geese - no pelicans.

Good. A rational beginning.

>- Guided (remotely controlled/operated/piloted) missiles, used
>for some military testing/training purposes, or,

Well, that explains the speed, but doesn't explain the reported shapes, formation flying, weaving motion, and magnetic disturbances. Also, exactly who would be testing such missiles over the Cascades, of all places, and why are there no related records?

>- Target practice planes; drones, or,

All would have to be subsonic, meaning that Arnold would have had to get the distance seriously wrong. Yet at some closer distance, he should have been able to pick out fins, wings, rear stabilizers, engines, etc. Same for Johnson. Then we get back to the problems of the reported shapes, formation flying, weaving motion, and magnetic disturbances, who would be testing these things, and why are there no records of such planes/drones?

>- Radar testing/training devices, i.e., light-weight, Al foil
>"kites", ca. 30 feet in diameter, being dragged behind planes;

At least this explains something like the formation flying and weaving motion "like the tail of a kite" reported by Arnold. Unfortunately, such an explanation also has many, many serious deficiencies.

To begin with, simple foil would be ripped to shreds in the wind while being towed. They would have to be made of sterner stuff. You also couldn't tow such targets at very high speed for other reasons. The drag on eight 30-foot, flat, saucer-shaped objects

being towed by a lead aircraft would be tremendous.

Let's say the maximum speed under such circumstances was 200 mph. That's 1/8th of what Arnold thought they were flying at about 24 miles. If you scale the speed down, that means they would be only 3 miles away to have the same reported angular speed. (Actually, they would have to be even closer because of the small difference in air speed between Arnold's plane and the hypothetical tow plane.)

At 3 miles, Arnold would have had no problems at all discerning the lead aircraft towing the objects. He would have easily seen the engines, tail, and wings. He had no problem, for example, discerning a DC-4 at roughly 15 miles. And Johnson reportedly saw these things from much closer up. There was no sound. Where was the towing aircraft? Furthermore Johnson reported that they were no longer in formation. That doesn't sound like objects being towed anymore.

We're also back to the problems of magnetic disturbances reported by Johnson, the absence of records of such devices, etc.

>maybe used in connection with radar scope "jamming" exercises?
>(And could the Roswell debris from General Rameys office be
>something similar? Just thinking.)

Well that was the Air Force claim back in 1947 and today with the Mogul explanation -- the metallic foil was from a weather radar kite. Sounds like more of the same to me.

>(Note: I've been a radar operator myself, while serving my time
>in the Air Force. I know that Al foils/pieces were dropped from
>planes to "jam"/disturb the radar scopes.)

Big, big difference between foil strips and hypothetical foil radar thing-a-ma-jigs 30 feet across being toward by a plane.

>These are the best explanations I can think of today.....

Keep trying.

>(I think it's "very unlikely" that they are som kind of E.T.
>objects - real UFOs; due to the fact that the observed aircraft
>technology was similar to the state-of-the-art tech. in those days;

Flat, disk-like shape, supersonic and hypersonic speeds, no visible external propulsion, absence of sound, no contrails, erratic formation flying at high speed, ability to rapidly change direction, magnetic disturbances,

How is this similar to the state-of-the-art tech in those days?

>it is "very unlikely" that any E.T. tech., created in
>other worlds in the universe should be so close to "our"
>aircraft tech. in those days. Sorry....)

You are completely ignoring the many obvious differences between what we had and what was observed. What exactly would you expect of E.T. tech that would clearly distinguish it from human tech? It seems like all-of-the-above would be a good starting place.

David Rudiak

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From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 16:54:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:25:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 23:03:48 -0500
>Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 08:26:10 -0500

>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Arnold in the Year 2000
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100

>>Hello List:

>>I guess we won't avoid discussing the Arnold sightings in the
>>year 2000 either, so I just decided to be the first one this
>>year (yes, I think so).

>>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain
>>ridges.

>>This year I will just refer to what Arnold told some of the
>>newspapers - and - mention a report from the prospector F.M.
>>Johnson, being on the ground up in the Cascades on - apparently

<snip>

>>4. He clocked them from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams, arriving at
>>the "amazing" speed of about 1200 miles an hour.

>The actual calculated speed was closer to 1,700 mph. He
>arbitrarily reduced the speed in his public statements in case
>he had made an error.

I start thinking here; was Johnson able to follow an object
through a (apparently) _telescope_ for 1 min., when the speed
was supersonic?? I doubt this, and simply assume that the
"telescope" actually was some (general) field binoculars. (In my
opinion not so important....)

<snip>

>>11. In addition: Arnold estimated the length of the objects as
>>approximately equal in angular size to the spacing of engines on
>>a DC-4 at 15 miles. Assume he was right, with the spacing about
>>60 ft. Then the objects would be $4/60 \times 15 = 1$ mile away (from
>><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/aug/m25-006.shtml>).

>Misinterpretation here. The objects were about 20 miles away
>based on the claim by Arnold that they flew "in and out of the
>mountain peaks" south of Mt. Rainier.
>Thus the size was $(60 \text{ ft} / 15 \text{ miles}) \times (20 \text{ miles}) = 80 \text{ ft}$
>_approximately_... of course.<snip>

Yes, I admit now that I wrote the mail too fast....

>>Some of the significant observations made by Johnson (as told to
>>the Air Force), were as follows:

><snip>

>>3. He observed 6-7 similarly looking objects - from his position
>>in the CascadesMiles South of Arnold.

><snip>

>>Other observations by myself - when comparing what they both
>>have been reporting:

>>- He didn't report seeing Arnold's plane up in the air, though.

>Not surprising. He was about 50 miles from Arnold and perhaps on
>th south side of a mountain (Arnold was way north of the Mt.
>Adams. Johnson was near Mt. Adams)

><snip>

Yes, you're probably right here; Johnson likely didn't hear
anything from Arnolds noisy plane either - though the weather
was calm an "crystal clear" - according to Arnold.

(However, my own experiences are that it's very easy to hear
noise from planes up in the mountains, even from many miles away
from where you're standing.)

<snip>

>>- Arnold didn't register any compass disturbances from his
>>distance_ up in the air, approx. 1 mile_ away, at approx. the
>>same altitude as the discs.

>Arnold was about 20 miles away. Not surprising there was no
>compass disturbance (assuming he looked at his compass).
>Magnetic field strength decreases as the cube of the distance.
>The cube of the ratio of 20 miles to 1000 ft, is a large number.
>1/this large number is the field reduction factor (0.0000008)

Yes. Got it! I was really thinking of where the emitting source
was located: This_ particular object, or, other objects in the
air, close to this one, or, from some source on the ground -
somewhere.

But, most likely the source of magnetic disturbance was this_
object, or maybe the 5-6 objects all together (..."metallic"
objects - thin foil is also metallic).

<snip>

>>Which one of these two guys had the best imagination/fantasy?
>>Well, the List members should judge for themselves which one of
>>these men who are the most credible.

>No reason to think that either is not credible.

When comparing the reports available for us on the Internet:
Yes, I find the stories and Arnold and Johnson credible! (I
wrote the mail more or less in a hurry, so I guess my
"philosophing" and conclusion weren't clear enough.)

>>When ruling out any conspiracy theory, both of them - highly
>>likely - did_ observe some strange craft on - apparently - the
>>same_ day.

>Yes.NOTE: Johnson's report was left unexplained by the Air Force. It
>enjoys a unique position in this regard: it is the first_
>unexplained report in the Blue Book file, Arnold's sighting was
>officially explained as a mirage. For further info see below.

As I also responded to other persons on this List:

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<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947c.htm>) reports credible.

And therefore, I think it's time to forget everything about the pelican theory now: The objects were most likely to be mechanical aircraft, of some unknown origin.

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Best regards,

Asgeir

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Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 17:28:46 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:29:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 21:14:07 -0800
>Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 08:37:45 -0500

>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>Hello, all Dave, Asgir.

>>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 13:19:17 -0500 (EST)
>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>>>Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 08 Jan 2000 23:45:31 -0500

>>>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>>>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>>>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain
>>>ridges.

>I have a good reason to comment here. An old instructor of mine
>flew for the Rankins ,Tex and Richard (Tex was famous in his day
>as oh, Michael Jordan only he and his brother produced 10,000+
>Pilots in WWll under the Civilian Pilot training program.(As Irecall.)

>>This year I will just refer to what Arnold told some of the
>>newspapers - and - mention a report from the prospector F.M.
>>Johnson, being on the ground up in the Cascades on - apparently

<snip>

>>Perhaps you should reread the referenced post by Bruce Maccabee,
>>except this time try to read it more carefully. Bruce was
>>calculating how far away 4 foot PELICANS would be to have the
>>same angular size as 60 feet appears at 15 miles. This was NOT
>>a claim that the objects Arnold saw were only 1 mile away.

>Having flown 4-engine Douglasses for a living ,I agree.

Yes, I admit now that I wrote the mail too fast....

>>In your list of details reported by Arnold, you also left out the very
>>important detail that he estimated the objects to be about 23 miles
>>away because he saw them briefly disappear behind a subpeak
>>of Mt. Rainier. He also reported them weaving in and out amongst
>>the peaks of the southern Cascades, and fading out in the direction
>>of Mt. Adams, about 30 miles away.

>>>Some of the significant observations made by Johnson (as told to
>>>the Air Force), were as follows:
>><.....>
>>>Other observations by myself - when comparing what they both
>>>have been reporting:
>>>- He didn't report seeing Arnold's plane up in the air, though.

>yes and the Call Air A-2 was a noisy little suckertoo... puttt.. puuttt, etc.

Yes, Johnson apparently didn't hear anything from Arnolds noisy
plane either - though the weather was calm an "crystal clear" -
according to Arnold.

However, my own experiences are that it's very easy to hear noise
from planes up in the mountains, even from many miles away from
where you're standing.

>>Not surprising, since Johnson was on Mt. Adams and Arnold was over
>>by Mt. Rainier, over 30 miles away.

>>>- It is not quite certain whether the man Arnold's mentioning in
>>>the newspaper is Mr. Johnson; Johnson, though, reported that he
>>>remained up in the mountains for "several days" after the '
>>>sighting...

>A true Mountain Man...I love it.

>>The man mentioned may have been veteran pilot Richard Rankin,
>>who reported

>See the URL at the end of my reply.

I agree; the Rankin story is (also) found here:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947c.htm>

>>seeing 10 objects flying in formation over California the day before

>Arnold. Rankin and Arnold, I believe, did meet later and compare
>notes.

Possibly, but not mentioned here:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1947c.htm>

The credibility in Rankin's story should then increase in my opinion
(i.e., when they did not compare notes)....

<snip>

>Don't forget Rankin, a least he's as good as either Arnold orJohnson.

I agree here; see above, with mentioned URL.

<snip>

>Also Rankin's which observation though different than Arnold's
>or Johnson's should be looked at as a possible correlation.
>Granted that Rankin thought they might be XF5U "flapjack" type
>aircraft, the well -advertised (it even appeared in textbooks of
>the period) "Flapjack" was a non- flown one off as stated by
>myself earlier on this forum. see Rankin's story at the
>following : www.paranormalnews/archives/1947/19471.htmlGT

I wasn't able to open this one; see above for alternative URL.

>McCoy

As I also responded to other persons on this List:

When comparing the available reports - yes, I find Arnold's and
Johnson's (and Rankin's) reports credible.

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Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 09 Jan 2000 16:52:14 -0800
>Fwd Date: Mon, 10 Jan 2000 07:41:32 -0500

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>>But, the most interesting Johnson observation was the "big hand
>>of a clock" in the tail of (at least one) of the objects - and
>>the associated magnetic disturbances.

>>Further, there were no noise or sonic booms heard on the ground
>>- thus the object speeds couldn't possibly be higher than the
>>speed of sound (700 mph).

>>Best regards,
>>Asgeir

>Well, I disagree with your statement: "thus the object speeds
>couldn't possibly be higher than the speed of sound (700 mph)."
>First of all, if the objects were already traveling above "750
>mph," when they were sighted, the sonic boom, if there was one,
>would have long since been experienced.

And, I started thinking here; was Johnson able to follow an
object through a (apparently) telescope for 1 min., when the
speed was supersonic?? I doubt this, and simply assume that the
"telescope" actually was some (general) field binoculars. (In my
opinion not so important...)

>REgards, Mike

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Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 12:04:28 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:37:19 -0500
Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 18:38:10 -0500
>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 18:03:40 -0400
>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>Subject: Re: NY Times Front Page UFO Article!
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I think it wouldn't hurt if many people thanked her for playing
>>it very straight... as opposed to the terrible blind acceptance
>>of the Mogul Roswell explanation displayed in front page Sunday
>>coverage a few years back, by William Broad. It will probably
>>appear in many papers taking the NY Times News Service.

>>Stan Friedman

>Agreed. I do think we started out with an advantage here --
>Chinese scientists take the subject seriously, so a journalist
>interviewing them has to take it seriously, too.

>But note the phrase she used for Americans interested in UFOs --
>"the sci-fi buffs and apocalyptical stargazers who are the
>stereotype in the United States." Maybe she meant to say this is
>a stereotype, not reality, but it sounds to me like she's buying
>the description.

>Greg Sandow

On the one hand.

On the other, it is refreshing to read something from the New York Times other than, "Et tu, stupido?" Throwing caution to the wind, and hoping it is not called gas, I wrote her, thanking her for something a little off that well worn Klass path which we expect from most media. Who knows, it may even be appreciated.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 10:37:24 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:40:17 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 15:45:44 +1100
>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Bill,

Thanks for the information filled post.

You said:

>Pleiades as 375 light-years away, some 15% closer than
>previously estimated. This result is still being pondered,
>questioned and debated as the Pleiades no longer easily fits
>into the existing astronomers thoughts on star formation or
>evolution.

I also find it difficult to understand why this unremarkable star cluster is known to all cultures, religions, and earthly locations. Not only known but, in large part, the most important star cluster.

"The most solemn and impressive religious ceremony of the Aztecs was timed to coincide with the moment when the Pleiades were in the middle of the sky precisely at midnight. The ceremony occurred at the end of the so-called 'great period' of fifty two years. The expectation of the Aztecs was that at this point the stars could cease to revolve and the world come to an end"
Stan Gooch *Cities of Dreams*

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From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <asge-s@online.no>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:28:17 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:54:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Woods Request and MJ12

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 8 Nov 1999 18:28:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Woods Request and MJ12

>>Date: Sun, 7 Nov 1999 00:29:55 +1300 (NZDT)
>>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: Woods Request and MJ12

>>Greetings List
>>I note the request from Ryan Wood requesting Email addresses etc
>>and as he is one of those seeming to push the MJ12 subject I
>>would respectfully request that he take the following analysis
>>into consideration
>>I also have my own notes on "Operation/Project Majic" which I
>>will post in my next message
>>Regards
>>Murray
>>-----

>>Date: Sun, 23 May 1999 14:20:15 +1200
>>To: murrayb@win.co.nz

>>Subject: majic.htm

>>A Comparison of the Pre-War Cryptanalysis of Japanese Ciphers to
>>the Spurious "Majestic 12"
>>by Paul B. Thompson Nebula Editor pscpol@aol.com
>>In December 1984, a package was received at the home of Jaime
>>Shandera, a Los Angeles TV producer and writer. It contained a
>>roll of unprocessed 35 mm film, which when printed, proved to

<snip>

>How superficial and inaccurate. The Cutler Twining memo for
>example, was found at the National Archives NOT on the roll of
>film received by Shandera. Sounds like proclamations rather than
>evidence... At least He might have referred to my book TOP
>SECRET/MAJIC and my Final Report on Operation Majestic
>12(108pages) and several other papers that deal with the details
>and the facts as opposed to proclamations.

<snip>

>>The hoaxer(s) who created the Majestic 12 documents knew enough
>>history to include prominent generals and real scientists on the
>>list of purported members. They also rather carefully chose 12
>>men who were all dead by 1984 and thus could not deny ever being
>>members of MJ12.

>The last survivor died in September 1984 with an obit in the NY
>Times (J.Hunsaker). The box in which the CT memo was found was
>first handled 2 weeks later.Hunsaker had been the last survivor
>for about 2 years. Surely one can imagine that the film sender
>was waiting for him to die so that he wouldn't be bothered. The
>group had 6 civilians and six military guys.. 2 army, 2 navy, 2
>air force. . There is a great deal more. Claiming fraud is easy.
>demonstrating it and refuting my detailed investigation is

>considerably more difficult.. little details such as the
>discovery by the GAO investigators that the security marking on
>the Cutler Twining memo TOP SECRET RESTRICTED, contrary to
>pronouncements by the NSC and various "researchers", had been in
>use at the time . That the type dface used matches precisely
>that on other memos from the NSC despite Philip Klass's claims
>to the contrary. He paid me \$1000. for proving that.

>>The most unusual member (from the UFO buffs'
>>point of view) was Dr. Donald Menzel, the Harvard astronomer who
>>published a couple of sarcastic and superficial debunking books
>>about UFOs. When a little digging uncovered the "revelation"

<snip>

>How superficial can one get!. Menzel authored or co authored 3
>books about UFOs not 2 . None of the many background papers
>about him mentioned his close association with the NSA, nor his
>being a world class cryptographer, nor his associations with
>Vannevar Bush, the CIA and dozens of other companies doing

<snip>

>So how much did the MJ12 hoaxer(s) draw upon the real story of
>"Magic?" Short of their confession, there's no way to

<snip>

>>These parallels amply demonstrate the possible inspiration by
>>the historic "Magic" to the false "Majic." Coupled with the lack
>>of provenance and the errors in the documents themselves, there
>>seems no reason to regard the MJ12 documents as anything but
>>fiction -- and failed fiction, at that. So where are all these errors??
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>>Voice : 64-9-6345285
>>Snail : PO Box 27117, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1030, New Zealand

>This analysis doesn't cut the mustard and is superficial . TSM
>is 272 pages long. Final Report on Op. Majestic 12 is 108 pages.
>Other papers total more than 100 papers. Provenance?? We still
>don't know who deep throat was, but that doesn't mean Woodward
>and Bernstein were all wet.

>Stanton Friedman

Stanton & List:

Here's why I personally believe that all of the MJ-12 documents
are fakes.

MJ-12 documents are found at this URL:

http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/pdf/eisenhower_briefing.pdf

<http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/pdf/airaccidentreport.pdf>

http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/pdf/twining_truman.pdf

http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/pdf/truman_forrestal.pdf

http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/pdf/cia_joya.pdf

I decided to do some fairly simple research; I searched the
Internet, and found the following websites, relating to the CIA
director R.H. Hillenkoetter, and President Truman, at the
www.whistlestop.org project site:

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/bomb/small/mb23.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/bomb/large/meeting_minutes/bmi13-1.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/bomb/large/groves_project/bmc7-2.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/bomb/small/mb7-2.gif

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/israel/large/folder1/isa16-1.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/israel/large/folder1/isa19-1.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/israel/large/folder1/isa14-1.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/israel/large/folder1/isa13-1.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/israel/large/folder1/isa10-1.htm

(Hillenkoetter, specifically:)

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/berlin airlift/large/cia/bal44-2.htm

http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/berlin airlift/large/cia/bal47-3.htm

When comparing the following three documents:

1) http://www.majesticdocuments.com/documents/pdf/cia_joia.pdf
(requiring adobe Acrobat)

2) http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/berlin airlift/large/cia/bal47-3.htm

3) http://www.whistlestop.org/study_collections/berlin airlift/large/cia/bal44-2.htm

one can see that the no. 1) document - the MJ-12 doc - is:

- Lacking the dot above the "i" in Hillenkoetter's autograph/handwriting.

That dot is always there; look at the other two, real RHH documents referred to above (no. 2 and 3). (And possibly, the last "dot", after "r", is also missing in the handwriting of no. 1.)

Further, the real, no. 2 and 3, "end text" (below the autograph):

"R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, (with a _comma_ after the "l") USN
Director of Central Intelligence"

is (in 1949) written as:

"R. H. HILLENKOETTER
REAR ADMIRAL. (with a _dot_ after the "L"?) USN
DIRECTOR OF OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE"

with the following observations, different from _all of the_ the _real_ 1948 docs/memos:

- A different typewriter has been used in the main letter and the text below the autograph, and,
- Capital letters, and,
- Two different character sizes are being used, and,
- Different letter types (fonts; modern type?), and,
- The text not completely in line with the text lines in the main letter text above.

I find it "strange" that this latter text is so different, even though they are written in two different years, 1948 and 1949. (I didn't find any real CIA memos from 1949...) The text in the real memos is written using the same typewriter as in the main text of the letter.

Conclusion:

The rest of the MJ-12 documents are also fakes, and I wouldn't recommend spending much time and efforts on reading these, except for those interested in Science Fiction.....

Best regards,
Asgei

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Date: 07 January 2000 09:35
Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

>Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 15:29:28 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>
>

>Hi Jenny,
>
>Happy New Year to you!
>
>Concerning the assault carried out on Bob Taylor, what were the
>specific injuries that he suffered?

A burn or abbrasion under his chin (origin unknown) and a similar mark on his thigh coincident with where he claimed a 'spike' touched him from the object that emerged from the UFO. He also suffered physiological after effects - namely severe headaches, muscle debilitation that prevented him from doing more but crawling for some minutes and nausea that lasted only an hour or two. All such effects were over within hours.

>
>Were there any unusual medical anamolies picked on his injuries
>at the Hospital?

He was visited by his GP (who found nothing amiss but suggested a head x ray) . He spent nearly two hours waiting (the downside of free medical treatment in the UK is that it can be slow) and then found the hospital wanted to do a full physical. He believed he was now well and declined this and discharged himself without being seen by a doctor.

>Was there any Radar tracking of this object as added
>confirmation to the landing of such a vehicle?

None reported, but if there was we would be unlikely to be told.

>What was the depth of the indentations in the ground?

About 5 cm

>Were there unusaully high traces of any substance at the site?

None found. And no radiation anomalies in readings taken five days later.

>Did the 2 objects which appeared from the main object move in
>sync with each other?

He was only conscious of them for a second or two so its impossible to say.

>Were there any previous UFO sightings, prior to the incident
>happenning?

Yes, quite a few locally in and around and one nearby almost contemporary with the sighting. Also a weird event about two years earlier in which a young girl wandered off and was missing for hours. She was found dazed and unable to properly explain what had happened to her. Bob Taylor was part of the search. She turned up in the same area just a few hundred yards from where the later sighting occurred.

>Where is the location of the nearest Military Base from the
>incident sight?

Not sure, but none immediately local.

>How remote is the area?

Hardly at all. This is a reasonable sized new town with plenty of factories and planned houses only a few miles outside the large city of Edinburgh. A busy motorway (freeway) passes the site only a few hundred yards away but shielded from the site. The immediate area was basically a wooded park for the local residents.

>Were the military using any kind of ARV's at the time of 1979?

No idea

>If so where would early testing of (UK) ARV's have taken place?

Not here, I am pretty sure. Too many possible witnesses. Its like testing one in the suburbs of Chicago.

>Have ARV's ever been used as weapons in any warzone?

Sorry again no idea,

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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>maybe used in connection with radar scope "jamming" exercises?
>(And... could the Roswell debris from General Rameys office be
>something similar?... Just thinking...) (Note: I've been a
>radar operator myself, while serving my time in the Air Force. I
>know that Al foils/pieces were dropped from planes to
>"jam"/disturb the radar scopes.)

>These are the best explanations I can think of today.....

>(I think it's "very unlikely" that they are some kind of E.T.
>objects - real UFOs; due to the fact that the observed aircraft
>technology was similar to the state-of-the-art tech. in those
>days; it is "very unlikely" that any E.T. tech., created in
>other worlds in the universe should be so close to "our"
>aircraft tech. in those days. Sorry....)

>Best regards,
>Asgeir

Hi Asgeir...

With the general overall knowledge available to the average person today, via, movies, TV, documentaries, videos, books and air shows, don't you think the average person has a pretty good grasp of what is flying around our skies.

Even those who are simplistic in their views of scientific and military technological advances in aviation technology, are able to look at flying vehicles and realize the characteristics of earth made aircraft.

Anything which deviates from the norm would then be considered a UFO. What is the chance that UFOs are non-earthly in origin?

Many people still consider the idea that these vehicles could be extraterrestrial in origin as absolute foolishness.

Why is this so?

In a world where ancient and modern technologies have come together in day to day living; where ancient shrines and temples

are intermingled with modern skyscrapers, and satellite receiving stations; where ancient religions sing songs of technological capabilities and wars with frightening weapons; why then is it so hard to bring those ancient tales into modern times and integrate them into our society?

If ancient races could deal with the realitise of non-earthly beings and their interminglings, why can't we?

Modern society dictates that we are the most advanced society to have existed on this planet. Yet, we cannot even come close to the level of understanding on this planet four or five thousand years ago.

Why is this so?

I for one say, what the hell. Who am I to say that UFOs are not E.T. in origin? Is my knowledge so all encompassing that it cannot be added to?

REgards, Mike

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'Starfield Camouflage' - Interesting Image

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 23:02:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 23:50:40 -0500
Subject: 'Starfield Camouflage' - Interesting Image

In response to the January 5, 2000 UFO sighting by police officers in Illinois, Eric Martin has created an image which depicts a clear night sky partly obstructed by a dark object in the foreground.

In Martin's rendition, this moving object (presumably operational at a low elevation) is speckled with small lights which, in theory, would blend in with the stars when viewed by ground observers.

Many thanks to Eric Martin for this image, which can be viewed at the following location:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/camouflage1.html>

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 05:30:04 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 00:49:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Arnold in the Year 2000
>Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100

Asgeir wrote:

>We should really assume that both of them were credible
>persons and observers, and that they both told the truth to the
>Air Force in their reports. (Or, what interests did they have in
>not telling the truth? Were they both specifically looking for
>very much attention?)

>Should we pay some specific attention to the compass
>disturbances - that there were none (reported by Arnold) up in
>the air, 1 mile (1,600 m) away from the objects, but still there
>were disturbances on the ground, some 1,000 feet (300 m)
>below....?

Asgeir,

Unfortunately, Johnson's claims weren't made until 20 August,
almost two months after Arnold's story had become nationally
known. It's reliability, even if only the accuracy after so
long, is consequently questionable.

There are obvious anomalies - as you note, why wouldn't Arnold's
compass and instruments also have been affected, etc.

>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain
>ridges.

When I first raised that possibility, it was as stated
speculative, although an avenue which had never been
investigated.

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correspondence I received from Dr Jacqueline Mitton, who has for
the past 10 years been the media spokesperson for the
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"I found what you had to say of great interest and your detailed
research adds strong weight to the interpretation of Arnold's
sighting as birds. I wish I'd known about it before giving my
talk at the British Association for the Advancement of Science".

Following this brief reply, there is something being published
which you might want to consider in forming any judgement of
what Arnold probably observed.

It contains important new evidence and one way or another,
you'll no doubt hear about it.

James Easton.

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 01:16:01 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 08:27:58 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 10:37:24 -0800
>Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 20:40:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 15:45:44 +1100
>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Pleiades as 375 light-years away, some 15% closer than
>>previously estimated. This result is still being pondered,
>>questioned and debated as the Pleiades no longer easily fits
>>into the existing astronomers thoughts on star formation or
>>evolution.

>I also find it difficult to understand why this unremarkable
>star cluster is known to all cultures, religions, and earthly
>locations. Not only known but, in large part, the most
>important star cluster.

>"The most solemn and impressive religious ceremony of the Aztecs
>was timed to coincide with the moment when the Pleiades were in
>the middle of the sky precisely at midnight. The ceremony
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>years. The expectation of the Aztecs was that at this point
>the stars could cease to revolve and the world come to an end"
>Stan Gooch *Cities of Dreams*

Ed,

I wouldn't make too much of this. The Pleiades is the only
star cluster where individual stars are resolvable with the
naked eye (hence the Pleiades also being called "The Seven
Sisters" for the 7 visible, resolvable stars in the cluster).
All other star clusters look like fuzzy patches without the aid
of a telescope or binoculars. This sets the Pleiades apart from
the other star clusters from a human perspective, even if it is
merely another unremarkable star cluster.

David Rudiak

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Further to what Ed has posted, the Pleiades were significant to the Maya. On the solstice day of May 20, 2012, at Chichen Itza, the rare event of the Sun passing through the zenith at midday and the Pleiades passing through the zenith at midnight will occur. The date on which the Sun and the Pleiades pass through the zenith depends upon latitude and changes with precession.

Also, on May 20, 2012, there will be a total solar eclipse that will sweep across central and western North America. So the Sun and the Pleiades will pass through the zenith along with the Moon on May 20, 2012 at Chichen Itza in a rare precessional alignment.

In Toltec mythology, a new World Age would begin when the Pleiades aligned with the first zenith passage of the Sun in May, as at Chichen Itza on May 20, 2012.

At Chichen Itza, there is supposed to be a fabled return of Quetzalcoatl and the Sun-Pleiades-zenith alignment may be when this happens on May 20, 2012.

On December 21, 2012, a rare astronomical alignment will occur which is due to the precession of the equinoxes and occurs only once during a cycle of the precession of the equinoxes of 25694 years. In this alignment, the December solstice sun conjuncts the crossing point of the centre of our Milky Way galaxy and the ecliptic in Sagittarius. This day is of great significance to the Maya. The Mesoamericans had great knowledge of astronomy, which raises the question of were there ETs behind this.

The Pleiades were also of practical value, as the following article from today's local newspaper shows, errors and all:

"Indians in the know about El Nino

FARMERS in the high Andes Mountains may have been able to predict El Nino for centuries by observing whether clouds dimmed the light from a cluster of stars called the Pleiades.

A potato farming tradition handed down from one generation to the next teaches that the brightness of stars in the constellation during June roughly predicted the rainfall during the growing season from October to May.

The brighter the stars, the more abundant the rain for a potato crop highly vulnerable to drought. If poor rains are predicted, villagers in the mountains of Peru and Bolivia delay planting for several weeks.

Benjamin Orlove at the University of California and co-workers report in Nature that modern meteorology supports the farming tradition.

His study of satellite and weather data suggests that wispy cirrus clouds high in the atmosphere are more prevalent during El Nino, a warming of the Pacific Ocean that occurs roughly every two to seven years.

"What is remarkable is how detailed this cloud data is," Orlove said.

Orlove, who spent a number of years in the Peruvian Andes, said the clouds obscure the dimmest five of the 11 main stars that form the Pleiades. The dimmer stars are on the outer edges of the constellation, so it appears to shrink when viewed with the naked eye, he said.

The changes apparently can only be seen in the clear, dry air of the high Andes, which have a unique weather pattern, Orlove said.

The farming tradition may extend back to the 15th century and the Inca empire, said Alan Kolata, a University of Chicago anthropologist who specialises in the Andes. He said the Incas, who unified the central Andes tribes, had extensive astronomical knowledge even though they lacked a written language.

"I believe it's a quite provocative, interesting work and Ben is certainly on to something," Kolata said.

-AP"

Bill Alford

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Vandenberg Launch To Light Up California Skies

From: Joel Carpenter <ufx@mindspring.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 08:43:50 -0500
Subject: Vandenberg Launch To Light Up California Skies

NSS LaunchWatch
National Space Society/Western Spaceport Chapter

MINOTAUR SET FOR WEST COAST LAUNCH DEBUT FRIDAY EVENING
"Twilight Phenomena" may be seen from as far away as 200 miles

VANDENBERG AFB, CA (January 13) -- A Minotaur missile is scheduled for launch from Vandenberg AFB in Santa Barbara County on Friday evening, January 14th -- which could result in public sightings of the "Twilight Phenomena" throughout the Southern and Central California area (see below).

The Minotaur is scheduled to lift off from the newly constructed Space Launch Complex-7 (SLC-7) at 7:04 PST, and head towards the Southwest to place several small satellites into polar orbit.

The launch window runs from 6:54 to 9:54 PST. If the weather is favorable, the launch should be visible for at least 200 miles throughout the Southern and Central California area.

WHAT IS THE "TWILIGHT PHENOMENA"?

The "weird lights" occasionally seen by people during predawn or post-sunset hours above Southern and Central California are not UFOs, space aliens, nuclear attacks or the latest signs of the Y2K Apocalypse -- but more likely the telltale sign of yet another rocket launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County.

This visual apparition is more commonly known as "Twilight Phenomena."

Twilight phenomena is produced when unburned missile or rocket propellant particles and water vapor left in the exhaust trail of a launch condenses and crystallizes in the less dense upper atmosphere. These fragments, in turn, reflect high altitude sunlight, producing the spectacular, colorful effects when seen from the ground in outlying areas from Vandenberg AFB.

The phenomena's appearance varies with viewer location, but can usually be seen throughout the state of California, and as far away as Utah and Nevada.

Twilight phenomena typically produces green, blue, white and rose colored clouds which take on a corkscrew appearance as they are whipped around and twisted by wind currents. It is usually seen two to three minutes after a launch, and can remain in the sky for over a half hour before dispersing.

Twilight phenomena most often occurs when a missile launch takes place within 30 to 60 minutes after sunset or before sunrise as the rocket rises out of the darkness and into the sunlight. Since 1958, Vandenberg has launched nearly 1,800 missiles and space launch vehicles from the West coast spaceport -- but only a small number of these have created the twilight phenomena.

Many observers in the general public have assumed -- incorrectly

-- that the phenomena is the product of a missile or rocket malfunction, but these events are not linked.

(The following Air Force news release details the launch)

SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER (AFMC)
Office of Public Affairs

Air Force Minuteman Set to be First Launch of New Millennium

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., -- For the first time ever, the Air Force will use a refurbished Minuteman II rocket motor combined with PegasusXL upper stages to launch satellites into orbit Jan 14, expected to be the world's first space launch of the millennium.

The famed Minuteman II rocket, deactivated as an offensive weapon system by the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in 1991, was initially designed as an Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) delivery system.

Liftoff from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., is set for 7:04 p.m. PST.

The Orbital Suborbital Program Space Launch Vehicle, a combination of rocket motors from the Minuteman II and PegasusXL launch vehicles, is part of an Air Force effort to use surplus Minuteman II components for suborbital and orbital spacelift in support of U.S. Government requirements. This program is managed by the Space and Missile Systems Center Test and Evaluation Directorate located at Kirtland AFB, NM

The goal of this launch is to validate the OSP Space Launch Vehicle's spacelift capability. To determine the mission's success, SMC personnel will evaluate data measuring the successful separation of the payloads and detailing whether the payloads were deployed in the correct orbit.

Currently having more than 350 Minuteman II ICBMs in storage, SMC/TE is working with the vehicle contractor, Orbital Sciences Corporation of Dulles, VA, to demonstrate a reliable, economical and efficient way to put these missiles to good use.

The OSP Space Launch Vehicle can operate with two fairings allowing for the launch of oversized payloads. Using a multi-payload adapter, the vehicle is capable of launching several payloads of up to 750 lbs to a 400-nautical mile, sun-synchronous orbit. This is roughly 1.5 times the PegasusXL capability.

The payloads for the upcoming launch are integrated to the Joint Air Force Academy Weber State University Satellite, or JAWSAT, multi-payload adapter. The four payloads are the U.S. Air Force Academy's FalconSat, Arizona State University's ASUSAT, Stanford University's OPAL satellite and the Air Force Research Laboratory's Optical Calibration Sphere Experiment.

Also attached to the multi-payload adapter are two experiments: NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Plasma Experiment Satellite and Weber State University's Attitude Controlled Platform.

Originally set to launch Dec 7, launch officials discovered electrical problems during the mission dress rehearsal Dec 1. During this test, the C-Band Transponder, a safety device that notifies operators on the ground that the rocket is still on its course, did not respond.

Officials had also discovered at that time that the Modular Avionics Control Hardware (MACH) was not functioning properly. The MACH is a modular interface box, which controls telemetry, power transfer and ordnance commands.

After destacking the upper two stages, the PegasusXL, Orion 50 and Orion 38, and the fairing, the C-Band transponder was replaced, and the cause of the MACH malfunction was corrected with software modifications.

The second OSP Space Launch Vehicle launch is scheduled for the spring, carrying the Air Force Research Laboratory's MightySat

II.1 payload.

Spaceport Systems International (SSI) is under contract to provide launch site and launch control facilities as well as range support for both launches.

The launch set for Friday will be SSI's first launch.

The Space and Missile Systems Center, located at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif., is the center of technical excellence for developing and purchasing military space systems and manages more than \$56 billion in contracts. The center has an annual operating budget of more than \$5.5 billion and employs about 3,400 people worldwide.

For more information, see SMC's web page at:

<http://www.laafb.af.mil>

The 30th Space Wing, located at Vandenberg AFB, will provide Range support for the launch.

Range support includes, but is not limited to:

- Ensuring safe, reliable and timely launch operations in support of DoD and commercial launch operations;
- Providing a full range of valuable weather services, and:
- Control and operation of the Western Range for all spacelift and ballistic launches.

For more information about the payloads, visit the JAWSAT website at:

<http://cast.weber.edu/jawsat/jawsat.html>

TRW, the OSP Space Launch Vehicle systems engineering and technical assistance contractor for Space and Missile Systems Center, will be providing a live web-cast and satellite feed of the launch.

SATELLITE TV INFO:

Jan 14th, 5 to 11 p.m. EST / 2 to 8 p.m. PST

Telstar 6C /11
Uplink Frequency: 6145
Downlink Frequency: 3920 / Vertical
Arc Position: 93 Degrees West

Those interested in viewing the webcast must first visit this site to register and receive a password:

<http://www.webcastingtv.com/jawsat/>

Minotaur Launch Technical Data

Launch Window Opens: 2000 JAN 14 18:54:20 PST (JAN 15
02:54:20 UTC)
Launch Window Closes: 2000 JAN 14 21:54 PST (JAN 15 05:54 UTC)
Launch Time: 19:04 PST (03:04 UTC)
Launch Pad: SSI launch facility (referred to as "SLC-7"), south
Vandenberg AFB
Launch Pad Coordinates: Latitude 34 deg. 34 min. north
Longitude 120 deg. 38 min. west
Launch Azimuth: 220.0 deg.

Vandenberg Launch Net

If the weather is clear Friday evening, ham radio operators in southern California plan to run "Vandenberg Launch Net" to pass along Minotaur countdown status and discuss the launch.

The net will be convened at 18:30 PST on the 147.000 MHz Santa Barbara repeater (131.8 Hz PL, +600 KHz offset).

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Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 10:38:27 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 10:53:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 05:30:04 +0000
>From: James Easton <yoyager@ukonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000
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>sighting as birds. I wish I'd known about it before giving my
>talk at the British Association for the Advancement of Science".

James,

I do enjoy our little bantering about Kenneth Arnold. Thru it all, its nice to have a point/counterpoint.

However..... no disrespect to Jacqueline Mitton but I question her response as being "fact". It is merely "hypothesis", a conclusion made by a person for lack of any other answer. Perhaps Ms. Mitton is a spokes person for the Royal Astronomical Society but has she been to Washington State and personally investigated the Arnold case? Has she been in a plane, retracing his route of that day with similiar weather coniditions that existed? Is she an expert on aviation? Is she a pilot?

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By questioning and never having an answer helps us learn -- for in the process we expand our mind. Putting a definiitive conclusion to a situation only limits our thinking. Putting conclusions based on email, letters or phone calls is not a true investigation.

I will be on a local television show in January/February. I will be talking about Kenneth Arnold. I plan on bringing up the pelican theory but as you might guess I will present it as "someone's" opinion. Perhaps I can even throw in the Boise Boys Club idea. Opinions..... all opinions. For in the end, no one has the right answer.

Kathleen Andersen
Seattle

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 10:42:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 13:03:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

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>still rules our brains.

You're absolutely right. This is not the first time we've seen
this meaningless quote from "Dr. Jacqueline Mitton ... of the
prestigious Royal Astronomical Society." Her words are based on
no particular knowledge beyond what Easton has told her, and I
would suspect that, like most astronomers, she has a disdain for
the UFO phenomenon at least as great as her ignorance of it. I
suspect, in other words, that all James Easton did was tell her
what she wanted to hear, with predictable results. Let's hope
that further discussion of the Arnold sighting will be carried
on sans references to Mitton's uninformed beliefs.

Jerry Clark

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Re: ET Combos?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 04:42:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 15:04:06 -0500
Subject: Re: ET Combos?

Sean wrote:

>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 21:26:42 +0000
>>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: ET Combos?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Hi Roy, All

>>Without bothering to give this matter any real thought. (In
>>other words, off the top of my head) In the film "Communion"
>>with Christopher Walken, "Whitley Strieber" describes walking
>>around in a _UFO_ with three different types of aliens in it. If
>>you want I'll dig the video out, and see which three are
>>depicted.

> Hi All,

Well I have seen the film Sean, and you're right about the
different types involved, but it still doesn't answer my
question.

Any takers?

Roy..

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 04:57:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 15:06:36 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 17:54:28 -0800
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>Our science has advanced many hypothesis' to explain how life
>>exists and came into existence. But until we actually go there
>>and view the beauty of the majesty of creation, we can never
>>truly appreciate how much we still have to learn.

>>All the objections to "alien life" throughout the Cosmos, and
>>particularly to the idea of it having in some way contributed to
>>our existence or social tree, is remanesent of the "earth is the
>>center of the universe" ideology of the first half of the first
>>millinium.

Hi All,

I can imagine there is a slight possibility of someone having
some kind of un-disclosed contact around the World.

Regards,

Roy..

Keep Smiling

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Travis Walton - An Insider's View

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Subject: Travis Walton - An Insider's View

I received this on the Haunted Scotland list--it doesn't appear to have been cross-posted to UFO UpDdates. I forward it on for any interested parties.

Brian

From: Mystery Magazine <mystery@ic24.net>
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Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2000 6:34 PM
Subject: [HauntedscotlandMM] Fw: Travis Walton - An Insider's View

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The Selling of the Travis Walton "Abduction" Story

Some Background Information

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Australian newspaperman Jeff Wells was a member of the National Enquirer team that "packaged" the Travis Walton abduction story for publication.

Walton's story is now the subject of a major motion picture from Paramount, "Fire in the Sky." Wells is one of seven authors of the National Enquirer story "Arizona Man Captured by UFO" published Dec. 16, 1975.

Upon his return to Australia, Wells wrote up this insiders' view of the sordid goings-on for his newspaper column, the identities of the participants only thinly disguised.

"The kid" is obviously Travis Walton. "The cowboy" is his brother, Duane Walton. "The professor" is Dr. James Harder of Berkeley, at that time a leading figure in APRO, the now-defunct Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, and still a prominent "abductionist." The polygraph examiner is John J. McCarthy, the senior polygraph operator in the state of Arizona. This story was reprinted in the Skeptical Inquirer, Vol. 5 Nr. 4 (Summer, 1981), pp. 47-52.

"Profitable Nightmare of a Very Unreal Kind" by Jeff Wells (from The Age, Melbourne, Australia, 6 January 1979) caption in photo box: "JEFF WELLS recalls his dealings with a pathetic kid whose dream never quite got off the ground."

The characters in this UFO story are real even if they appear

more like the inventions of a Hollywood hack. A haunted young man, a ruthless cowboy, a strange professor, a hard-drinking psychiatrist, a bunch of reporters and a beautiful girl.

All were thrown together in the desert heat by a close encounter of the third kind and maybe they did contribute to some Hollywood thinking. I was there and I can vouch for the motley human cast - but you will have to make up your own mind about the extra-terrestrials with fishbowl heads.

Some of the characters are still growing fat repeating their version of the story in the seemingly limitless American market for the bizarre.

The so-called facts, the carefully-woven tapestry that has become the "official story" can now be counted as UFO lore, pabulum for those who turn their heads to the sky in search of meaning for their lives.

I will never get rich on my version and I only tell it because of the UFO madness the papers tell me is sweeping this part of the world. The UFO phenomenon is really rolling here, as it has rolled for many years, and snowballed into juggernaut proportions in other countries where it is very big business.

The stronger it gets here the closer the attention that will be paid to so-called classic cases of UFO encounters.

You may recognize elements of this story among them. If so, you will realise that my story is a warning that in such cases, even the most celebrated and supposedly well-documented, there is nothing so pragmatic as proof.

This incident happened a few years ago and made world headlines. I was working in San Francisco as a bureau man for a national weekly which has grown rich and powerful in catering to the middle-class craving for cancer-cures, Jackie Onassis, Hollywood gossip, psychic predictions, and like ingredients of the crumbling cake that is the American mind.

It was naturally a matter of interest that a 22-year-old forestry worker was missing and that six witnesses had passed lie detector tests in saying that he had last been seen running towards a huge UFO.

My paper had offered tens of thousands of dollars to anybody who could positively prove that aliens had visited our planet - in the knowledge that exclusive rights could be worth millions.

When, five days later, the young man we came to call "the kid" stumbled into a small western town, phoned his brother and claimed he had been kidnapped by the crew of an alien spacecraft we were ready.

Within an hour I was on a plane to rendezvous in a desert city with a team of reporters and photographers flying in from Los Angeles and the East Coast.

At the desert airport I bumped into one of them, a dapper young Englishman from the L.A. bureau, who briefed me. One reporter was at the cowboy's home talking money; the kid was inside in a state of shock.

The office was wiring \$1000 to help ease the kid's discomfort and a celebrated UFOlogist, a California professor, was being flown in, all expenses paid, to lend a hand.

Our immediate task was to bribe the brother with the thousand to shack up with us in a luxury motel on the outskirts of town, no names registered, where the rest of Press who were about to descend and the sheriff, who was calling the whole thing a hoax and demanding that the kid take a lie-detector test, would not bother them.

"It isn't going to be easy," said the Englishman as we pocketed our credit cards and headed for our rented Pontiacs.

"The brother has taken charge and the brother is some kind of psychopath. The kid is scared to death of him and so is our reporter."

The cowboy was no disappointment. He was one of the meanest and toughest-looking men I've ever seen - in his late twenties, a rodeo professional and amateur light-heavyweight fighter, a total abstainer, broad-shouldered, T-shirt packed with muscle, chiselled-down hips, bow legged, eyes full of nails, tense, unpredictable.

He leaned against a pick-up truck with a gun rack in the cabin and raked us with beams of cunning and hatred as strong as the flash from the spacecraft that had pole-axed his brother as the witnesses fled in terror.

"Nobody is going to laugh at my brother," he said.

Nobody wanted to laugh at his brother, we said. We only wanted give his brother a chance to tell his story to somebody who would understand. To prove our bona fides, and to keep away all those other jackals of the press, who would embarrass the kid with foolish questions, we would hide them away and pay the kid a grand to tell his story.

If we liked the story, and it could be properly documented, and the kid could pass our lie-detector test, we would open up our cheque books all the way and start talking in five figures.

To our relief the cowboy agreed - but not, he said, because of the money, because his brother had a true story to tell which would enlighten the world.

Our first sight of the kid was at dinner in the hotel diningroom that night. It was a shock.

He sat there mute, pale, twitching like a cornered animal. He was either a brilliant actor or he was in serious funk about something.

But the arrival of the professor saved the day.

He was as smooth as butter and he soon had the kid eating out of his hand.

"You are not alone," he crooned. "There are many people, more than you would think, who have been chosen to meet them."

Them? I began to wonder about the professor.

The cowboy was so impressed he began to talk about his own UFO experience when he had been chased by a flying saucer through the woods as a child.

Within a couple of hours the professor had talked the brothers out of taking the sheriff's polygraph test and into an hypnosis session in his room immediately.

It looked as if things were going smoothly enough, with no hint that we were faced with four days of chaos.

The next day the office announced that the whole story was to be filmed by a crew from the top-rating CBS muckraker TV show 60 Minutes.

We were to be on guard because CBS was out to shaft us, my editor warned.

We were to present a bold front for good footage of dedicated reporters sparing no expense to bring the public the true story of one of the most amazing incidents in recorded history.

The kid's fantastic story had been coming out under hypnosis but the brothers had become very conspiratorial with the professor and would speak only to him. [1]

The professor seemed to have his own future on the lecture circuit and the paperback bookstands very much in mind and we didn't trust him.

So we taped everything and had the CBS crew film the kid's story given under hypnosis.

It was a tale of little men with heads like fishbowls and skin like mushrooms.

But suddenly the strain began to tell on the kid and he lapsed into sobbing bouts. He was falling apart and so was his story.

It necessitated flying in a husband-and-wife team of psychiatrists from Colorado to tranquilize the kid and keep the cowboy from exploding. The kid was a wreck and it was all the psychiatrist could do to get him ready for the lie-detector expert we had lined up.

The test lasted an hour and I was in the next room fending off the TV crew when I heard the cowboy scream: "I'll kill the sonofabitch!" The kid had failed the test miserably. The polygraph man said it was the plainest case of lying he'd seen in 20 years but the office was yelling for another expert and a different result [2].

To head that off we had the psychiatrist put the cowboy and the kid through a long session of analysis.

Their methods were unique. The next day the four of them disappeared into a room and soon a waiter was headed there with two bottles of cognac.

At the end of it the psychiatrists were rolling drunk but they had their story and the brothers were crestfallen.

It seemed that the kid's father, who had deserted them as a child, had been a spaceship fanatic and all his life the kid had wanted to ride in a spacecraft.

He had seen something out there in the woods, some kind of an eerie light which had triggered a powerful hallucination which might recur at any time. There was no question of any kidnap by any mushroom men.

The kid needed medical help and the cowboy swore he would shield him from further harassment.

Reports began to filter in that the witnesses' lie detector tests were not much help either - they supported the story that they had all seen the strange light but not that the strange light was identifiable as a spaceship.

The CBS crew had left in disgust and I sat down to detail everything that had happened in a 16-page memorandum designed to kill the story. It was all over.

I paid the \$2000 hotel bill - including a mammoth bar tab to which the psychiatrists had contributed nobly - for the five days and we all scattered to the airport.

It had been a lunatic experience from beginning to end, made more disturbing by the fact that on several occasions, with coaxings from the professor, I had almost believed that the story was real.

As I drove to the airport I was never so glad to be leaving a city and to this day the whole experience there remains in my memory as some kind of nightmare.

As I neared the airport I switched on the car radio and heard familiar voices - the kid, the cowboy, and the professor giving an interview about the kid's shatteing experience on board a flying saucer.

A few weeks later I picked up the paper I worked for and found that with the help of the professor it had turned my memorandum into a sensational front-page story.

The professor was calling me up demanding tapes for his lectures and the kid was signing contracts for books and TV documentaries.

And so another UFO hero was made.

"Ground Saucer Watch" Memo on the Walton Incident

Conclusions (undated: probably December, 1975)

"Ground Saucer Watch," a pro-UFO organization, was the very first UFO organization on the scene of the Walton "abduction".

In cooperation with Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS, Dr. Lester Stewart of GSW began to interview the Walton family while Travis was still "missing."

They immediately smelled a hoax. These are their conclusions, without any changes - RS.

1. Walton never boarded the UFO. This fact is supported by the six witnesses and the polygraph test results. [3]
2. The entire Walton family has had a continual UFO history. The Walton boys have reported observing 10 to 15 separate UFO sightings (very high).
3. When Duane was questioned about his brother's disappearance, he stated that "Travis will be found, that UFO's are friendly." GSW countered, "How do you know Travis will be found?" Duane said "I have a feeling, a strong feeling." GSW asked "If the UFO 'captors' are going to return Travis, will you have a camera to record this great occurrence?" Duane, "No, if I have a camera 'they' will not return."
4. The Walton's mother showed no outward emotion over the 'loss' of Travis. She said that UFO's will not harm her son, he will be returned and that UFO's have been seen by her family many times.
5. The Walton's refused any outside scientific help or anyone who logically doubted the abduction portion of the story.
6. The media and GSW was fair to the witnesses. However, when the story started to 'fall apart' the Waltons would only talk to people who did not doubt the abduction story.
7. APRO became involved and criticized both GSW and Dr. Hynek for taking a negative position on the encounter.
8. The Waltons 'sold' their story to the National Enquirer and the story was completely twisted from the truth.

RS NOTES

1. In other words, James Harder was using hypnosis to lead Travis Walton into "remembering" a proper UFO abduction story. UFOlogists cite the apparent consistencies of these stories as proof that they are supposedly authentic! But here we glimpse the real reason behind the apparent similarities.
2. The very existence of this polygraph session with John J. McCarthy was kept secret by the National Enquirer and by APRO, with McCarthy ordered never to speak about it. The cover-up was revealed by Philip J. Klass in June, 1976. The details of the Walton hoax, and its associated cover-up, can be found in chapters 18-23 of Klass' book UFOs The Public Deceived (Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, 1983).
3. Apparently GSW thought that in order to have a "genuine" UFO abduction, the UFO would have to land, and pick up its passenger. The following appeared in the March/April, 1993 issue of The Georgia Skeptic, the newsletter of the Georgia Skeptics

"Fire in the Sky" -- The Walton Travesty
by Anson Kennedy

On November 5, 1975, a 22 year old logger by the name of Travis Walton was allegedly abducted by a UFO near Snowflake, Arizona. Witnessed by six companions, his experience is possibly the most unique and controversial alien abduction tale in the short history of the phenomenon. Now, some seventeen years later, Paramount Pictures has brought this incredible story to the silver screen.

On March 12, 1993, Fire in the Sky opened in theaters across the country.

Scripted by Tracy Torme', who also wrote last year's CBS miniseries on alien abductions, Intruders, the movie is loosely based on Walton's book, aptly named The Walton Experience.

"Loosely" because Torme' has significantly altered the portrayal of Walton's experience on the UFO from what Walton himself

described, because Torme' has created a fictional UFO investigating organization to replace the real group involved, and because Torme' combined several real individuals into "composites," all for the sake of literary license. However, after examining the full evidence of the case, he may be forgiven these fictionalizations -- for how can one be too critical of fictionalizing a work of fiction?

Philip J. Klass, chairman of CSICOP's UFO Subcommittee (which also includes such noted skeptics as Robert Sheaffer and James Oberg), investigated the Walton case immediately after it occurred.

As detailed in his book UFOs: The Public Deceived (Prometheus, 1983), in the months following Walton's disappearance, Klass found significant evidence of "gross deception."

According to Walton, he and six other loggers were driving from their work site at Turkey Springs in Sitgreaves National Forest to their homes in Snowflake about forty-five miles away. Sometime after 6:00 P.M., both Walton and one of his companions, Allen Dalis, saw a saucer-shaped object hovering over a slash pile of cut timber in a clearing.

Walton jumped out of the truck (luckily, he was sitting next to the door) and ran towards the object, which was emitting a yellowish light. Suddenly, the object let loose a flash of brilliant blue-green light which reportedly "blew him [Walton] back ten feet" according to Walton's friend and employer Mike Rogers, who was driving the truck at the time.

In a panic, Rogers sped off leaving Walton at the mercy of whatever controlled the UFO.

Upon reaching Heber (a small town between the work site and Snowflake), Rogers contacted Undersheriff L.C. Ellison, who met them in the village.

Rogers and the rest of his crew told Ellison their story; Ellison then called Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gillespie.

Gillespie, his deputy Kenneth Coplan, Ellison, Rogers, and two other crew members (the other three refused to go along) returned to the site and searched for several hours for Walton.

Approximately 1:30 A.M. on the morning of the sixth (and after abandoning the search for the night), Coplan and Rogers went to notify Walton's mother, Mary Kellett, of her son's disappearance.

Mrs. Kellett's calm response upon being awakened and told her youngest son had been kidnapped by a UFO was "Well, that's the way these things happen" and then she proceeded to describe two instances when she and/or her oldest son, Duane, had also seen UFOs.

Later that morning (approximately 3:00 A.M.) when Mrs. Kellett told Walton's sister, Mrs. Grant Neff, that "a flying saucer got him [Travis]," Mrs. Neff surprised Coplan with how calmly she too took the news.

The rest of that day, November 6, was taken up by an extensive search of the area where Walton allegedly disappeared. Curiously absent from the site was any physical evidence of anything happening, in spite of the "explosive" force of the blue-green beam. No blood, no shreds of clothing, no evidence of the blast effects was found by any of the nearly fifty searchers involved.

By November 7, law enforcement officials were concentrating on the possibility that Walton might have been the victim of foul play at the hands of his coworkers. Walton's other brother Donald also felt that the UFO story was a cover for something else. To this end, Rogers and his crew volunteered to take polygraph examinations the following Monday, November 10.

During the exams, C.E. Gilson of the Arizona Department of Public Safety asked four "relevant" questions; three of which dealt with whether Walton had been seriously injured or killed by the one or more members of the crew. The fourth question, added at the last minute, was: "Did you tell the truth about

actually seeing a UFO last Wednesday when Travis Walton disappeared?"

Not surprisingly, the six crew members were unanimous in their responses: "No" to the first three questions and "Yes" to the last. Five were judged to be truthful, results on the sixth (Allen Dalis) were "inconclusive." In his formal written report, Gilson said, "The polygraph examinations prove that these five men did see some object that they believe to be a UFO and that Travis Walton was not injured or murdered by any of these men, on that Wednesday (5 November 1975).

If an actual UFO did not exist and the UFO is a manmade hoax, five of these men had no prior knowledge of a hoax. No such determination can be made of the sixth man whose test results were inconclusive."

On November 8, Phoenix UFOlogist Fred Sylvanus interviewed both Rogers and Duane Walton. The tape of this conversation reveals several striking details. Not once during the entire sixty-five minute interview did Duane or Rogers express any concern over Walton's well-being. Rogers described the UFO as "beautiful."

Duane stated he had been seeing UFOs for the past "ten or twelve years. I've been seeing them all the time." He also stated that he and Walton had made an agreement to "immediately get as directly under the object as physically possible" if one of them ever saw a UFO. Duane went on to state that he felt Walton was "having the experience of a lifetime."

Later on the 10th, Travis Walton reappeared at a gas station in Heber. Calling his sister collect after midnight, Walton begged for help when her husband answered the phone. Grant Neff picked up Walton's brother Duane and the two drove to Heber to pick up Walton after informing Mrs. Kellett of his call. The telephone operator who handled the collect call called Sheriff Gillespie to let him know of Walton's reappearance; Gillespie then called Deputy Glen Flake and asked him to keep a look out for the men returning to Snowflake. Flake missed Neff, Duane, and Walton on the way in, so he went to Mrs. Kellett's house. It was after 2:00 A.M., but the lights were on and Duane was outside siphoning gas from one car to another. He made no mention to the officer that Walton had been found and Flake did not reveal the information the telephone operator had provided. Duane did not inform the deputy that Walton was inside Mrs. Kellett's house, nor did he tell him of the physical examination Duane had performed on Walton. During the exam, Duane found no bruises, burns, or evidence of any physical injury except for a red mark on the inside of Walton's right elbow. Walton's physical condition was curious given his reported violent encounter with the blue-green beam. In any case, Duane decided to drive Walton to a doctor in Phoenix after the deputy left. They made an abortive attempt to see a hypnotherapist, but Duane backed out saying that Walton was not ready for regressive hypnosis. It was not until the afternoon of November 11 that a cursory exam by two doctors was performed. Like Duane, they found no evidence of physical injury, except for the mark on Walton's arm. One of the doctors, Howard Kandell, stated it "was compatible with a puncture wound such as when somebody takes blood from you." He went on to note that Walton claimed he had not noticed it before, in spite of the fact that both Duane and the hypnotherapist had seen the mark earlier. More telling, though, were the results of the urine analysis performed on a sample from Walton. It showed no trace of drugs, but also no trace of acetone. After going without food for more than a couple of days, the body begins to break down its own fat. The waste product of this is acetone, and it is excreted in the urine. If Walton had been without food for several days, his urine should have shown some traces of acetone. Also, Walton later claimed to have lost ten pounds during his missing five days. The doctors who examined Walton were members of APRO, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, and it was at this time that APRO became intimately involved in the case. It is also at this time that the National Enquirer became involved. Coral Lorenzen, who had made the arrangements for the doctor's examination, received a call from the National Enquirer about the case. She convinced the paper to pay Duane and Walton's expenses while being "sequestered" in a local hotel in exchange for exclusive rights to the story. When Duane finally called Sheriff Gillespie to inform him of Walton's reappearance, he told the sheriff they were in Tucson where Walton was receiving a check-up. He changed

the story in a later phone call, saying they were at a private home in Phoenix. At Gillespie's insistence, Duane reluctantly agreed to let him interview Walton. The Walton brothers refused to allow Gillespie to record the interview, but Travis did agree to take a polygraph exam later in the week. Seven days after Walton had disappeared and two days after his sudden reappearance, his story was hitting the local newspapers. The Tucson Arizona Daily Star quoted Duane as saying, in part: "I'm not a UFO buff and neither is my brother" -- this flatly contradicts Duane's earlier statements to UFOlogist Fred Sylvanus. Gillespie had scheduled Walton's polygraph examination for Friday, November 14, but Walton did not show up. The excuse was that the press had "laid siege" and Duane did not feel Walton was ready to face the press. This is curious, since a team of reporters from the National Enquirer had been interviewing Walton already. Also, Duane could have had the polygrapher come to the hotel where Walton was staying if he was concerned about exposing Walton to the media.

Some of the most damning evidence that the entire case was a hoax surrounds the various polygraph examinations and the behavior of the principles involved, Duane and Travis Walton, and Mike Rogers. APRO announced on February 7, 1976, that both Travis and Duane had passed an exam given by George Pfeiffer, who worked for Tom Ezell and Associates. But that test was flawed in a number of respects: Pfeiffer allowed Walton to dictate a number of the questions he asked. While it is not uncommon for polygraphers to allow the test subjects and/or sponsors to outline the general area to be probed, allowing the subject to dictate specific questions violates the basic principles of polygraphy and should invalidate the test results. Also, Pfeiffer was relatively inexperienced, having been practicing only two years. This inexperience expressed itself when he judged Walton's "No" answer to the question "Before November 5, 1975, were you a UFO buff?" to be truthful. Walton's answer directly contradicted information provided by both his mother and brother Duane and by Walton himself during an earlier psychological examination.

Later in March of 1976, when Pfeiffer's employer Tom Ezell had reviewed the charts, he concluded that it was impossible to determine if Walton and Duane were answering the test questions truthfully. Ezell stated in a letter to Phil Klass: "Upon review of this examination, I find that to me it is not acceptable. In the first place I would not be a party to an examination in which the subject dictated the questions to be asked ... Because of the dictation of the questions to be asked, this test should be invalidated. Also, upon examining the resultant charts, I find that I cannot give an opinion one way or another" whether the subjects had been truthful or not. Yet this is the examination to which Walton refers when he states he has passed a lie detector test.

But the real "bombshell," as Klass describes it in his book, was the fact that Walton had failed an earlier polygraph examination miserably and this information had been suppressed by APRO, which had been proclaiming the Walton case "one of the most important and intriguing in the history of the UFO phenomena." This test was administered by John McCarthy, who with twenty years of experience was one of the most respected examiners in the state of Arizona. His conclusion: "Gross deception." Proponents of the Walton case never mention this examination.

If the case is a hoax, what possible motivation could Walton and the others have? Two possibilities have been identified: every year, the National Enquirer offered a multi-thousand dollar award for the "Best Case" of the year (up to \$100,000 for "positive proof" of ET). Walton and the other crew members divided a \$5000 award from the National Enquirer. The second, and more compelling, motive involved a contract Rogers had with the U.S. Forest Service. Rogers had contracted with the Service to thin out the Turkey Springs area over a year before Walton's experience. He won the contract when he submitted the low bid of \$24.70/acre in June of 1974. The contract term was 200 working days ("working days" to allow for bad weather and the long mountain winter) to thin 1277 acres, later reduced to 1205 acres. Rogers was seriously behind schedule and in fact had received an eighty-four day extension (accompanied with a \$1.00 per acre penalty for missing the completion date). Only five days of this extension remained at the time of Walton's alleged abduction. At the time of Walton's disappearance, Rogers was in

serious trouble: he had over a hundred acres left to finish in five days or he would default on the contract and lose some \$2500 -- money sorely needed to get through the winter months -- or he request a second extension and accept another penalty for failing to finish on schedule a second time.

Just two weeks prior to Walton's disappearance, NBC-TV aired a two hour movie featuring the abduction tale of Betty and Barney Hill. Rogers has acknowledged watching the first portion of the movie, the portion that detailed the Hills' "abduction." Klass speculates in his book that "to a man facing two unattractive alternatives on his Turkey Springs contract, the account of the Hills' 'UFO-abduction' could easily suggest a third." By making Turkey Springs the site of an alien abduction, Rogers could claim his men were too afraid to return and continue working -- providing an "act of God" that could result in contract termination with no penalty and full payment to Rogers.

During the months after Klass revealed the results of his investigation, Rogers and Walton entered into a lengthy negotiation with him to have the flawed polygraph exams re-administered -- this time with a mutually acceptable, independent polygrapher. Rogers issued a "challenge" to Klass: Duane and Travis Walton and Rogers would agree to be retested by "a mutually acceptable examiner of high standing and proper credentials" and that, if all parties passed the tests, Klass would pay all costs involved; if any of them failed, Klass would be "reimbursed." Klass agreed in principle with most of the conditions, however as time progressed and negotiations continued it became clear that Rogers was engaging in delaying tactics and was, in fact, doing everything possible to not be retested. Ultimately, none of the principles in the Walton case was given new polygraph examinations.

And there the case laid for seventeen years, with proponents still proclaiming it one of the best documented abductions in history and skeptics decrying the multiple instances of intentional deception which imply "hoax." Then comes Fire in the Sky and a media blitz to promote the "true story." Travis Walton has made appearances on national talk shows (from CNBC's Tom Snyder show to Larry King Live on the night of the movie's premier), tabloid television shows (such as Hard Copy and Fox's Sightings), radio call-in shows, and has even appeared via satellite on local news programs (the week of the premier, Walton was interviewed on WAGA Channel 5's Good Day Atlanta morning show).

In the February, 1993, issue of the Mutual UFO Network's MUFON UFO Journal, Travis Walton "takes time to address his critics." Describing himself as a "naive country boy" (Walton hardly seemed naive when he accused Phil Klass of being a government disinformation agent on Larry King Live - a charge for which he has absolutely no proof) Walton tells of his shock at the "attacks" he received from skeptics such as Klass and repeats throughout his article that Klass' claims had been refuted time and time again. Unfortunately, Walton provides little information in the article which actually refutes Klass' evidence; instead he offers tantalizing tidbits which seem intended more to entice the reader to buy a copy of his newly revised book (whose title he has changed to, oddly enough, Fire in the Sky) than to actually "set the record straight."

Walton claims that the various charges against him "starkly contradict each other" [emphasis in original], but provides no specific examples of these contradictions. He says, "So the irony is that when one's foremost detractor [Klass] makes an internally inconsistent scattergun assault, he is actually making a perverse sort of endorsement because it says loud and clear that the detractor himself doesn't believe that any of his attacks has sufficient merit to stand alone." It is a perverse sort of logic which will go through such convolutions in an effort to justify a failing position.

In a recent issue of his Skeptics' UFO Newsletter, Klass wonders if Walton will refute the fact that his first polygraph exam indicated "gross deception," or that his mother was abnormally calm upon hearing word of his disappearance, or that he - along with his mother and brother - had a long history of seeing UFOs prior to November 5, 1975, or that the lie detector test he did pass was seriously flawed. The list can go on and on.

So what can we make of this long and twisted tale? At the time, the Walton experience seemed little more than yet another in a long line of elaborate hoaxes. It continued to have its supporters among the UFO community, but enough questions surrounded it that few considered it "proof positive." Now, a multi-million dollar movie billed as a "true story" is in theaters across the country. Prior to its release, UFO fans were predicting how this would "raise the public's awareness" of UFOs in general and the alien abduction phenomenon in particular. Of course, they said the same thing about last year's Intruders, which seems to have had little impact on the public's perception of these things. We expect that Fire in the Sky will sway the public just as much.

Unfortunately, we also expect that Hollywood will make more of such "fiction as truth" productions. The bottom line for the public is to always view these productions with a critical eye.

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LARGE UFO PHOTOGRAPHED
BY A MISSOURI POLICEMAN

"In the past few days, Millstadt police officer Craig Stevens has slept little, taken countless phone messages from national experts and heard all of the little green men jokes his fellow officers can maintain."

"It's amusing--to a point, he said."

"It's not like I'm the only one who saw it, and I'm Joe Blow from the local bar who just stepped out drunk, y'know?"

"Stevens, of Highland (Missouri), and at least three other officers from the Lebanon, Shiloh and Dupo police departments said they saw something in the sky early Wednesday (January 5, 2000)--something that looked like a UFO."

"Shaped like an arrowhead, sprinkled with dimmer lights all over its surface and three brighter lights on its tail, the thing made its northeast-to-southwest flight across the Metro East area about 4 a.m."

"The first report came in to Highland police from the owner of a miniature golf course. He was driving into Lebanon, so police contacted Lebanon authorities. The officers there guffawed (laughed--J.T.) at the dispatcher. But he (the dispatcher) spotted the thing heading toward Shiloh, where an officer there spotted it."

"Stevens, sitting in his patrol car in Millstadt on his overnight shift, heard the radio chatter and drove to the north end of town. He scanned the sky but saw only airplane lights."

"Then he looked west."

"Wow! hethought, jumping out of his car. This thing's huge!"

"He said it moved slowly like a blimp, about 1,000 feet (300 meters) off the ground. It was about two stories high (20 feet or 6 meters--J.T.) and about three times as long. In addition to the three lights in the back, dimmer lights sprinkled the entire surface, almost, as he described it, like a 'starfield camoflaue.'"

"He grabbed his Polaroid camera and snapped a shot. The object headed toward Dupo, and Stevens radioed dispatch. The dispatcher radioed back, reporting an officer there (in Dupo) spotted it, too."

"The Polaroid (photo) didn't develop well in the cold, and the image only shows the three bright lights. At the station, Stevens made an unofficial police report and sketched a likeness of what he saw."

"It's been driving me nuts since I've seen it," he said, "I haven't been able to sleep for the last day and a half."

"The only calls that Scott Air Force Base received about the object were from the media, a spokesman said Saturday (January 8, 2000). And the military base's control tower is closed at that hour."

"Stevens has also fielded calls from the media, science institutes, UFO experts, and a former FBI man who had 'a hundred questions.'" (See the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for January 9, 2000, "Police officers in St. Clair County report seeing early morning UFO" by Valerie Schremp. Many thanks to ufologists Kenny Young and Ron Schaffner for forwarding this newspaper article.) (Editor's Comment: Strange to say, the officer has the same name as the late Craig Stevens, the actor who starred in the 1959 TV series Peter Gunn. There's no doubt that Missouri is currently in the grip of a UFO flap. Read on.)

"MISSING TIME" REPORTED
IN MISSOURI FAMILY'S UFO
ENCOUNTER

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1999, a Missouri family of four was driving home on Interstate Highway I-44. They stopped at a highway rest area near the town of Mount Vernon, Missouri (population 3,726), located about 27 miles (43 kilometers) west of Springfield.

"While out of the car, the family began to notice a strange buzzing and humming noise," reported Brian Adams of the Ozarks Area UFO Research Group. "The son looked up to see a dark chevron-shaped craft hovering just above the trees in the starlit sky."

"The son told his dad to look up, and the rest of the family looked up as well."

"The next thing the family recalls is that they were waking up in their beds at home the next morning." Their home is 16 miles from the I-44 highway rest area. "Their car was parked in the garage with their baggage." They found the Christmas presents they'd had in the car neatly stacked under their Christmas tree.

"They described the craft as no bigger than a small fighter jet in size, but it didn't have any lights on. Only the mother didn't recall hearing the unusual noise from the craft."

"The father also said his eyes were unusually light-sensitive when he woke up. But otherwise no body markings were discovered by the family."

The family is concerned about this incident except "for the son, who said it was 'cool.'" (Many thanks to Brian Adams for this report.)

MYSTERIOUS SKY BOOM
JOLTS A TOWN IN OHIO

"Bloomville, OH--Some residents here were ready to change their town's name to BOOMville early yesterday."

"A mysterious explosion shook the Seneca County village and startled residents just after midnight" on Monday, January 3, 2000.

"So far the cause of the boom is unexplained. Officials are investigating."

"Ear witnesses said the night was quiet when suddenly--Ka-Boom!--a single explosion was felt and heard by residents within a mile-wide circle. Resident Nicole Phillips said it rattled her whole house."

"'Scary. It was very scary,' Rene Bernal, another resident, said, 'It felt like our house was hit by something. The walls shook.'"

"'My daughter, Julia, was on the phone, and she came running out of her room yelling that she thought something was coming through her walls.'" (Editor's Comment: Now that is very interesting! Three years ago, a woman in Santiago de Chile reported seeing an alien come through a circle

of light which appeared on the wall of her apartment.)

"Mrs. Bernal's husband, Tim, ran outside. He and a neighbor searched but found nothing."

"The Bernals were among many who called police, prompting Chief Howard Minzer to check the entire village on foot. 'He found no flashes, no power outages and no fires,' said police officer Mark Lawson."

"Officer Lawson had just arrived home when he felt the blast at his midtown residence."

"'It was a very, very loud explosion, definitely somewhere in town,' he said, 'But nothing is damaged in the village, and no one has reported anything.'"

"'We have no idea what it could have been. It's a mystery.'"

"Col. A.J. Feucht, commander of the Ohio Air National Guard 180th Fighter Wing, based at Toledo Express Airport, said no flight by supersonic or any other aircraft was in the air at the time."

Bloomville (population 949) is on Ohio Route 19 approximately 35 miles (56 kilometers) southwest of Sandusky. (See the Toledo, Ohio Blade for January 4, 2000, "Explosive sound shatters quiet of Bloomville night" by Mike Tressler. Many thanks to ufologists Kenny Young and Jerry Hamm for forwarding this newspaper article.)

GALILEO COMPLETES ANOTHER FLYBY OF EUROPA

The robot spacecraft Galileo "swooped past Jupiter's frozen moon Europa on Monday," January 3, 2000, "but apparently did not experience any computer problem's from the planet's (Jupiter's) intense radiation."

In December 1999, Galileo celebrated the fourth anniversary of its arrival in Jovian space. The spacecraft went into orbit around Jupiter in December 1995 and has had several successful encounters with the gas giant's many moons.

On Monday, January 3, Galileo "'flew within 220 miles (352 kilometers) of the moon's surface,' said project manager Jim Erickson of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory."

"'Europa is really just on the edge of the area we consider hazardous from the radiation point of view,' he said, 'We really thought this one would go pretty well, and it has so far.'"

"The spacecraft's computer and instruments appeared to be operating normally. Data collected during the pass was stored aboard the probe's computer to be relayed back to Earth over the next several weeks."

"Galileo measured Europa's magnetic fields in an attempt to detect disturbances from a suspected liquid ocean beneath the moon's icy crust. Some scientists believe life could survive in a liquid ocean beneath the frozen surface."

The year 2000 promises to be a busy one for Galileo. Next up is an encounter with Jupiter's fiery volcanic moon Io on February 22. The spacecraft will fly by the moon Ganymede on May 28 and again on December 28.

Right now the hot gossip in NASA is talk of a "team-up" with the robot spacecraft Cassini, which is now approaching Jupiter. Cassini will bypass the gas giant on December 30 on its way to Saturn. There's talk about a joint mission of observation, utilizing both spacecraft, at the end of the year.

(Editor's Comment: If there are subsurface oceans on Europa and Callisto, and assuming that no space catastrophe has altered the environment of either moon, then it's possible that those oceans may contain life similar to that which flourished on Earth during the Cambrian Period 500 million years ago. Species such as Wiwaxia, Opabinia, sea pens and trilobites, now extinct on Earth, may be alive and thriving on Europa and Callisto.)

BOUNCING WHITE UFO SEEN
NEAR WASILLA, ALASKA

On Saturday, January 1, 2000, Tracy Y. was at her home in a wooded area near Wasilla, Alaska (population 4,028) when she "woke up at 3:30 a.m. because i felt like I was being watched."

"The bright white light was outside my window at a distance," she reported. "I tried to ignore it, but I had the overwhelming curiosity to try to detect movement. Every time I had myself convinced that it was a star or planet, it would eventually move up, down, left, right."

"It also seemed to go from a bright white light to a faded light whenever it started to move down. I feel like it came a little closer. But I waved goodbye as the chills ran through me, and I went to bed."

In terms of shape, the object "I believed to be spherical. There definitely was a bright white light if not two or three. I could also make out a faint red light. This particular object seemed to be floating eastward" toward Palmer.

Wasilla is located 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of Anchorage. (Email Form Report)

OUR LADY OF THE MEKONG?

According to the South China Morning Post, Vietnam had a series of sightings of the Blessed Virgin Mary, formerly known as Miriam bat-Joachim, during October 1999.

Loc Ninh was one of the cities reported to have experienced a Marian apparition. The Post reported "hundreds of thousands gathering at religious festivals and rushing to catch the latest manifestations of the Virgin Mary at sites around the country." (See the South China Morning Post for November 2, 1999. Many thanks to Trinh for this story.)

PYRAMIDOLOGIST DISCOVERS
ANOMALIES IN SAQQARA

Engineer Christopher Dunn, author of the book The Giza Power Plant: Technologies of Ancient Egypt, uncovered some strange anomalies in the Pyramid of Khafre in Egypt during his on-site investigation there.

In his new article, "Return to the Giza Power Plant," Dunn relates how he traveled to Egypt in May 1999 "as a participant in the conference 'Egypt in the New Millenium'" and had the opportunity to examine the large granite boxes called sarcophagi.

"This year, in my backpack I carried a precision-ground 12-inch long parallel, or straight edge, precise to within .001 inch. i also had a precision toolmaker's solid square," he wrote, "Also in my tool kit was a set of precision Starret radius gauges for inspecting the machined radius that makes the transition from one surface or contour to another."

Although prevented from entering the Serapeum by Egyptian guards, Dunn did manage to enter Khafre's pyramid and examined the black granite sarcophagus inside.

"For those interested, I slid this" 12-inch straight "edge along the smooth interior of the granite box with my flashlight shining behind it and demonstrated its exact precision...Modern machine axes are aligned orthogonally or exactly perpendicular to each other to assure accuracy. This state assures us that the corners cut into an object on the machine are square and true."

"I wasn't expecting the corners of the sarcophagus to be perfectly square, for perfection is extremely difficult to achieve. However, I was not prepared for the degree of perfection I found."

"I was flabbergasted as I slid my precision square along the top of the parallel (I used the top of the parallel to raise the square above the corner radius--C.D.) and it fit perfectly on the adjacent surface."

"'Bloody Hell!' I exclaimed, as the significance of this find came over me."

"On three corners (of the sarcophagus) the square sat flush against both surfaces. One corner had a gap that was detected by the light test, though it was probably only about .001 inch."

"So not only do we have an artifact with perfectly flat surfaces, the inside corners are also perfectly square. What else is significant about this so-called sarcophagus? The corners themselves."

In the article, Dunn explained how back in February 1999, Dr. Zahi Hawass, Egypt's Director-General of the Giza antiquities, appeared on a FOX TV special and showed anchorwoman Suzie Koppel "the methods the ancients used to create granite artifacts. This method involves bashing the granite with a round (dolorite) ball until the desired shape is achieved," Dunn wrote.

"Creating the corner radius of the box inside Khafre's pyramid using such primitive methods would have been impossible."

"Checking this corner radius with my radius gauges, I started with a half-inch radius and had to keep working my way down in size until selecting the correct one."

"The inside corner radius of the box inside Khafre's pyramid checked 3/32 inch. The radius at the bottom, where the floor of the box met the wall, checked 7/16 inch."

"It should go without saying," Dunn added, "that you cannot fit an 8-inch (dolomite) ball into a corner with a 3/32 radius, or even a 1-inch radius." (See the magazine Atlantis Rising Number 21, "Return to the Giza Power Plant" by Christopher Dunn, pages 33 and 66.)

from the UFO Files...

1875: STRANGE ENCOUNTER ON MOUNT MONCAYO

For many years afterward, the death of shepherd Gregorio Murillo following his strange trip through the mysterious caverns inside Mount Moncayo was the talk of northern Spain. (For details, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 1.) The tale was repeated over and over again in the city of Soria and in nearby villages such as Agreda.

Two generations passed. (My date of 1875 is a guesstimate--J.T.) Usually, the story was told by an old man enjoying the afternoon sun near the fountain in Agreda's central plaza. And he always found an appreciative audience, usually made up of teenaged girls coming to the fountain to fill their family water jars.

One day, an old-timer made the mistake of telling Marta and Magdalena Esquivel.

"Marta and Magdalena were sisters. Orphans from early childhood, they were living wretchedly under the protection of a kinswoman of their mother. A kinswoman who had taken them in for charity and who at every step made them feel, by her taunting and humiliating words, the weight of their obligation."

"Of those two girls, the elder, who seemed to be some twenty years old, was called Marta; and the younger, who had not yet finished her sixteenth year, Magdalena."

"When they reached the threshold of their home and had set down their water jars on the stone bench by the door, Marta said to Magdalena, 'And do you believe in the marvels of the Moncayo?'"

"'Yes,' answered Magdalena simply. 'I believe it all. But you, perhaps, have doubts?'"

'Oh, no! I too believe everything--everything that I wish to believe.'"

Magdalena wondered what her older sister meant by that. Later, when they were cleaning up after dinner, she raised the issue again.

By way of reply, Marta said, "Tomorrow, when we fetch the water, let's go to the spring up on the mountain."

"Why?" Magdalena asked.

"Because I want to look for the entrance to that cave."

"Marta! Have you lost your mind!? You heard what happened to that shepherd."

"Exactly! And that's why I want to go. The cave is brimming with jewels." Marta's eyes had a ferocious gleam. "You heard what the old man said. A handful of those gems would have made Gregorio Murillo the richest man in Castilla!"

"What about los gnomos? (the gnomes)"

"To hell with them!" Marta made a brisk rude gesture. "I'd sooner look at a gnome than Tia (Aunt) Carmela's ugly face another day!"

Magdalena bit her lower lip. "But what if you found those jewels? What would you do?"

"Go to Madrid!" Marta snapped. "Paris! Rome! Some place with bright lights and easy living. All they have here is poverty." Turning away abruptly, she added, "I'm going to the spring tomorrow. You can do as you wish."

Late the following afternoon, the Esquivel girls hiked up the narrow trail to Mount Moncayo. The snow-capped peak rises to a height of 2,332 meters (7,695 feet) and is 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of Zaragoza.

Marta walked with a bold and decisive stride, the empty water jar under her arm. Magdalena brought up the rear, all the while thinking, This is NOT a good idea!

Soon they arrived at a natural artesian spring in a narrow wooded arroyo. While the younger girl filled their water jars, Marta explored both sides of the gulch, looking for the elusive cave entrance.

"As the hours went on, that unceasing sound of the air and the water began to produce in them a strange exaltation, a kind of dizziness that, clouding the eyes and humming in the ears, seemed to confuse them utterly. (My emphasis-- J.T. Note the usual "dreamworld" altered state of consciousness similar to that reported by many UFO abductees.)

"Then as one hears in dreams, the far vague echo of speech, they seemd to perceive, amid those nameless noises, inarticulate sounds... then words repeated over and over, always the same; then disconnected, inconsequent phrases without order or meaning..."

"While her sister, drawn on and on as if by a spell, was leaning over the margin of the fountain to hear better, Magdalena was instinctively moving away, withdrawing from the steep rocks..."

Then she noticed something strange overhead. "Seeing the astral splendors overhead," the younger girl remarked, "These are the halos of the invisible angels who have us in their keeping."

Among the weird voices they heard was a sibilant whisper that said, "Water licks the earth and lives in the mud. I roam the ether and fly in limitless space. Follow the impulses of thy heart..."

"Wind and wave were hushed, and there appeared the gnome."

"The gnome (alien?) was like a transparent pigmy, a sort of dwarf all made of light, as a Will-o'-the-wisp; it laughed hugely but without sound, and leapt from rock to rock, making one dizzy with its antics."

"Marta had seen the gnome and was following him with a bewildered gaze...and when the diabolical spirit darted away at last into the craggy wilds of the Moncayo, like a running flame, shaking out sparks from its hair; she felt an irresistible attraction and rushed after it in frantic chase."

"Magdalena!" Obeying the whispery voice, "Magdalena, moving step by step like a sleep-walker guided in slumber by a friendly voice, followed the zephyr, which was softly blowing over the plain."

"Magdalena returned to the hamlet pale and full of amazement."

"They waited for Marta all night."

"On the afternoon of the following day, the village girls found a broken water jar at the margin of the fountain in the grove. It was Marta's water jar. Nothing more was ever known of her."

Marta Esquivel was never seen again. And the legend of Mount Moncayo grew. (See the book Romantic Legends of Spain by Gustavo Adolfo Becquer, Thomas Y. Crowell and Co., New York, N.Y., 1909, pages 208 to 213.)

ROUNDUP CORRIGENDA: Steve Kaeser had a couple of corrections for our feature, "A Century of UFOs," which appeared in UFO Roundup, volume 4, number 36 two weeks ago.

1964--Patrolman Lonnie Zamora sighted the landed UFO in Socorro, New Mexico, not in Utah.

1966--The college girls saw their UFO at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, USA.

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. See you then.

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>hence the Pleiades also being called "The Seven
>Sisters" for the 7 visible, resolvable stars in the cluster<

David,

Last night when I looked, I could only make out six stars, with unaided eyes. I live in the mountains, and away from any town lights so have quite a good view of the night sky.

Yes, they are called the 'Seven Sisters' but at one time these seven must have been much more distinct since younger myths try to account for the missing seventh sister. A typical version tells how one of the sisters lost her virginity and had to "hide her light" from her companions.

"It is remarkable that so many nations speak of them as seven sisters although only six stars are clearly visible. All legends therefore have a postscript to account for the missing seventh."

- B. Ernst & T.E. deVries 'Atlas of the Universe'

Could it be that at one time, many moons ago, the Pleiades were different than they are now. How do we account for this circumstance?

Ed

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>Further to what Ed has posted, the Pleiades were significant to
>the Maya. On the solstice day of May 20, 2012, at Chichen Itza,
>the rare event of the Sun passing through the zenith at midday
>and the Pleiades passing through the zenith at midnight will
>occur. The date on which the Sun and the Pleiades pass through
>the zenith depends upon latitude and changes with precession.

Hello again Bill and everyone.

Summer solstice, the furthest north the Sun gets in our sky, is
always on June 21 (the same as a dozen years ago or a dozen years
into the future). When you say "... the solstice day of May 20,
2012, at Chichen Itza", I take it you mean when the sun is at
the zenith or it highest elevation in the sky.

Since Chichen-Itza is at latitude 20.7 degrees north, for the
Sun to be at the zenith point over Chichen-Itza it must also
have a declination in the sky of plus 20.7 degrees. According to
my ephemeris for the Sun, this occurs about three days after
May 20. Close but no cigar.

Both the Sun and the Pleiades would be close to each other and
high in the sky over Chichen-Itza on May 20 at midday, not at
midnight. Your "rare event" happens every year. No big deal.

<snip>

>Also, on May 20, 2012, there will be a total solar eclipse that
>will sweep across central and western North America. So the Sun
>and the Pleiades will pass through the zenith along with the
>Moon on May 20, 2012 at Chichen Itza in a rare precessional
>alignment.

<snip>

There is no total solar eclipse of the Sun for May 20, 2012,
just an annular one where no more than 94% of the sun will be
occulted by the Moon. Furthermore, this solar eclipse will not
be visible in the sky over Chichen Itza at all but will be seen
over Japan and by people on cruise ships in the northeastern
Pacific Ocean.

Never-the-less, the Moon will be very near the Sun in the midday
sky over Chichen Itza, as happens once every month anyway, but
the Pleiades, which have a declination in the sky of plus 24
degrees will not be aligned with the Sun and Moon.

The Pleiades will be about $24 - 20.7 = 3.3$ degrees (or about 7
Moon diameters) further north. Nothing out of the ordinary here
either. As a friend in the German military liked to say, close
is only good in horseshoes and hand grenades. ;o)

>FARMERS in the high Andes Mountains may have been able to
>predict El Nino for centuries by observing whether clouds dimmed
>the light from a cluster of stars called the Pleiades.

>A potato farming tradition handed down from one generation to
>the next teaches that the brightness of stars in the
>constellation during June roughly predicted the rainfall during
>the growing season from October to May.

I have astronomer friends who observe the sky from world class telescopes on the Andes Mountains because of the excellent seeing, transparency and darkness of the night sky found there who will disagree with you. From meteorological daytime cloud data, every day could be overcast during El Nino years and still produce the same cloudless night skies as on non-El Nino years.

Furthermore, the Pleiades are simply a very prominent star cluster and not a constellation. They are also not visible in June because of their close proximity to the Sun - so how would the potato farmers see them without going blind?

Regretfully, there were few facts in your e-mail and nothing that convinced me of even a remote association between the Pleiades and E.T.s.

Nick Balaskas

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Phil Imbrogno To Speak

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Philip Imbrogno, astronomer, principal investigator and co-author (with the late Dr. J Allen Hynek) of one of the classic UFO books, 'Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings', will speak, sign books, answer questions and talk about his latest research and his upcoming book at the next Western Massachusetts MUFON meeting on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2PM.

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NIDS Investigates Officer Sighting

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Subject: NIDS Investigates Officer Sighting

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From: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/lv-other/2000/jan/13/509709104.html>

Local UFO team returns home after studying a reported sighting
By Kim Smith
LAS VEGAS SUN

Two members of a Las Vegas UFO research organization returned home Wednesday after spending five days investigating a reported Jan. 5 sighting of a UFO near the Missouri-Illinois border.

The National Institute for Discovery Science sent John Velier, a former FBI agent, and Roger Pinson, a retired police officer, to the St. Louis area Friday, Colm Kelleher, deputy administrator for the institute, said.

The institute was founded in 1995 by Las Vegas businessman Robert Bigelow, who wanted to see UFOs, cow mutilations and paranormal phenomena studied by people who would use scientific methods, Kelleher said.

Five retired law enforcement officers and four doctorate-level scientists work out of the Las Vegas office, and an additional 15 doctorate-level scientists who work with the institute are located around the country, Kelleher said.

"Our philosophy is to use scientific methods to get facts. We are not trying to push an agenda," Kelleher said.

Velier and Pinson spoke with many of the people who reported seeing a two-story high, arrowhead-shaped object make its way over the Illinois towns of Lebanon, Shilow, Dupo and Millstadt early Jan. 5. Four of the witnesses were police officers from different jurisdictions, and all reported the object made no noise and hovered between 500 and 1,000 feet above the ground.

"The descriptions were not atypical from the other reports we've gotten, but we did have more eyewitnesses who appear to be credible than in other incidents," Kelleher said. "Our telephone investigation from here convinced us the police officers who claimed they had seen the UFO appeared to be sane and that this appeared to be a genuine sighting."

Kelleher declined to comment on the particulars of the investigation but said the institute plans to release its report within two weeks on its website at www.accessnv.com/nids. He said Valier and Pinson are busy compiling their data now and conducting further telephone interviews.

Typically investigators get detailed descriptions of what the witnesses saw, particularly details that will help physicists determine what was seen, Kelleher said. They also ask the witnesses if they've had any other UFO experiences or suffered any psychological effects from the sighting.

Most UFO sightings are actually the result of people "misperceiving normal phenomenon," Kelleher said. What people think are alien spacecrafts are actually missile launches,

meteor showers, weather balloons or other normal occurrences.

"Over 90 percent are usually tracked down and explained by misperceptions or delusions," Kelleher said. "Of course, we also get hoaxes, some morning deejays calling us as pranksters."

Institute members only go to those sites that can't be explained immediately, Kelleher said. Over the past five months, members have gone to only three or four UFO or cow mutilation sites.

The institute has gotten between 200 and 300 calls during that time frame, he said. The number of calls has gone up dramatically in past months because the institute has been urging law enforcement agencies and the media to make use of it's hotline number, 1-702-798-1700.

Kelleher said the phone is staffed 16 hours a day and an answering service is employed for the remaining eight hours.

The institute takes pains to ensure the privacy of people who report unusual occurrences because the media has often either ridiculed them or trivialized the reports, Kelleher said.

Surprisingly, in this case, "very few jokes have been made about little green men," Kelleher said.

Bigelow, who owns the Budget Suites of America hotel chain, also has pledged \$500 million to build a 100-passenger luxury tourist cruise ship that will orbit the moon. The headquarters for his space tourism company is being built near Red Rock Canyon and is expected to open in May 2001.

Bigelow also is well-known for being the benefactor of UNLV's Consciousness Studies program, which studies the paranormal.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

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Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 20:46:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 18:31:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?

>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 21:38:20 +0000
>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 15:29:28 +0000
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Concerning the assault carried out on Bob Taylor, what were the
>>specific injuries that he suffered?

>A burn or abbrasion under his chin (origin unknown) and a
>similar mark on his thigh coincident with where he claimed a
>'spike' touched him from the object that emerged from the UFO.
>He also suffered physiological after effects - namely severe
>headaches, muscle debilitation that prevented him from doing
>more but crawling for some minutes and nausea that lasted only
>an hour or two. All such effects were over within hours.

<snip>

Hi Jenny and Roy

If I remember right, either Graham Birdsall or Harry Price, has
Bob Taylor's trousers as "evidence".

I also suggest that you try Ron Halliday, a Scottish UFO
investigator regarding the incident.

Cheers

Martin Jeffrey
Mystery Magazine (UK)
www.mystery.ic24.net/index.html

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UFO Sighting Brings Town Attention

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Subject: UFO Sighting Brings Town Attention

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From: <http://www.dailysouthtown.com/southtown/dsnews/134nd2.htm>

UFO Sighting Brings Town Attention

Thursday, January 13, 2000

MILLSTADT, Ill. (AP) — Nobody knows what it was, but everyone in Millstadt knows what a police officer's sighting of a mysterious floating object above the city has done. It has put this sleepy southern Illinois village on the map.

Reporters and talk-show hosts nationwide have deluged the 10-officer department with telephone calls since the first media reports of the Jan. 5 sighting.

"It's going to affect policing if we don't put a stop to it," Chief Ed Wilkerson said in clamping down on interviews. "I never thought anything like this would draw this much attention."

In a report filed with the department and posted on its World Wide Web site, Craig Stevens said he saw a large, triangular object floating quietly through the sky in the early hours of Jan. 5. Officers in three other Metro East cities and the owner of a Highland miniature-golf course also saw it.

"It was all lighted up and so low that someone could have waved at me out the window," said Melvin Noll, the owner of the golf course.

The sighting provoked calls from reporters and talk-show hosts nationwide, and prompted a team of UFO investigators led by a former FBI agent to fly in from Las Vegas to investigate the case.

Wilkerson said he doesn't think the craft was alien.

Neither does the assistant director of the Illinois Mutual UFO Network, Forest Crawford of Collinsville.

He thinks it was an experimental stealth blimp.

Officials at Scott Air Force Base say they know nothing of any such craft.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Long-Withheld 'UFO' Documents Revealed

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 18:42:15 -0500
Subject: Long-Withheld 'UFO' Documents Revealed

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From: http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/klass_nsa_000113.html

Long-Withheld UFO Documents Revealed
By Patrick Huyghe
special to space.com
posted: 02:43 pm EST
13 January 2000

The UFO controversy is full of strange stories, but this may be the strangest yet.

Few people are aware that a few years ago, Philip Klass, the lone-gun UFO skeptic despised by believers as "the enemy", managed to do something that the most devoted researchers had attempted for years without success -- getting the super-secret National Security Agency (NSA) to release portions of its long-withheld UFO documents.

The surprise move by Klass could have backfired, but instead has turned into a remarkable coup.

The heart of the matter

For the past two decades, the Holy Grail of those who believe the government is staging a massive cover-up of UFO evidence has been the 156 UFO-related documents that the NSA has refused since 1979 to release in any shape or form.

Even the court battle to get those documents released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in the early 1980s served only to stoke the fires of conspiracy.

When UFO researchers managed to get hold of the 21-page affidavit that NSA had presented to the court to justify its actions, the affidavit came back heavily blacked-out and censored. But it made a good prop for the TV cameras and seemed like pretty tangible proof to back-up the claim of some believers that the government was indeed hiding what it knew about UFOs.

Enter the unflappable Philip Klass.

In October of 1996, Klass wrote a letter to the director of the NSA, Lt. Gen. Kenneth Minihan, in effect tugging at the top-secret curtain that hides the NSA's UFO documents from public view.

Klass, as contributing editor for Aviation Week and Space Technology, had interviewed Minihan on the subject of electronic warfare two years previously, when Minihan was director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. Just two weeks before sending out the letter, Klass had heard Minihan, now director of the NSA, give a talk at a conference of the Association of Old Crows.

How to get results

In his letter, Klass explained to Minihan that his hobby for the

last 30 years had been to debunk claims that UFOs are alien spacecraft visiting Earth and that the government was engaged in a massive UFO cover-up.

After this and other preliminary remarks, Klass sprung his request on Minihan. Now that the face of world politics had so changed, might the NSA reconsider declassifying at least some of its UFO-related documents?

Releasing this material, most of which are COMINT, or communications intelligence, reports dating from 1958 to 1979, would help "expose the absurdity of claims that these documents prove a government UFO cover-up," Klass wrote.

Declassified delivery

A couple of months rolled by and then in January of 1997 the mailman arrived at Klass's door with "a gigantic package from NSA."

And there they were, the never-publicly-seen 156 NSA documents, as well as a heavily declassified version of the 21-page NSA court affidavit.

What the documents and affidavit reveal, Klass says, is that NSA's earlier refusal to release the documents was aimed squarely at keeping secret the agency's eavesdropping on Soviet air defense radar sites.

In fact, the 156 NSA UFO documents are still heavily censored to hide the identity and locations of the Soviet radar sites whose communications the NSA was able to intercept.

But the "UFO content" of the documents is now available for everyone to examine, though all places and dates remain censored.

Perhaps the most startling of the documents indicates the Soviets launched a number of interceptor aircraft to "attack" a UFO. But the results of the attempted intercept with the slow moving UFO are unknown as the next eight lines of the document are blacked out.

Business as usual? Well, yes and no. The analyst did note that the UFO was "probably a balloon." In fact, most of the 156 NSA UFO documents report UFOs that are "probably balloons," according to comments in the documents themselves.

Red balloons

What's all this about balloons? Klass explains.

"When NSA intercepted messages from Soviet radars which reported tracking an 'Unidentifiable object' some NSA analysts translated that into 'Unidentified Flying Object,' " he wrote in his Skeptics UFO Newsletter (404 "N" St. SW, Washington, DC. 20024), which originally broke the news of the declassified NSA UFO documents.

"Because the Soviets used balloons carrying radar reflectors to periodically check the performance of their air defense radars and the alertness of their radar operators, a NSA translator analyst would add 'Probably a balloon' where it seemed appropriate."

But after UFO organizations began making FOIA requests in the late 1970s, Klass believes that someone must have told the NSA translator/analysts to stop using the term "UFO" for the balloon-borne targets. Apparently NSA hasn't used the term since.

What the NSA documents show, according to Klass, is not a grand conspiracy to hide the fact that UFOs are alien spacecraft, but that the Soviets had "deployed height-finder-type radars capable of tracking targets up to altitudes of nearly 80,000 ft."

Yes, Klass admits, there are about a dozen "true" UFO reports in the bunch.

These contain summaries of visual UFO sightings and apparently come from Soviet facilities other than radar installations whose

communications the NSA had managed to intercept.

Investigator reactions mixed

The report is, at best, interesting. But there is certainly nothing here to suggest an alien spacecraft and now that this and other similar NSA UFO documents are out in the open, no evidence of a government cover-up either.

Peter Gersten, the attorney who filed the original UFO FOIA suit against NSA, seemed nonplussed by the release.

"There is nothing in the NSA documents that either confirm or deny the reality of an extraterrestrial presence," says Gersten. "The documents relate exclusively to NSA operations."

And Stan Friedman, the nuclear physicist and UFO investigator who often used the blacked-out NSA court documents in his public talks, is still not happy with the situation.

"There is no question that the NSA is still withholding UFO information preceding 1980," he notes on his website.

But there is no question that Phil Klass has scored big here. He has shown that the believers' "smoking gun" lacked fire of any kind. It barely even packed a squirt.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Re: Travis Walton - An Insider's View

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 13 Jan 2000 15:30:20 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 18:47:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Travis Walton - An Insider's View

>From: Brian Straight <briansxx@gte.net>
>To: <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Travis Walton - An Insider's View
>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 12:29:27 -0500

>From: Mystery Magazine <mystery@ic24.net>
>To: <HauntedscotlandMM@onelist.com>
>Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2000 6:34 PM
>Subject: [HauntedscotlandMM] Fw: Travis Walton - An Insider's View

>From: E. L. <skeptix@efn.org>
>Newsgroups: bit.listserv.skeptic,alt.misc.fortean
>Sent: 08 January 2000 22:16
>Subject: Travis Walton - An Insider's View
>The Selling of the Travis Walton "Abduction" Story

>Some Background Information

>Robert Sheaffer,
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>San Jose, CA
>95157 USA

>March 4, 1993

>Australian newspaperman Jeff Wells was a member of the National
>Enquirer team that "packaged" the Travis Walton abduction story
>for publication.

It's depressing to see this rubbish being recirculated. For the UFOphobes, there is no end of the slandering of Travis Walton, even though any one of them should consider him - or herself lucky to shine the shoes of this good man, one of the true victims of the sort of McCarthyism debunkers love to traffic in.

I urge all interested listfolk to read the appendix (pp. 285-370) to Walton's Fire in the Sky (1996) for a thoroughgoing demolition of the debunking mythology that has clouded this extraordinary case from the start. For the Wells story that Bobby Sheaffer has put back into circulation, see Walton's observations on pp. 350-52. Walton calls the account "fantastical and exaggerated" and shows exactly why. He also remarks tellingly, "Wells not only gets the basic chronology wrong, he describes events he couldn't have seen."

Permit me to quote my own words, in a summation of the Walton case in my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition: "In its five decades ufology has seen its share of hoaxers, and Travis Walton, to every appearance a modest and decent man, acts like none of them. If his story is a fabrication, it is among the most skillfully and intricately executed in UFO history. If it is not, then its implications -- for all of us -- are extraordinary indeed."

I think it's that last point -- the deep fear that Walton may just be telling the truth -- that has driven the debunkers into an unending orgy of excess. The rest of us, however, need not go there. Thank God.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 18:52:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 10:42:26 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 10:38:27 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Kathleen Andersen <KAnder6444@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 05:30:04 +0000
>>>From: James Easton <yoyager@ukonline.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Kathleen,

>>>The story has come a long way since then, as evidenced by some
>>>correspondence I received from Dr Jacqueline Mitton, who has for
>>>the past 10 years been the media spokesperson for the
>>>prestigious Royal Astronomical Society:

>>>"I found what you had to say of great interest and your detailed
>>>research adds strong weight to the interpretation of Arnold's
>>>sighting as birds. I wish I'd known about it before giving my
>>>talk at the British Association for the Advancement of Science".

>>However..... no disrespect to Jacqueline Mitton but I question
>>her response as being "fact". It is merely "hypothesis", a
>>conclusion made by a person for lack of any other answer.
>>Perhaps Ms. Mitton is a spokes person for the Royal Astronomical
>>Society but has she been to Washington State and personally
>>investigated the Arnold case? Has she been in a plane, retracing
>>his route of that day with similiar weather coniditions that
>>existed? Is she an expert on aviation? Is she a pilot?

>>The Royal Astronomical Society is some 6,000 miles from the
>>location of the incident. The Washington Astronomical Society
>>which is right here and believes that Kenneth Arnold witnessed an
>>extraordinary event back in 1947. Because someone is affiliated
>>with NASA, Astronomical Society, CIA, does not make them an
>>authority on everything that happens in this world. There are
>>far too many ungivens in life. For after all we are but "mortal
>>humans", babies trying to make our way past the must see it,
>>touch it, feel it or smell it stage of our existence. Logic
>>still rules our brains.

>You're absolutely right. This is not the first time we've seen
>this meaningless quote from "Dr. Jacqueline Mitton ... of the
>prestigious Royal Astronomical Society." Her words are based on
>no particular knowledge beyond what Easton has told her, and I
>would suspect that, like most astronomers, she has a disdain for
>the UFO phenomenon at least as great as her ignorance of it. I
>suspect, in other words, that all James Easton did was tell her
>what she wanted to hear, with predictable results. Let's hope
>that further discussion of the Arnold sighting will be carried
>on sans references to Mitton's uninformed beliefs.

>Jerry Clark

Jerry is right on. I wrote Dr. Mitton with a number of enclosures. Dr. Bruce Maccabee sent her his paper on the Arnold case.

I challenged her to a debate: Bruce and I versus she and as many of her colleagues as she wanted as long we got equal time.

Not even the courtesy of a reply.

Not surprising.

Noisy negativists can dish it out, but they surely don't have the courage to defend their indefensible views.

I also challenged Dr. Lawrence Maxwell Krauss (Case Western Reserve Univ.) to a public debate on his campus. He and I did debate on Jeff Rense's radio show. I read his books before the show. He did nothing.

I got a note back from him after I sent him some information. He was pseudoscientific and didn't respond then to my challenge. He wrote "The Physics of Star Trek" and "Beyond Star Trek". Not only did he know nothing about UFOs, he also knew nothing about advanced propulsion systems though pretending to be an expert.

I am hoping to be able to take on Dr. Seth Shostak another one of the SETI-cultists. I doubt if he has guts enough despite making cracks about UFOs and Interstellar travel.

Stan Friedman

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UK Conference 2000 - Update

From: **Tim Matthews** <TMMatthews99@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 17:15:19 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 18:56:50 -0500
Subject: UK Conference 2000 - Update

Dear Friends,

Information packs for Conference 2000 are going out today and tomorrow and interest is really starting to build.

New additions to the speakers list include short contributions from Eric Morris, who'll be talking about his encounters with UK Ufology's very own MIB - this is important stuff supported by vital new evidence from 1989 - and Chris Parr, Cumbrian UFO investigator extraordinaire who'll be exposing the latest odd goings-on in his part of the country.

Tickets available now;

Check it out;

www.angelfire.com/sd/discoveryuk/index.html

Thanks,

Tim and Lynda Matthews

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World's Strangest Wings

From: Sue Addison <NevadaFighter@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 18:06:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 18:59:16 -0500
Subject: World's Strangest Wings

Happy New Year All.

In the February 2000 issue of 'WINGS' there is an article about the
'World's Strangest Wings - Flying Automobiles to Flying Saucers'.

Sue

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Cydonian Imperative: What is the Evidence?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:03:08 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: What is the Evidence?

CI: What is the Evidence?

by Mac Tonnies

I thought it fair to outline the anomalies under question. Many of them are well-known, as I am devoting this post to anomalies imaged by Viking. I will attempt to briefly remark on the context and morphology of the various anomalies at Cydonia, with emphasis on the need for future images.

1. The Face. Enough has been said about this formation already that it's not practical to dwell on it here. Further thoughts on the aesthetic implications of the Face will appear in a future mailing.

2. The Fort. In my opinion, an image of the Fort (in its entirety) is almost more desirable than a new image of the Face. In the data on hand, the Fort appears very angular. It's sunken interior appears completely unique, and it's anyone's guess what we will find inside. Possibly the thick, notched walls clearly visible in the Viking photographs have shielded the interior from a degree of weathering. In that case, high-resolution images of the Fort may provide us with the best evidence yet supportive of the Intelligence Hypothesis.

3. The City Pyramid. Of the "City" formations imaged by the MGS, the City Pyramid, adjacent to the Fort, is the most striking. From above, it appears almost perfectly symmetric, with five clearly defined facets. Furthermore, it is flanked by several architectural-looking features, such as a bifurcated terrace and a series of unusually bright lines radiating from the Pyramid's head. These are very similar to the "spines" detected on the mesa near the Face, and the regularly spaced "tracks" arranged beneath the Coathanger/Dolphin feature, also near the Face.

The City Pyramid also reveals some eroded geometric detail that would tend to suggest artificiality. Whatever this feature is, it appears very old, and is surrounded by an apron of sand. Who knows what detail has been buried over the millennia?

4. The D&M Pyramid. This enormous, apparently five-sided formation shares its general shape with the nearby City Pyramid (see above), although the left side shows rather severe degradation. The corners of this feature have interesting "buttresses" that invite speculation. Most interesting to me is the so-called "bottomless pit" to the D&M's right. Shape-from-shading computer analysis shows that this is not, in fact, a hole, but rather a cave-like opening that appears to lead into the pyramid's degraded right flank.

5. The Cliff. The Cliff feature is at least as ambiguous at the Fort, in that there is no known geological mechanism to explain either its morphology or location. Like the Crater Pyramid and Coathanger/Dolphin (see below), this elongated feature is perched next to a crater. Ejecta extends about a kilometer past the Cliff. As the Cliff appears unscathed, one is forced to conclude that the Cliff was formed after the meteor impact that caused the crater (if the Cliff had been present beforehand, the

impact would have obliterated it).

Even more interestingly, the Cliff is situated next to apparent "excavated terrain," possibly from which the Cliff was built. Again, this swath of chewed-looking terrain is inconsistent with any geological explanation.

Finally, and perhaps most excitingly of all, this bizarre feature looks quite facelike, with eyes, a narrow central ridge serving as a nose, cheekbones, mouth and chin. This resemblance is accentuated when the Cliff is viewed from the south. Coincidentally (?), there is another unexplained formation south of the Cliff (the Tholus) that would have provided an unimpeded view of the Cliff for its hypothetical architects.

It should be noted that the Face, City Pyramid, Fort and Cliff share identical alignments and are roughly the same size. The "splash" nature of the Cliff's adjacent crater is also further evidence that the Cydonia region was once wet, or perhaps even partially underwater (and thus more hospitable for life).

6. The Tholus. Located directly south of the aforementioned Cliff, the Tholus is a grooved, blunt "ziggurat" with a dark opening evident on its side. This feature is unprecedented and has no known analog in other Martian dome-shaped formations. Its ramp-like structures and hypothesized entrance, coupled with its unique angular relationship with the Cliff, argue for a non-natural explanation.

The Tholus is accompanied by a smaller, but similarly grooved companion feature. I would argue that the odds of two such unique formations existing naturally in such close proximity would be quite low.

7. The Domed Formation. Poised on the far western edge of the "City" complex, the Domed Formation shares many attributes with the Face, including alignment, size and the presence of a clearly defined "platform." Other than the Main Pyramid and Fort, the Domed Formation is the most striking of the "City" formations. Mark Carlotto has postulated that the Domed Formation might be an unfinished analog of the Face. While there are no apparent facial characteristics apparent, the general shape and structure are very similar; both features demand future high-resolution imaging.

8. The Crater Pyramid. The Crater Pyramid is a wedge-shaped structure situated on the rim of a crater (a by now familiar association). Like the Cliff (and Coathanger/Dolphin, discussed below), this feature must predate the cratering event, as it would have been leveled by the impact. Along with being the tallest formation is a hundred-kilometer radius, the Crater Pyramid displays symmetry and angles associated with artificial structures. Its enigma is strengthened by the presence of the Tunnel Complex, located on a nearby crater (see #9).

9. The Tunnel Complex. This feature consists of a thin, ruler-straight formation intersected by a number of smaller furrows. It lies in close proximity to the Crater Pyramid, and its lack of damage argues strongly in favor of later construction. Perhaps the Crater Pyramid and Tunnel Complex, along with the Cliff, are evidence of an ancient mining project (possibly to harvest ice or permafrost from the meteor-blasted soil).

10. Bowl Complexes 1 and 2. These compelling formations, located by Mark Carlotto using a non-fractality computer algorithm, are demonstrably unique. Each consists of a raised, bowl-shaped enclosure (unlike any noted crater depressions) and a single pyramid. These pyramids have been shown to share their alignment with the more well-known pyramidal features at Cydonia, despite being relatively far from the "City" complex. This fact alone tends to deflate the theory that the Cydonian "pyramids" are actually naturally occurring faceted mountains.

(Another notable pyramid is the "NK Pyramid," discovered by high school students while accessing Viking data; it is rather ironic that the first possible hard evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence is being discovered by nonprofessionals. It is also painfully obvious demonstration of Kuhn's theory of the structure of scientific revolution, in which new paradigms triumph not because the status quo is "won over," but because those upholding the status quo die off, making room for a

generation of unbiased inquiry.)

As with the Crater Pyramid and Tunnel Complex, there is no obvious purpose for these features. The "bowls" resemble radio telescopes or open-air theaters more than anything else. The internal geometry evidenced by both Bowl Complexes is quite astonishing, with angles and regularity not seen in the surrounding terrain.

11. The Runway/String of Pearls. Far from Cydonia, on the side of the shield volcano Hecates Tholus, the Runway is a precise linear arrangement of undefined bumps. The Runway is accompanied by a second unexplained feature shaped somewhat like a bow tie; each feature is recessed in a shallow, contoured basin that may represent buried substructure.

Richard Hoagland once theorized that the Runway complex was evidence of a mass-launcher or rail-gun of the type popularized by Arthur C. Clarke. This or a similar device would be an efficient means of launching payloads off-planet. While the nature of the Runway is unknown, it's interesting to note that its location atop Hecates Tholus would be ideal for just such a device.

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As can be seen, there is ample evidence to support the theory that Mars once harbored intelligent life. The odds are probably for it. What is needed now is a coherent theoretical framework with which to frame our inquiries (i.e. What feature should be reimaged next?)

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Total Eclipse Of Moon And LTP Observing

From: Francis Ridge <slk@evansville.net>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:38:07 -0500
Subject: Total Eclipse Of Moon And LTP Observing

LTP OBSERVING BULLETIN
TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE
JAN 20-21, 2000
Western Hemisphere Observers

The upcoming total eclipse of the Moon is going to start on January 21, 2000, at 02:02 UT (or January 20 at 8:02 P.M. CST). This will give us an opportunity to examine the Moon for possible Lunar Transient Phenomena (LTP) events that may be taking place at the time of the umbral passage, or for LTP events that may be produced with the sudden drop in temperature that will take place.

The eclipse enters the penumbra at 8:03 P.M. CST and makes first contact with the umbra at 9:01 P.M. CST with mid eclipse taking place at 10:44 P.M. CST. The eclipse leaves the umbra by 12:55 A.M. the following morning.

Historically eclipses in the past have produced surprises of starlike lights glowing for long periods of time during the eclipse, unusual shadow appearances, glows that persisted through the eclipse and flashes taking place during the umbral phase.

I request that all observers monitor the Moon for any unusual activity that is not associated with normal eclipse appearance. I would like a report from all participants reporting either positive or negative sighting of LTP.

I will be conducting video monitoring of select features such as Proclus, Tycho, and Aristarchus. Also I will be doing a full disk shot of the Moon using a hand held video camera. My fellow amateur associate Gilbert Lubcke will be conducting CCD imaging using a ST6 Santa Barbra camera of these same three features. His images will be used to verify any LTP events if I see one visually or on the video tape, or if any events are reported by any other observers.

For more information on the upcoming eclipse you can check out this excellent web site.

<http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/eclipse.html>

Will be looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Good Hunting!

David O. Darling
A.L.P.O. Lunar Transient Phenomena Recorder

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Police Report On Jan. 5th Sighting

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 16:20:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:49:08 -0500
Subject: Police Report On Jan. 5th Sighting

Go here for the police report on the 4:00 a.m. Illinois UFO sighting:

<http://millstadtpolice.homepage.com/aircraft.html>

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Re: Long-Withheld 'UFO' Documents Revealed

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 20:56:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 19:58:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Long-Withheld 'UFO' Documents Revealed

>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 12:58:58 -0800 (PST)
>From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Long-Withheld 'UFO' Documents Revealed
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Greetings list -

>From: http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/klass_nsa_000113.html

>Long-Withheld UFO Documents Revealed
>By Patrick Huyghe
>special to space.com
>posted: 02:43 pm EST
>13 January 2000

>The UFO controversy is full of strange stories, but this may be
>the strangest yet.

>Few people are aware that a few years ago, Philip Klass, the
>lone-gun UFO skeptic despised by believers as "the enemy",
>managed to do something that the most devoted researchers had
>attempted for years without success -- getting the super-secret
>National Security Agency (NSA) to release portions of its
>long-withheld UFO documents.

>The surprise move by Klass could have backfired, but instead has
>turned into a remarkable coup.

>The heart of the matter

<snip>

There are a couple of important omissions here:

1. No mention is made of the fact that the 156 UFO documents are "cleverly" censored with white out rather than the black ink almost always used heretofore. In almost all cases only a very few lines are not censored - typically 2 or 3. Unless Klass is psychic, which he would certainly deny, he has no way of knowing what is under the white ink. I will admit that it makes it less impressive on TV. Talking about the switch does get a good laugh though at my lectures.

2. The real impetus behind the declassification, according to the NSA spokesman with whom I spoke a few years back, was Executive Order 12958 which has all agencies reviewing their older classified documents in order to prevent important stuff from automatically being declassified on April 2000 as the order reequred when signed in April 1995. Interestingly she was reading something false that Klass had written about me when I called..

Unfortunately an amendment signed in November 1999 extended the deadline to late 2001...

Stan Friedman

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Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

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Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 20:06:09 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 20:52:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 05:30:04 +0000
>Fwd Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 00:49:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Arnold in the Year 2000

>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <asge-s@online.no>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Arnold in the Year 2000
>>Date: Sat, 8 Jan 2000 19:15:22 +0100

>>Should we pay some specific attention to the compass
>>disturbances - that there were none (reported by Arnold) up in
>>the air, 1 mile (1,600 m) away from the objects, but still there
>>were disturbances on the ground, some 1,000 feet (300 m)
>>below....?

>Asgeir,

>Unfortunately, Johnson's claims weren't made until 20 August,
>almost two months after Arnold's story had become nationally
>known. It's reliability, even if only the accuracy after so
>long, is consequently questionable.

>There are obvious anomalies - as you note, why wouldn't Arnold's
>compass and instruments also have been affected, etc.

There is no "anomaly." Arnold was simply much further away, as
already explained by Bruce Maccabee and myself. Magnetic fields
fall off inversely with the cube of the distance. If Arnold was
100 times further away, the magnetic field disturbances noted by
Johnson would be a million times less. Even Asgeir now
acknowledges this.

I see your scientific acumen hasn't improved in the intervening
months since you last advanced your preposterous pelican theory.
We're still waiting to hear how pelicans could outfly Arnold's
plane or glint brightly in the sunlight, even when backlit with
the snow and ice of Mt. Rainier.

>>Last year I was convinced that the 9 objects Kenneth Arnold
>>observed were pelicans gliding along and above the mountain ridges.

>When I first raised that possibility, it was as stated
>speculative, although an avenue which had never been investigated.

Nonsense. You advanced it as a definitive explanation.

>The story has come a long way since then,

Yes, it's since entered the annals of worst UFO explanations of
all time. You have achieved an immortality of sorts.
"Pelicans" now produces the same sort of giggles as "swamp gas."
Congratulations!

>as evidenced by some
>correspondence I received from Dr Jacqueline Mitton, who has for
>the past 10 years been the media spokesperson for the
>prestigious Royal Astronomical Society:

>"I found what you had to say of great interest and your detailed
>research adds strong weight to the interpretation of Arnold's
>sighting as birds. I wish I'd known about it before giving my
>talk at the British Association for the Advancement of Science".

We await Dr. Mitton's explanation as to how pelicans outflew
Arnold's plane. Does she know any of the details of the case,
or is she going solely from your usual carefully edited
renditions?

>Following this brief reply, there is something being published
>which you might want to consider in forming any judgement of
>what Arnold probably observed.

>It contains important new evidence and one way or another,
>you'll no doubt hear about it.

What now? Did one of the pelican perpetrators finally confess
on his death-nest?

This is one guy who is just never going to get it.

David Rudiak

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UFO*BC Updates - 01-13-2000

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Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 21:24:06 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 02:03:24 -0500
Subject: UFO*BC Updates - 01-13-2000

We have recently updated our website - <http://ufobc.org>
The following items are linked from our Homepage, under
"What's New"

- 1) Winter 2000 issue of UFO*BC Quarterly now available!
- <http://ufobc.org/Store/winter2000.htm>
- 2) UFO*BC archived radio shows
- listen to our monthly radio show with Jeff Rense
- the links are there, but details still under construction
- <http://ufobc.org/radioshows.htm>
- 3) Six-Toed Sasquatch?
- detailed footprints seen near Penticton
- <http://ufobc.org/sixtoed.htm>
- 4) "The PartyPooper" by Graham Conway
- strange sights and sounds on Fromme Mountain!
- <http://ufobc.org/partypooper.htm>
- 5) Recently Reported Sightings
- the latest from BC and the Yukon
- <http://ufobc.org/recent.htm>
- 6) "UFO Experiences of 17 Youth in Ross River, Yukon"
- eyewitness tells of her sightings from the early 70s
- <http://ufobc.org/yukon/ross17.html>
- 7) "An Encounter on the Alaska Highway" - 1980
- another "highlighted historical" case. We have updated our
History section, please browse around. Comments are welcome.
- <http://ufobc.org/History/alaska.htm>
- 8) "22+ Witnesses Observe a UFO Larger than a Football Stadium"
- Martin Jasek has updated this amazing case with interesting
thumbnails linked to the full size drawings, photographs and
images
- <http://ufobc.org/yukon/22index.htm>
- 9) "Mason's Memory Missing Many Minutes"
- recent case from the Sechelt area.
- <http://ufobc.org/mason.htm>

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Cydonian Imperative: 'Dolphin' Features

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Subject: Cydonian Imperative: 'Dolphin' Features

{The following is a revision of an earlier essay dealing only with the feature dubbed the "Coat hanger" by Stanley McDaniel. I've since been looking closer at the large dolphin outline located near the City area and decided to offer my thoughts.
--Mac}

Dolphin-like Features at Cydonia

by Mac Tonnies

1. The Problem with Profiles

The so-called "Coat hanger" feature was one of several relatively small-scale anomalies discovered on the pictures returned by the Mars Global Surveyor. Located to the lower left of the "Face," the "Coat hanger" is most immediately interesting because of the unexplained "tracks" found at its base. The markings have a very high albedo, and while no definitive geological explanation has been put forward, it's possible that the "tracks" may be composed of water ice. (Similar bright marking can be found nearby on the irregularly shaped mesa next to the Face, and still others can be seen near the "tip" of the "City Pyramid" formation.)

So far, speculation regarding the Coat hanger's potential artificiality has been limited to the tracks' unusual linear configuration and unexplained albedo. But it has also been noticed that the "Coat hanger" feature itself is interesting in that it very closely resembles a bottle-nosed dolphin seen in profile.

Usually a feature of this sort would be dismissed; like the spattering of mud NASA has called "Kermit the Frog," all sorts of creatures seem to appear on the Martian surface in profile. While the Face was originally explained away for much the same reason, it has since been demonstrated, using data from both Viking and MGS, that it is a three-dimensional formation that retains facial aspects under a variety of lighting conditions and viewing angles.

2. Anomalous Characteristics

Why, then, is the Coat hanger an exception? In my opinion, the dolphin resemblance bears a closer look for the following reasons:

- 1.) Presence of previously mentioned "tracks" running parallel to "dolphin" shape.
- 2.) Proximity to Face. If the Face is artificial, then it's reasonable to presume that its builders left other artifacts in the same area. This contention has been born out by the presence of large anomalous surface formations such as the "Fort," "Cliff," "Tholus," and "D&M Pyramid," as well as a number of smaller (below Viking resolution) features revealed by the MGS that exhibit unusual characteristics.
- 3.) Apparent modified terrain. As in the case with the "Cliff" and "Crater Pyramid," the Coat hanger/Dolphin feature sits very

near an apparent impact crater. Furthermore, there is a shallow groove running through the crater that appears to be a continuation of a more prominent, triangular "cut" located to the immediate left of the Coat hanger.

The reason why certain Martian crater rims appear to have been excavated in the distant past is unknown, though it's been suggested that the builders had a limited reliance on subsurface water and constructed facilities to exploit subsurface material uprooted by impact. The best examples of this hypothesis are the tunnel-like features extending from a crater directly south of the aforementioned Crater Pyramid, which may be the remains of an attempt to mine ice from the Martian surface. (This theory provides a potentially interesting vantage on the time-frame of the Cydonian builders as well.)

4.) Associated anomaly. Aside from the Face, the Coat hanger is positioned directly above a bright, circular dome, probably composed of the same material as the Coat hanger and "tracks." This domed feature exhibits a very high albedo, possibly due to ice. How, exactly, ice came to be localized in such a precise and intentional-looking manner remains an open question. If not ice, then what? Possibly the answer can only be arrived at by ground-based exploration.

Interestingly, the bright dome in question is accompanied by a very narrow, straight line suggesting a possible road. This line leads directly to the adjacent crater, and appears parallel with the line of unexplained "tracks" that frame the bottom portion of the proposed "dolphin."

5.) Internal detail. I compared the shape of the Coat hanger to that of a bottle-nosed dolphin and was interested to find that the salient dolphin features are present in the Martian formation. Granted, there are not many (i.e. dorsal fin, tail, nose), but they appear in proper proportion. The dorsal fin is appropriately sloped, not a random triangular feature.

I also noted what may well be an eyeball, with hints of structure, on the "dolphin's" "head." The "eye" is easily identifiable as a black speck --the only variation in the dolphin's regular albedo. Like the dorsal fin and tail, the eye is located precisely where it should be if the dolphin feature is, in fact, an artificial structure designed to resemble a dolphin (or other cetacean).

6.) Conclusion

New evidence indicates that a substantial ocean once existed in Mars' northern hemisphere. Indeed, it's been theorized that the Cydonian "City" complex once sat on a shoreline, with the Face emerging as an artificial island. Surely the presence of a "dolphin" next to the Face invites inquiry. Common skeptical argument will have it that it's absurd to see the likeness of a terrestrial animal on another planetary surface, to which I say, "What of it?" The Face, after all, appears human (or humanoid), and has successfully passed every test for artificiality posed to it thus far, using images from a variety of sun angles and resolutions.

While I am of the opinion that a definitive assessment of Cydonia will probably have to await a manned presence on Mars, I think the odds for Cydonia's anomaly being exclusively natural are arbitrarily low. Once the existence of probable extraterrestrial artifacts is admitted, even as an exercise in probability, the search for small-scale surface anomalies is warranted. Given the evidence above, I think the Coat hanger formation itself, and not just its attendant "tracks," falls into the range of "anomalous" and deserves future study.

7.) Second "Dolphin"?

Stanley McDaniel of SPSR was the first (to my knowledge) to draw attention to the regular, concave feature near the City Pyramid. This semi-circular (?) depression appears very evenly composed, and is connected to a smaller rectangular depression. The overall configuration of these two shapes shows perfect symmetry. The fact that this formation appears directly below the City Pyramid's "terrace" (a bifurcated rectangular feature located on the Pyramid's lower left "leg") seems to imply intentional design.

But to what purpose? My early examinations of McDaniel's depression were disappointing in that there seemed to be little or no context for such a feature, assuming artificiality. Granted, it's possibly fruitless to out-think hypothesized Martian architects. But rediscovering other images of the same region may provide an answer.

The depression and its attendant rectangle are not isolated features; they are portions of a sunken formation that resembles, to a high degree, a dolphin or other marine mammal seen in profile. My immediate reaction was to reject this resemblance as fancy, as profiles can be seen practically anywhere one cares to see them (see above). But the proximity of the "Coat hanger" (yet another dolphin-like feature) and the depression's very artificial appearance made me look more critically.

I now find the large dolphin-like impression more impressive than I did before; the "depression" is, on close examination, the proposed "dolphin's" head, the smaller rectangle its muzzle. There is a reasonably coherent dolphin-like appearance to the rest of the formation so as to make one wonder. Its size alone almost seems reason to dismiss it as a subjective mirage, but we shouldn't forget that the Cydonian structures (if structures they are) are big. The always-hypothetical Martians (whoever they were) built big...and evidently to last.

8.) Supporting Evidence of Artificiality

In 1999, NASA's Mars Global Surveyor took its fourth (and last) look at Cydonia when it imaged the Main City Pyramid for the second time, apparently to test the hypothesis that an unusual crater in the region contained ice. Interestingly, the crater in question was brought to mainstream scientific attention by SPSR itself (Malin Space Science Systems has yet to provide its rationale for taking this fourth Cydonia photo).

Researchers noticed that the supposed ice-crater was located approximately where the "dolphin's" blow-hole should be, raising the fascinating possibility that the "crater" was at one time a functioning fountain! Coincidence or not, the dolphin feature seems to possess some aesthetic properties consistent with what we "know" about Cydonian architecture:

a.) It would have been plainly visible to inhabitants of the Fort and Main City Pyramid, assuming the latter formations were habitable structures of some kind. And, like the Face and "Coat hanger," it's also visible from orbit. Its surface is noticeably brighter than the surrounding terrain (salt deposition?)

b.) It shares the same aquatic theme as the Coat hanger; both appear to represent cetacean creatures with dorsal fins, streamlined tails and proportionate heads. Though the dolphin depression isn't perfect, perhaps this can be accounted for by erosion or the destructive event that evidently toppled the Fort.

c.) Growing evidence places the City complex near a body of water, with the Face as an island. It's been suggested on the MUFOR Cydonia mailing list that the dolphin depression served as a tide-pool--in which case we're basically looking at a desiccated empty swimming pool as viewed from orbit.

9.) Why "Dolphins"?

One may as well ask "Why a humanoid face?" Neither formation has a right to be on Mars, according to our current evolutionary and exobiological paradigms. So the presence of two (count them!) terrestrial likenesses at Cydonia doesn't bother me as much as one might expect.

If there is a "terrestrial connection" of some sort, and the two dolphin features can be established as artificial, this will certainly give us pause. But again: artificiality is still only a hypothesis. The above conjectures are written purely as exercises in reasoning; we must await future exploration.

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Oz - Warning: Another Big Antartica Balloon

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Subject: Oz - Warning: Another Big Antartica Balloon

Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH
Phenomena Research Australia

EBK Researchers,

The following data is from AP and apart from being full of interesting flight data; it also serves as an "Advance Warning" to all EBK Southern Hemisphere Researchers (EBKSHR ;-), especially our South American friends. Note, the weather in Antartica has been very good and this balloon is very large and going very high. When the telescope is cut loose this balloon, if it does not reduced to plan, has the potential to go anywhere below 20 Degrees Lat South (-20) as a UFO!

It was launched on Monday, Jan. 10th, 2000. Due back (cut) by Jan. 29th, 2000.

I am sorry, I have no Web Site to link you to, so I have not <sniped> the warning, it's all there in full.

"Scientists have launched a huge telescope carrying balloon over Antarctica for a detailed study of solar flares, the violent eruptions of radiation and atomic particles that billow from the surface of the sun.

The telescope, about the size of a minivan, was sent aloft Monday from McMurdo Station in Antarctica, and should stay high in the thin, dry atmosphere over the continent for 15 to 20 days.

It is now summer in Antarctica and the sun shines 24 hours a day. High temperatures are around 14 above zero.

The sun is now also entering the peak of its 11-year flare cycle -- called the solar maximum -- marked by large numbers of sunspots, solar flares, coronal mass ejections and other activities.

Physicist David M. Rust, leader of the team from the Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, will have to wait several weeks to determine if the project achieves its goal of providing the sharpest solar pictures ever taken.

The telescope, called Flare Genesis, has a 32-inch mirror and is designed to show features on the sun's surface as small as 100 miles across, 50 times the resolution of ground-based solar telescopes, the Sun reports.

Solar flares can disrupt radio and television broadcasts, as well as electrical transmissions, and threaten the lives of astronauts.

A 1989 flare knocked out power across Quebec and probably gave some airline passengers a dose of radiation equal to that of a

chest X-ray.

Sharper pictures of solar storms could explain the mechanisms behind solar flares, produced when lines of magnetic force on the sun's surface kink and snap, or abruptly connect to other lines, Rust says.

Rust began his quest in 1991 when the National Aeronautics and Space Administration canceled a planned orbiting solar telescope.

He borrowed a \$12 million telescope from the Air Force and APL built a floating observatory to carry it to an altitude of 23 miles, above 99 percent of Earth's blurring atmosphere.

The scientists' first try failed in 1996 when the telescope lost an antenna and photos were blurred. Then the telescope separated from the balloon and wasn't recovered for five months.

The telescope was rebuilt and shipped back to New Zealand to await another launch, but its crate was left outside and rain tarnished the instrument's 32-inch mirror.

More recently, a planned Christmas launch had to be canceled because of unfavorable wind."

Regards to all,

Dr Ron BARNETT
Deputy Director
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>>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 21:38:20 +0000
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>>Subject: Re: Livingston 1979 - The Bob Taylor Case?
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>>>Date: Thu, 06 Jan 2000 15:29:28 +0000
>>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
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>>>Concerning the assault carried out on Bob Taylor, what were the
>>>specific injuries that he suffered?

>>A burn or abrasion under his chin (origin unknown) and a
>>similar mark on his thigh coincident with where he claimed a
>>'spike' touched him from the object that emerged from the UFO.
>>He also suffered physiological after effects - namely severe
>>headaches, muscle debilitation that prevented him from doing
>>more but crawling for some minutes and nausea that lasted only
>>an hour or two. All such effects were over within hours.

><snip>

>Hi Jenny and Roy

>If I remember right, either Graham Birdsall or Harry Price, has
>Bob Taylor's trousers as "evidence".

>I also suggest that you try Ron Halliday, a Scottish UFO
>investigator regarding the incident.

>Cheers

>Martin Jeffrey
>Mystery Magazine (UK)
>www.mystery.ic24.net/index.html

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(This was not, BTW, anything to do with his views on UFOs or his
scepticism - nor indeed any personal thing against Stuart - but
purely as despite my strenuous efforts and lots of leeway he
remained the only BUFORA member ever to refuse to sign the Code
of Practice - making his role as an investigator legally
impossible)

We (BUFORA) organised a conference that looked at the case in detail and that Malcolm chaired. This was in Edinburgh in 1982 and he had the trousers then I recall. To my knowledge he has taken them to various TV shows since and a detailed BUFORA case report has been produced that features test reports.

The many theories raised about the case have mostly centred on temporal lobe epilepsy due to three main factors. Firstly, the unusual smell reported by Bob Taylor just before losing consciousness. Secondly, the way the object was semi transparent and seemed to be blending in and out with the background sky (a feature I only recall in one other case - the extraordinary 'jellyman' sighting from mid Wales - after which the witness experienced even more massive physical trauma). Thirdly the physical debilitation that Bob was left with in the immediate aftermath.

However, there are many cases that are not unlike this one on record and the parallels are far more interesting than the speculation. Indeed I suspect Steuart's early idea of ball lightning might not have been too wide of the mark here.

But it, of course, all speculation as to what actually creates the physiological effects of this magnitude. My guess is that its a form of UAP and that some of the distorted perception and visionary experience later described by the witness as if they are part of the trigger for the incident may in reality have occurred after the incident has begun (probably via a BOL type phenomenon). The ASC, memory distortion and other factors that create severe physiological disorientation may well cause the witness to experience a totally confused recall of the sequence of events.

But there is some possibility of an actual contact experience in such episodes. We cannot forget that possibility. I don't think its likely in the Livingston case. But when you compare it with similar cases like the quite remarkable June 1991 incident from Leek, Staffordshire, you start to see why pure UAP solutions have difficulty in certain circumstances.

In that case the witness encountered a sparking golden ball that induced severe physical trauma and rendered him unconscious. After wards he was, like Bob Taylor, only able to crawl through a near paralytic state that lasted some minutes. A very interesting clue is that when he brushed his trousers moments later sparks of static charge were given off. (This case again has a very interesting near parallel encounter from Scandinavia reported in the book that Paul Fuller and I wrote about crop circles)

So far all of this is strong evidence in favour of the witness being struck by some sort of EM field via a UAP leaving physiological effects not unlike the aftermath of a lightning strike without the skin burns. If that were so we might deduce a similar resolution to Bob Taylor's case (as I think Steuart Campbell was at first trying to do).]

The big problem is that at Leek the witness came to find 90 minutes of time had vanished (maybe an abduction or maybe just a period of unconsciousness, of course) but with his shirt and shoes also missing. He was only wearing his trousers. The other clothes were found in a neat pile next to his car and he has never regained memory of how this happened.

It is difficult to envisage how a UAP could result in such a consequence - unless one imagines the witness being struck, pulling off his clothing, neatly folding it, then walking several hundred yards (despite the paralysis that seems in his recall to be continuous from moments before the BOL struck to minutes after he regained full consciousness an hour and a half later) and then amidst all this collapsing back into unconsciousness and subsequently forgetting all recall of the above actions.

Possible, of course, but logic suggests it struggles for credibility alongside other scenarios (where for instance the witness had some form of contact experience during the missing time).

At Leek the witness (who has a lot of status to lose and so has been very wary indeed - sadly) has refused any follow up

investigation.

Bob Taylor was hypnotically regressed - even though there is no evidence of a time lapse (and case reconstruction shows he cannot have been unconscious for more than perhaps 5 minutes). He described the encounter via regression in 1979 only as he had consciously remembered, adding no new features to it other than a little more clarity of description.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Nick Pope's Weird World
Hot Gossip UK December '99
www.hotgossip.co.uk

Sorry for the delay

I can't believe that December has come around so quickly. Sometimes time seems to go so quickly, it's positively · spooky. Anyway, here's the latest news that's caught my eye.

Passport To The Cosmos

Just in time for Christmas, what's probably one of the most important books ever written on the alien abduction phenomenon has been published. Passport To The Cosmos is the latest title from John Mack, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. This is the book on my bedside table at the moment, and I can honestly say it's one of the most interesting and thought-provoking titles I've come across. Dr Mack's previous book, Abduction, caused a sensation when he endorsed the alien abduction phenomenon, and spoke of his belief in the reality of the alien contact experience. Passport To The Cosmos is bound to be an even more controversial book. This is a very spiritual book, and focuses on issues such as the shamanic experience and on other aspects of the wisdom and experience of indigenous peoples. Running through the book is a concern about the possibility of an ecological Armageddon which might yet destroy us all. Dr Mack's academic credentials and scientific approach mean that his views should not be dismissed by the sceptical researchers who frequently complain that ufology lacks any scientific methodology. Mack's findings can seem to be at odds with the findings of researchers such as David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins, who are convinced that the abduction experience is fundamentally negative, and very much a one way relationship, with the aliens taking what they want from us, without consent (The popular theory being that they're harvesting genetic material and using it in a programme to create human/alien hybrids). To be fair, Mack doesn't dismiss the hybridisation theory, and acknowledges the trauma, although he believes its real cause has more to do with the 'shattering of abductees' worldviews. Mack argues that we need to redefine our notion of reality if we are to understand alien encounters - which he believes reveal a consistent environmental message.

Passport To The Cosmos is published by Crown Publishers at \$24, and should be available via the usual Internet book sites. For more details of both the book and Dr Mack's work more generally, I suggest you check out www.peer-mack.org.

Crop Circles

A book that I haven't yet got around to reading, but which might appeal to readers, is Lucy Pringle's book, Crop Circles. Lucy has been involved in crop circle research for many years, and her book will doubtless be of interest to all those with an interest in this intriguing subject. Her book is published by Thorsons, and costs £16.99.

Another Book About Egypt

Sorry for the slightly sarcastic title of this piece, but you

can hardly move these days without coming across another book on 'New Egyptology' (a subject where the leading figures and supporters are dubbed 'Pyramididiots' by more mainstream researchers). Secret Chamber is the latest offering from Robert Bauval, and although I haven't read it yet, it looks a pretty impressive and comprehensive effort. It's published by Century at £16.99.

The Real X-Files

There has been much recent speculation about whether or not the MOD are about to release all their UFO files. I've already written about this elsewhere, so won't repeat myself here. Suffice to say that the next edition of UFO Magazine (published on 9 December) will have a detailed report on this controversy. There should already be something on their website, www.ufomag.co.uk. Alternatively, check out the article I wrote for my London Calling column at www.ufocity.com.

Phenomena

A lot of people are asking about the Phenomena World Tour - designed to showcase some of the best UFO evidence and raise public awareness. Again, the best source of information is UFO Magazine and their website, but e-mail them direct at bjbdzine@opera.iinet.net.au. The event premiers in Australia on 26 December, although details on the rest of the tour have not yet been finalised. Let's hope it comes to the UK soon.

Cult Watch

Newspaper reports quote the FBI as warning that the danger from millennial cults is 'very real'. Israel is very much in the front line, and has already expelled a number of religious extremists who believe that the Second Coming can only take place at the end of the world. Accordingly, there are fears that some of these cults may try to precipitate Armageddon themselves, in an attempt to bring about what they believe is prophesied in the Bible. Thanks a bunch, people.

Christmas/Millennium Message

Finally, I'd just like to wish everybody a wonderful and truly happy Christmas and New Year. I've certainly had my differences with some people in this subject, but this is a time for setting aside differences and focusing instead on how much we all have in common. So whether you're a believer, a sceptic or an agnostic, let's make a resolution to be less confrontational in our approach to ufology. And let's not forget to enjoy our subject, and have some fun! Party on, people!

Nick Pope December 99

Ed's Note:

Nick Pope's three books, Open Skies, Closed Minds, The Uninvited and Operation Thunder Child are available from all good bookshops. His UK publishers are Simon & Schuster. In America, The Overlook Press publish his books in hardback while Dell Publishing produce paperback editions.

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NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD
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www.hotgossip.co.uk

Happy new Millennium. Yes, I know that technically speaking the new Millennium doesn't begin until 2001, because there was no "Year Zero". But popular culture will always win out over a dry, academic viewpoint, so party on! I hope you all had a good one, and that in the words of the artist formerly known as Prince, you partied like it was . well, 1999. Good also to see that all the scare stories over Y2K turned out to be just that, and that civilisation as we know it didn't end (although my New Year hangover suggested otherwise). Anyway, Y2K hasn't affected computers or corrupted any of my data, so dh*e78okfus%rk+kui77i5. Only kidding!

OK, here's the latest batch of stories from the weird world of ufology and the paranormal:

Electro-Magnetic Fields And Abductions

Over recent years ufologist Albert Budden has championed the theory that electro-magnetic fields may be a factor in making some people believe that they've been abducted by aliens. His work builds on the work of researchers such as Paul Devereux and Michael Persinger, and suggests that these EM fields can not only cause "earthlights" which are seen as UFOs, but trigger hallucinations in people or induce altered states of consciousness. These in turn are given an outlet by means of the popular culture, when somebody's belief system leads them to interpret the experience in terms of aliens (or angels, or ghosts, depending upon the individual). He's tried to correlate abductee reports with sources of EM pollution such as transmission masts or pylons. Budden's theories were given a boost recently when a study carried out by scientists based at Bristol University suggested that people living near to power lines were receiving radiation doses up to eleven times the recognised safety limit. The study, led by Professor Denis Henshaw, suggests that airborne pollutants are drawn to the power cables and subsequently intensified by the EM fields around the wires. This in turn is something which many believe makes it more likely that people will develop leukaemia or other cancers. Other scientists have already attacked the report and questioned the data. The Department of Health are currently studying the report, so this is a story to watch.

The Unopened Files

Issue 14 of The Unopened Files goes on sale on 27 February, and will thereafter be available on a bi-monthly basis. It's an excellent magazine packed with information on cover-ups, conspiracies and information that some people would rather you didn't know. It's the sister publication of UFO Magazine, and produced to the same high standard. Why not take out a subscription?

The Sci-Fi Files

A book that landed on my doormat for review the other day is the newly updated tome The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction. And when it landed on my doormat, there was a resounding crash, because it's a heavy book, even in its paperback form. It has over 4300 entries, and is helpfully cross-referenced where appropriate. It's an absolute must for all sci-fi fans, and I've already had fun dipping into this wide-ranging and very well-researched book. It's edited by John Clute and Peter Nicholls, and is published by Orbit at £25.

At War With Ufology

As the last Millennium ended and the new one began, ufology reverted to type and found itself embroiled in more unpleasantness. Larry O'Hara and Steve Booth have co-authored a 136 page pamphlet about Tim Matthews. Entitled At War With The Universe it charts Tim's involvement with ufology and with various well-known ufologists. I've sent off for this publication, not least because I get a mention or two, as do the likes of Jenny Randles, Nick Redfern and Max Burns. But I've done this with a sense of regret at having to spend money on what's bound to be a fundamentally negative (and quite possibly libellous) book. Don't get me wrong: I'm no great fan of Tim and we've had our differences in the past. But with the dawn of the new Millennium I'd hoped that everybody (myself included) might like to make a fresh start, set aside differences of opinion and strive to make ufology a friendlier place where different views are not just tolerated but actively welcomed and encouraged. Tim has already responded with a lengthy open letter to the two authors, widely posted on all the usual Internet sites. I post this story here not to take sides or promote the book, but simply because it's news.

Dreamland

Twentieth Century Fox have released a special X-Files video that should be of particular interest to ufologists. Entitled Dreamland, it incorporates various popular ufological themes such as Area 51, back-engineered alien technology and Men in Black. It's not available in the shops, and I had to order it through a telephone line which involved having to key in my credit card details at great length. A few days later I received a standard letter telling me that I'd supplied insufficient details for my order to be processed. I re-ordered and was told that my bank had rejected the application. When I checked, this turned out to be nonsense. After several more telephone calls my video finally arrived, amusingly followed several days later by two more standard letters saying my order had been rejected. So come on, Twentieth Century Fox: sort this mess out. I dread to think how many other people's orders were messed up and how many kids didn't get their videos in time for Christmas, just because Fox didn't use a distribution system that used people to take credit card bookings, and relied instead on an automated telephone system that was time-consuming and resulted in legitimate orders being rejected. The video is excellent, by the way. Check out www.thex-files.com for the official website, and do a search on "X-Files" for a whole host of other sites.

Open Skies, Closed Minds

It's traditionally very hard for British authors of UFO books to break into the American market. Timothy Good is one of the few British authors to have made any impression in the US. So I'm pleased to say that my first book, Open Skies, Closed Minds, is about to be released in the US as a mass-market paperback, published by Dell Publishing at \$5.99. Dell published my second book, The Uninvited, last year, reversing the order in which they were published in the UK. Both titles were already available in the US in hardback, published by The Overlook Press, but it's the release of a book in paperback, with a large print-run, that really gets the message across. I hope this will help promote British ufology in America, where there can be a very US-centric view of ufology (That's not to say that the same applies in reverse). I also hope this will make it easier

for other UK authors to break into the US market. Ufology is a global subject, and the more we see of what goes on in other countries, the better.

UFO Files To Be Released?

The debate continues over whether or not there's to be an imminent mass-release of MOD UFO files. I've already commented extensively on this, so won't repeat any of this. There's an excellent article on the controversy in the current (January/February) issue of UFO Magazine, who posted my statement on their website at www.ufomag.co.uk. I also gave my views on this to Peter Robbins. His article and an earlier one of mine can be found at the excellent www.ufocity.com.

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Jenny-

From the article I can't tell if these documents are really all that "new". The NSA has waffled on this issue during the past five years or so, and isn't used to the scrutiny that this genre has generated from the public. Toward the end of 1977 they placed a number of frequently requested documents on their web page as part of the E-FOIA directive issued by President Clinton, and they are still available at

<http://www.nsa.gov:8080/docs/efoia/released/ufo.html>

This material is also available on a CD-ROM that is being sold by the Fund for UFO Research, and provides much faster access than you'll find on a slow modem link. When I put that CD together I scanned through the material and found it interesting, but there are no bombshells, per se. One document that Stanton Friedman has discussed extensively in his writings and presentations that was mostly blacked out has now been re-evaluated and much of the blacked out portions have been made visible.

If memory serves, the NSA actually denied having any UFO material to release under the FOIA process until it was referenced by other documents obtained from other federal agencies. This resulted in a very rocky start to the relationship that developed between researchers and the NSA, which normally operates behind a thick veil of secrecy. If Phil's request for documents helped to precipitate this release, then he did us all a favor. However, there were law suits and many other requests that have impacted this situation as well.

Steve

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indeed in the possession of Malcolm Robinson.

They were last given an airing on a Carlton TV discussion show
in September 1998 when Malcolm brought them to the studio in
specially designed reliquary (oh, alright then, a briefcase).
Needless to say the TV presenter wasn't in the slightest bit
interested.

Incidentally should anyone want a copy of the latest Armchair
Ufologist (which features said TV show and trousers) I will be
pleased to email them a copy. All the latest scandal and gossip
about UK ufology, featuring BUFORA's demise, UFOs on TV, Max
Burns, LAPIS conference report, Berwyn Mountains, Tim Matthews,
general ufological nonsense. Makes Saucer Smear look like a
comic. Not for the faint hearted.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Sighting Report OZ File. 00475 12.01.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 00:59:18 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 16:40:20 -0500
Subject: Sighting Report OZ File. 00475 12.01.2000

UFO Sighting Report OZ File. 00475 12.01.2000

FOLLOWUP Doug Moffett AUFORN NSW
1800 Callin Code: 00475 12.01.2000

Date: 12.01.2000
Day: Wednesday
Time Reported: 1.25pm
Name: Allan
Location: Sydney
Telephone number:
Given to investigator: Doug Moffett UFOR NSW

Report:

Shape: Huge upturned funnel
Size: Approx three times that of a jumbo jet
Objects: 1
Colour: Battleship grey, dull grey metallic texture, not highly reflective
Sound: None
Speed: 10 knots against the wind
Duration: To be confirmed
Direction: Moving East to West
Witnesses: Flight crew and passengers of QANTAS International liner

Report:

In 1970-71 Allan was a flight engineer for QANTAS based in London with 15000 hrs of flying time and was flying onto London during a blue sky day at 33000 to 35000 feet when the flight crew noticed an object like a "huge upturned funnel" at around 42000 to 43000 feet approximately 150 miles away.

The captain of the flight announced the UFO to the passengers...for photo opportunities and general gawking ..indicating that the captain, flight crew and passengers all felt in no way threatened or in danger. The captain maintained his course and did not divert. The plane approached the object and flew under it at about a 45 degree angle.

From underneath, the base of the funnel did not appear round but instead like a flattened elongated diamond. The object had no framework, no portholes, no doors or windows, and no visible propulsion.

The object was confirmed by Shannon control, Ireland, on radar. Winds at where the object was ie: 42,000,feet... travel from West to East due to the Earth's rotation thus eliminating the possibility of a weather balloon.

While reading a staff magazine Allan read that a British Airways crew had seen the same object on the same day on a flight from London to Rio.

Allan had also heard since that a similar object was seen by another QANTAS crew in Darwin at night somewhere between 1955-1965.

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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00467 10.01.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 01:07:23 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 16:49:54 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00467 10.01.2000

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00467 10.01.2000

FOLLOWUP Doug Moffett AUFORN NSW

1800 Callin Code: 00467 10.01.2000

Date: 10.01.2000
Day: Monday
Time Reported: 8.20pm
Name: Mr H
Location: Gordon (northern suburb of Sydney)
Telephone number:
Given to investigator: Doug Moffett UFOR NSW

Report:

Shape: Light source
Size: Bright star size
Objects: 3
Colour: Very bright orange
Sound: None
Speed: Faster than a planet..much slower than a plane
Duration: 5 to 6 minutes
Direction: Moving East to West
Witnesses: 3

Mrs H was the first to observe the objects, she later called her husband and daughter. She noticed one very bright orange object moving slowly, then upon closer scrutiny saw two other objects travelling in formation across the sky. Two of the objects were travelling one above the other, with the third below and slightly behind the other two. They kept this formation for the duration of the sighting. The distance between the objects was approximated to be four fingers at arms length. The lowest of the objects was very low on the horizon and may not have been visible to those with limited low horizon views. Mrs H walked slowly around the swimming pool in order to keep the objects in sight, indicating that they were indeed travelling faster than a planet. The objects were much more orange than Mars, were not twinkling and appeared high, like a satellite or star. The objects were seen at approximately 8pm. There was very little cloud that night and none in the direction of where the objects were seen and there was a crescent Moon. The object was lost to view behind trees but also appeared to be moving into the far distance. Neither Mrs H or her husband were concerned about the sighting although their daughter admitted to being "freaked". Mr H works with satellites in his profession as a remote sensing geologist and is quite familiar as to how they should look and act. In my investigation of the incident I spoke to East Services who radar track the Sydney Metro Area and they informed me no unusual air traffic was reported at that time..including the Goodyear Blimp. ABC Radio News had not received any reports and neither had Gordon Police Station. Sydney observatory likewise had not received any reports but did suggest that the Mir space station was in orbit decay and was "rolling" , causing it to flash as it rolled..which may explain some future sighting..but not this one. Sydney observatory also informed me that once every 11 years the Earth is closest to the

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 10:45:45 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 16:56:28 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 00:26:20 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:13:22 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>I am still hoping Phil will include some chapters at the end
>with balanced looks from learned commentators on such topics as
>the Pittdown man and the Hitler diaries. :)
>All in the same league as Santilli and film if you ask me.

Pitldown Man and the Hitler Diary are proven hoaxes. Where is your proof that Ray is anything but an honest businessman. How did he pull it off? Where are the witnesses to the event? Statements like yours are empty of content. As I've asked other critics of the AA: what is your best evidence that this is a hoax. Evidence, not hot air from another special effects expert. Why not duplicate the debris, for starters?

I think the AA footage is a fantastic find and important historical document.

We could be discussing the nature of the creature and debris from his craft, not Ray Santilli's honesty. He's just a player in this drama.

Ed

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The Great Mid-Atlantic MUFON Symposium

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 15:40:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 17:02:50 -0500
Subject: The Great Mid-Atlantic MUFON Symposium

NOTICE:

Back by popular demand,

THE GREAT MID ATLANTIC MUFON SYMPOSIUM

If you are in the DC, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia areas you might want to attend to hear Dr. David Jacobs, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Richard Hall, Robert Swiatek and others discuss the latest in UFO sightings/abduction research.

Morning: MUFON Investigators training session (also of interest to others since it includes a discussion of techniques whereby UFO sightings are investigated and photos/videos are evaluated; examples will be presented). Field Investigator trainees in Maryland should try to attend this session (10 AM to noon)

Afternoon: lectures by experts in various aspects of ufology

Evening: keynote lectures and panel discussion until "infinity"

All this PLUS lunch buffet and mid-afternoon snack for only \$55 for the whole day if you pay at the door. SAVE \$5.00... by pre-registering before April 30.!!!

LOCATION: May 6, 2000 Holiday Inn, College Park. MD.

This is at the junction of the Beltway, 495, and Route 1, immediately north of the beltway (like, 30 seconds from the major highway). There are 20 rooms, king and double beds available, being held for May 5 and May 6 at special price of 89+tax. Make your own reservation at 301-345-6700 for one night or both nights. Tell the reservation desk you are reserving a room for the Mutual UFO Network symposium on May 6. This block of rooms will be available until the middle of April. After that the price goes up to \$99.00 or more + tax..

This is the major UFO symposium in the mid-Atlantic area. Plan now to attend.

Any questions, send to brumac@compuserve.com

We would appreciate it if you would acknowledge your intent to come even if you don't pre-register (and save \$5.00)

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Filer's Files #02 - 2000 Political Awakening

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Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 17:07:47 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #02 - 2000 Political Awakening

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IS IT TIME TO MAKE UFOs A POLITICAL ISSUE?

On Tuesday, I was called by Heather Anne Harder, Ph.D., who is running as a candidate for the President of the United States. She was a genuinely nice person, but most important to Ufologists she feels that research and openness in government is needed concerning UFOs. She says, "She knows UFO's exist." She had her own personal sighting of strange lights that were observed by 24 people. This was followed by an unexplained experience of missing time. She is well aware that former Governor Jimmy Carter also had a UFO sighting and made election promises to find out what was going on, but after his election no answers were given. Even today, former President Carter refuses to answer MUFON queries about his own personal sighting. She vows to get some answers if she is elected. Although, MUFON does not endorse any candidates for public office, Dr. Heather Anne Harder is refreshing in that she understands the UFO phenomenon. It is delightful to talk to a person who comprehends and acknowledges the American citizen's frustration with the situation. She promises that if she is elected, she will demand some tough answers. She will not accept the usual sly remarks about UFOs from government employees that work for us. Dr. Harder feels we are being visited and contacted on a regular basis by an alien presence and further research is desperately needed.

Dr. Harder indicated that if the UFO community wants to be heard, the presidential primaries provide the ideal forum. Each candidate is fighting hard to get a small percentage of the votes. In states like New Hampshire and Iowa, one voice is worth thousands perhaps tens of thousands of votes. Once one of these candidates is elected, we would have little chance of ever talking to the new the President. But each individual voter in the primary takes on unique importance since so few participate in the primaries. Dr. Harder suggested that people interested in UFOs, should show up at a caucus and the various meetings and ask questions about UFOs from each candidate. Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell stated, research into UFOs might be the most important endeavor of mankind. Yet most candidates appear to know little about the subject. Ufology needs a presidential candidate who will demand answers, and get the government interested. Most of you reading these files know that UFOs are in our skies, and in some cases creating a safety hazard. NASA has spent some 20 billion dollars searching for life on Mars, but refuses to admit the failure of 23 out of 31 probes could have anything to do with UFOs. They tell me they are not interested in looking at the Soviet Phobus 2 film that shows a UFO intercepting the probe near Mars. I suggest we want some answers, not condescending we know what is best for the millions of UFO enthusiasts. It seems most of the candidates say the same thing. Perhaps its time to listen to someone like Dr. Harder who will support our cares and needs. These files are sent to all the presidential candidates and she is the first one to contact me. So naturally I'm flattered. She feels the

campaign needs citizen participation rather than lobbyists deciding what's best for you. Dr. Harder wants to have honest and healthy mechanisms for citizen participation to reclaim the government and reestablish it as being for the People. She wants to empower the American people to become the ultimate stabilizing force as the fourth branch of democratic government. Although, MUFON does not support any candidate for public office, Dr. Heather Harder is interested in UFOs and how this relates to the average citizen.

NEW JERSEY DISC CAUGHT ON DIGITAL CAMERA

WILLINGBORO -- Jerry Kirk sent me a disc of several shots of a UFO sighting that occurred on January 5, 2000, at 4:43 PM. The two original digital views were shot with a Polaroid PDC digital camera without the benefit of magnification on Sussex Drive just east of Philadelphia. There was another aircraft flying in the same direction, east by northeast. The disc shots show a cylindrical UFO without wings or tail assembly. Although trees are visible in the bottom of the photographs it is difficult to estimate the UFOs altitude. The craft appeared to head towards the Atlantic Ocean at 25,000 to 35,000 feet or 5 to 10,000 feet above the regular air traffic. Additional magnification applied to these images, does not bring out any wings or tail structure. Thanks to Jerry Kirk. The images can be viewed at www.filersfiles.com. This type of UFO is being observed on a regular basis and has been involved with near misses with our commercial aircraft. Similar craft were observed five hours earlier in Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA THREE CYLINDER SHAPED UFOs

EXTON -- The National Reporting Center reports three cylinder shaped objects were viewed moving east to west, at 9:50 AM on January 5, 1999. The witness was walking his dog and looked up to see an unidentified flying cylinder without wings. He checked his dog and looked up again to see two more cylinder shaped objects. The witness said, "They looked like white cans with two rings in black on each craft with no wings or tail section visible." The first and smaller craft did not fly as straight as the other two. The last two were about the same size but larger than the first. Thanks to Peter Davenport and NUFORC. Editor's Note: Editors Note: The photos in New Jersey and the Pennsylvania description appear to be similar objects. Craft were observed on the same day both East and West of Philadelphia about 50 miles apart.

INVESTIGATION OF SEPTEMBER FLORIDA SIGHTINGS

TAMPA - MUFON State Section Director Lorraine Gerber writes, people all over Florida were reporting fast moving, some slow moving and even hovering objects on September 7, 1999. These objects were observed in some cases for up to ten minutes from Navarre in north Florida to Miami in the south. NASA and NORAD said the UFO reports were caused by the reentry of a spent SL 12 Russian booster rocket body moving from the Northwest to Southeast across the US at about 5:00 a.m. The primary MUFON investigators were Phil Bayly, Bob and Jimmy Kruse, Polly Bryan and myself. Phil Bayly, former Air Force officer and lead investigator calculated the 17,000 mph reentry speed to have placed the object over Florida for only one and a half minutes. Investigator's reports showed that witnesses had observed objects going west to south, east to west, south to east to north for extended periods. With the help of the UFO Reporting Center, Malcolm Hawthorn, and Art Bell witnesses were located who gave detailed accounts of their sightings. Some of the sightings reported by UFORC included: Cigar shaped object over St. Petersburg at 5:10 a.m., "Something strange in the sky." At Tavares at 5:04 a.m. a Cigar shaped object with three lights. Orlando, 3:00 a.m. a fireball. South Miami, 5:03 a.m., three blue-green spheres, (two separate reports). Poinciana, Lake Wales, Lake Helen, Kissimmee, 5:05 a.m., saw what appeared to be a meteor breaking up. Changed shape to 13 balls of light with and without tails, red, yellow, green, blue. Ocoee at 5:05 a.m. saw five upright disks traveling south at low altitude and medium speed with light beams directly between each disk.

Ruling out some of the fast moving objects that traveled from a north to a south direction, Bayly profiled some of the more questionable cases that were investigated by our MUFON group as

well as two that Ann Lieberman, SSD from Venice investigated. He found that they did not fit into the Russian debris reentry profile. The following are some of those cases: In Tampa, a witness, Dr. Lynn Sayne, was bringing his newspaper in at 5:00 a.m. when he saw an object going from the south to north then east, moving in an irregular pattern as it changed directions. He said that the object was not streaking. He also said that there were six F-16s in flight and three had experienced the loss of their electronics. Sayne said, "In a period of five to eight seconds their aircraft systems completely shut down." He was aware of the fact that Tampa emergency vehicles were also alerted. At 5:00 a.m., two witnesses in Seminole reported seeing an object just above the tree line only 300 to 400 feet away. After changing shapes three times, it was last seen as a saucer shaped object 75 feet wide forming a cloud around it in a cloudless sky, and going straight up until it disappeared from view. This sighting also lasted several minutes. In St. Petersburg, Isle Del Sol, a witness was awakened at 3:08 a.m. with a silvery white light illuminating her bedroom. She looked out her window and saw two huge balloon-shaped spheres gliding northeast over Boca Ciega Bay that were six times the size of the moon.

Three witnesses reported seeing a cigar like object in the west that hovered and moved slightly. One witness coming from Port Charlotte to Sarasota from 4:45 to 5:00 a.m., observed an object for five minutes at 1000 yards away, about 800 to 850 feet altitude. The object had windows in $\frac{1}{4}$ of its left section and was 225 feet wide. It had a white strobe-like light at the nose and a blue one at the rear bottom. As a retired fire fighter, he thought it was a jetliner crashing and that he should stop to see if he could pinpoint the crash site. It hovered and moved slightly towards the south while he watched for five minutes. He also saw emergency vehicles circling the area. Another witness driving west from Myakka State Park saw a similar object for several minutes. A third witness driving west from Arcadia saw a comparable object in the west. A significant sighting was reported from Lutz at 5:15 AM, when an illuminated object moved west and five airborne objects moved toward it as if to intersect. The first object got smaller until it finally was seen bursting out and then imploding as it disappeared. The witness saw a total of 15 aircraft in the area some for ten minutes. A witness at 5:00 a.m. in Englewood saw what he described as "six jumbo jets flying together in unison," illuminating each other, "but they were not aircraft." They were fast moving objects going from north to south over the gulf, but not an object reentering our atmosphere. Bayly acquired video footage shot by a John Vye and shown September 7th on Channels 9 and 13 (FOX TV). MUFON is trying to contact Mr. Vye. In a frame by frame analysis, Bayly asserts that the object is doing a barrel roll, first one way and then in the opposite direction. Reentering debris would not make this kind of maneuver. After careful analysis Bayly ruled out the possibility that these sightings were the result of a reentering booster rocket body. Bayly concluded that his findings on some of the cases do not support NASA's or NORAD's explanation. Thanks to Lorraine Gerber.

ALABAMA UFO

MADISON -- Aaron Crossley says that on January 7, 2000, I saw an unidentified flying object on my way to the bowling alley with my friends Tyler, Daniel, David and Jessica. It was about 8:45 PM, when a bright blue light caught my eye. "It was extremely bright like a blue fireball, and it streaked across the sky from south to north horizon in a second." It was moving incredibly fast. If I had blinked I would miss it. After I asked my friends if they had seen it, which sadly they had not, Tyler told me that he had seen exactly the same thing last year while delivering Pizzas, except there were three of them when he saw them, and they appeared to be flying in V formation. I have to wonder if Alabama is part of some secret projects flight plan. And what better place given the reputation of its native residents. I hear numerous UFO stories around here now that I've come out with mine. Thanks to Aaron Crossley raverkid@earthlink.net.

MICHIGAN GREEN FIREBALL

THREE RIVERS -- Alan Otterson reports that on January 7, 1999, I was watching TV with my wife with our inside lights on. Alans

says, "I was surprised to see streaking by our window a very bright lime green fireball heading toward the north." I jumped up and dashed to the door and saw it vanish. Shortly after I saw another bright light goldfish in color just above the treetops across the field from us. This light slowly and I mean very slowly moved southeast toward Three Rivers, Michigan. There wasn't any noise. Thanks to Alan D. Otterson
alancath@gte.net

ILLINOIS FLYING ARROWHEAD SEEN BY POLICE

SAINT CLAIR COUNTY -- In the early hours of January 5, 2000, police dispatchers started receiving numerous reports of a huge slow moving craft that resembled an arrowhead just east of St. Louis. It had an unusual sprinkling of lights defined as a starfield camouflage with three bright lights on the tail. Millstadt police officers responded to complaints and at least four policemen claim to have observed the huge craft. The object was similar to a flying wing or flying triangle with small twinkling lights that appeared to be designed to camouflage the craft from observers on the ground. Lebanon, Shiloh, Highland and Dupon police officers reportedly sighted the large flying object. Scott Air Force Base is near by but the tower was closed at that time of night. The craft had three brighter lights on its tail, and flew from the northeast-to-southwest across the Metro East area about 4:00 AM. The craft was described as two stories high and about three times as long. The police searched various web sites to attempt to find likeness of the craft. The only craft that appeared similar was the photo of a "Stealth Blimp" on the Popular Mechanics Web site. Thanks to Mark Scott and Ken Young who has a likeness of the photo at
<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/camouflage1.html> and Millstadt Police
<http://millstadtpolice.homepage.com/aircraft.html>

MISSOURI UFO SPOTTED BY AIRLINE CREW

SPRINGFIELD -- While flying a B757 a commercial flight at 33,000 feet from LAX to CLT on December 26, 1999, the two pilots and two flight attendants were observing an earth satellite-passing overhead from the cockpit. It was well past sunset at about 7:00 PM CST. The earth satellite apparently flew into the terminator and disappeared while high overhead. The witness stated, "Within a moment or so, a white-lighted object overtook and passed us in fairly close proximity making at least 200 knots more than we were." Our airspeed was .80 Mach and our ground speed was 483 knots or 550mph. The object was first noted south of our west to east course at a distance estimated to be from about 2 to 5 miles. It appeared to be at nearly the same or a slightly higher altitude. The object showed only a bright white light that appeared to be slightly disturbed by turbulence, or very slightly pulsating. Its course appeared constant, as did its altitude. It passed us and faded rather quickly from sight in about forty seconds.

A query was made to Memphis Center ARRTC as to any possible traffic. The controller said he had nothing on his scope that could be what we saw. We saw nothing on our TCAS, set to observe other transponders within 4,000 feet of our altitude and within 20 miles of horizontal distance. No red (left wing) position light and no fuselage red rotating beacons were sighted by any of the witnesses. No magnetic or electrical disturbances on our aircraft occurred. At least one passenger noted the object pass by our craft from the passenger cabin. Thanks to Peter Davenport at the National UFO Reporting Center, www.ufocenter.com Editor's Note: Generally, radar operators are told not to confirm UFOs and to keep other traffic away.

MEXICO VIDEO

MONTERREY -- Gary Carson wrote, "Recently, on or about the January 4, 2000, the TV Azteca 3 o'clock News filmed a UFO, motionless near Monterrey." It was visible for about 10 minutes, then took off. This was my closest encounter ever, and I was thrilled. The anchorwoman was Rosa Maria De Castro and the footage was pretty clear. It was sort of hat-shaped object and dark in color in the clear blue sky. I enjoy your site and respect your integrity. Thanks to Gary Carson
gcferrone@hotmail.com

NEW ZEALAND SIGHTINGS

AUCKLAND -- UFO Researcher Karen Lyster writes, I thought I'd pass along a few UFO sightings. A witness reports, that on December 29, my step son and his fiancée, who live with us, were awakened in the middle of the night by strange noises. Two nights later on January 1, 2000, I was awakened by a noise and a red glow outside with an intermittent white flash. I thought new years fireworks, but it was 3:00 AM. I tried to get up to investigate but found I could not move, I tried to wake my partner but could not, my next recall was that it was daylight some three hours later.

AUCKLAND -- Peter writes: "My 17 year old son rang me at 12:30 AM on January 1, 2000, not to wish me a Happy New Year, but to tell me of his experience with UFO's!" He was standing on the roof of a five story carpark in downtown Auckland with a hundred other people, overlooking the Viaduct Basin where the band Split Enz were conducting a New Year's Eve concert. The band counts down to 2000 ...3, 2, 1! Suddenly, two red discs appear high up in the sky above and behind the stage. People seemed frightened by the discs. The UFOs moved left and then descended at an acute angle. The crowd on the roof top moves back in fear. By then, the fireworks have started, and while thousands if not millions of people focus on the big bangs and pyrotechnics, the disks disappear from view behind a tall building. The discs were 'big' and remain the same distance apart as they moved. Some of the frightened crowd on the rooftop start running towards the lift. A natural instinct fueled by fear. The discs were in view for about 8 seconds. During the fireworks display more red discs appear in the sky and hover for a few moments before disappearing. Part of the display involves red flares but these were distinguishable from the discs by their telltale smoke trails and their descent to the ground. One of the discs appears to land on a Naval ship anchored in Auckland harbor. The total sightings lasted for about seven minutes.

BEACHLANDS -- Peter writes: "I was driving back to Maraetai to deliver a paper to a subscriber who missed out and saw a horizontal flying cylinder at 7:25 AM on January 10, 2000. It had three segments of white with one segment at each end and one in the middle. It was high above Waiheke Island and traveling slowly toward Auckland. What struck me immediately, was the three segments of this 'plane.' They were silvery white rectangles, one at each end and one in the middle. It was about an inch and a half long from my perspective and relatively thin. I stopped the car to have a decent look but it may have gone behind the gorgeous clouds this morning. Thanks to Peter and Researcher Karen Lyster at <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Congress/2301/Directory.html>

"A UFO BOOM DOES'T WORRY CHINA'S RULERS

That was the headline on a front page article in the January 11, 2000, New York Times. The Times is the nation's leading newspaper, and long ago decided UFOs were not a topic that fits their masthead motto: "All the news that's fit to print." In recent years they have carried only two UFO-related stories. One was a sarcastic dismissal of UFO sightings in Russia, which they attributed to a resurgence of pre-Communist mysticism. The other was a long report on the Air Force "investigation" of the Roswell Incident, unquestioningly repeating the assertion that the 1947 fuss was caused by a Mogul balloon. Oddly, the China story is treated "straight," without the usual demeaning language. According to the Times, there have been a large number of UFO sightings in China, and these are studied by several research organizations that are very "mainstream" in their scientific approach. Apparently the government is supportive of this research and interest, as distinguished from the official condemnation of various semi-religious movements.

"Indeed, a large portion of China's UFO enthusiasts are scientists and engineers, not the sci-fi buffs or apocalyptic stargazers who are the stereotype in the United States. Many of China's UFO research societies require a college degree and published research for membership. The Chinese Air Force attends important UFO meetings." And quoting a leader of Chinese UFO research, "In the US, scholars investigating this are under pressure and have been derided. But in China the

academic discussion is quite free, so in this area American academics are quite jealous of us." The article ends with another quote that should be taken to heart by American UFO researchers. "We're very careful and cautious to present things scientifically and to filter out things that head in a superstitious direction, since there's a great deal of fakery in the UFO field as well as real occurrence." Thanks to researcher Bob Durant.

NASA DIDN'T TELL LOCKHEED ABOUT CANYON

D E N V E R - The Associated Press reports, The vanished Mars Polar Lander probably broke apart in a canyon, The Denver Post reported January 6, citing scientists who suggested the landing site was the reason for NASA's latest failure. The \$165 million lander was supposed to touch down Dec. 3 for a 90-day mission to analyze the planet's atmosphere and search for frozen water beneath its south pole. It has not been heard from since it started its descent after an 11-month cruise, and NASA has not offered a reason for the disappearance. Members of the Lockheed Martin team who maneuvered the craft to Mars believe a canyon nearly a mile deep and 6 miles wide in some places was the landing site, the Post reported, citing an unidentified source at the aeronautics company who was on the mission team. Orbiter Burned Up The source relied on "probable" landing coordinates posted online by NASA and its Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Lab officials acknowledged that they knew the canyon was in the area. "We believe we landed in a region that was in the vicinity (of the canyon), but we have no way of knowing whether it hit those slopes," said Daniel McCleese, the Mars Surveyor Program scientist at JPL. The loss of the lander came less than three months after bungled communications between Lockheed and JPL caused the Mars Climate Orbiter to burn up in the Martian atmosphere. Lockheed scientists were reportedly surprised to learn that the canyon was inside the lander's projected landing zone. During the mission, Lockheed scientists steered the craft under JPL direction. "No one on our side knew that canyon was there," the Lockheed source told the Post. "All of the sudden, two weeks later, we got this MOLA data" - topographical maps and images - "and it was like, 'Look at that hole!'" Thanks to Jan 6, Denver Post.

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Millions of dollars have been lost because of NASA's apparent unwillingness to share data with Lockheed. The Lockheed scientists would also be surprised to learn that this area on Mars has features that appear to be artificially formed assuming they are not a combination of pixilization and transmission errors. They have been given descriptive names by NASA such as Nod and Inca City. The Inca City area located at 81.8°S - 59.1°W, has many rectangular walled areas each about 4 miles across similar to the ancient cities in Peru. Interestingly, the Inca's believe they were visited by spacemen and celebrate with spinning wheels that look like UFOs. The site at Nod appears to be an ancient cultural site with structures. Nod appears to have been used for growing plants and producing oxygen since the site is on the edge of snow and ice fields composed of carbon dioxide at 83°S 43°W. NASA's name for Nod is the location Cain was sent to wander by God in Genesis 4. My speculation is that NASA has found evidence of ancient intelligent life on Mars, but can not make an announcement until its probes are successful.

Researcher Carl Feindt has a new web site based on UFO's seen near water at www.waterufo.net. The site was built by Chuck Warren and is well worth viewing.

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Re: The Great Mid-Atlantic MUFON Symposium

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 17:14:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 17:26:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The Great Mid-Atlantic MUFON Symposium

>Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 15:40:10 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: The Great Mid-Atlantic MUFON Symposium
>To: UFO Updates -Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>NOTICE:

>Back by popular demand,

>THE GREAT MID ATLANTIC MUFON SYMPOSIUM

>If you are in the DC, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia
>areas you might want to attend to hear Dr. David Jacobs, Dr.
>Bruce Maccabee, Richard Hall, Robert Swiatek and others discuss
>the latest in UFO sightings/abduction research.

<snip>

Bruce-

Keep me in mind if you need some help with the Audio/Visual. We mentioned this upcoming event at the FUNDS EC meeting on Saturday.

I may even want to video the event this year, if I can, but we can talk about that later.

Steve

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 17:17:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 17:28:00 -0500
Subject: Re: The Great Mid-Atlantic MUFON Symposium

I had intended to send the previous message privately to Bruce and apologise for the waste of Internet bandwidth.

Steve

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 00:14:15 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 08:51:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

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(Letters containing names and addresses have a chance of being included in the "Forum" section of future issues. Perhaps if a reader response is sufficiently wide, a productive dialogue on the matter can be established.)

--Mac

[text of my own letter follows]

Dear National Geographic,

I was very disappointed in your January article on extraterrestrial life, which dismisses the alleged "Face on Mars" as a mere "rocky mesa."

I wonder if you are aware of the very interesting work done by Dr. Mark Carlotto and other members of the Society for Planetary SETI Research. SPSR is comprised of an assortment of Ph.Ds in topics from digital image processing to planetology, and their efforts to get to the bottom of the Face, and other anomalies in the Cydonia Mensae region, have been perfectly rational--certainly not the musings of the "true believers" you refer to.

In the meantime, artificiality remains a perfectly valid hypothesis, as does the conventional explanation that we are essentially reading fictitious "anomalies" into natural features.

I urge you to withdraw your premature (and degrading) appraisal of the Face and perhaps investigate this issue a bit more thoroughly.

Sincerely,

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35,000 Pound NASA Observatory Splashdown?

From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 22:36:10 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 08:57:41 -0500
Subject: 35,000 Pound NASA Observatory Splashdown?

Huge NASA telescope may be headed for fiery descent to splash landing

The observatory was launched in 1991

January 14, 2000 Web posted at: 7:49 p.m. EST (0049 GMT)

From Space Correspondent Miles O'Brien

GREENBELT, Maryland (CNN) -- After nearly nine years in space, a 35,000 pound NASA observatory in low-Earth orbit may be destined for a fiery descent into the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii this spring.

"We have formed a team to see if we need to bring it down in a controlled reentry," says Preston Burch, deputy program manager for space science operations at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

In early December, the \$600 million Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory lost one of its gyroscope systems, leaving it with the minimum of two required to conduct scientific observations. Engineers running the program at Goddard are uncertain if they need two operative gyroscopes to safely steer the satellite away from population centers.

The question is: Can we tolerate another failure?" said Burch. "If the answer is yes, then we can continue (in orbit) indefinitely."

But if the answer is "no," NASA will try to steer Compton down into the Pacific near Hawaii on March 14.

"The debris field is significant," according to Burch. According to engineering estimates, it will be 26 kilometers (16 miles) wide by 1,552 kilometers (962 miles) long -- putting approximately 40,000 square kilometers (24,800 square miles) of ocean in harm's way.

Launched from the space shuttle Atlantis on April 5, 1991, the Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory was designed to orbit for at least two years gathering information on electromagnetic radiation -- shedding light on the origins of the universe. While the scientific observations continue, the staff -- and the funding -- are currently very lean.

Compton is the heaviest unclassified satellite ever deployed by a space shuttle. The Hubble Space Telescope, launched in April of 1990, weighs 10,000 pounds less, despite being larger.

Unlike Hubble, Compton was not designed to be serviced by astronauts in its 270 mile orbit.

Engineers are busy culling old records and faded memories to determine if Compton can fly on safely. On February 16, they will report their findings to NASA managers. Unless they can allay concerns about an uncontrolled descent (a la Skylab), they will decide at that time to bring the telescope down on March 14.

"We are putting a full court press on this." says Burch. "This is as fast as we can make it happen."

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Sighting Report OZ File 00469 10.01.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 22:54:31 +1100
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 09:01:07 -0500
Subject: Sighting Report OZ File 00469 10.01.2000

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FOLLOWUP Doug Moffett AUFORN NSW
1800 Callin Code: 00469 10.01.2000

Date: 25.12.1999
Day: Saturday
Time seen: 9.00pm
Name: Peter
Location: Kogarah
Telephone number:
Given to investigator: Doug Moffett UFOR NSW

Report:

Shape: Round
Size: Star size
Objects: 1
Colour: Dull white colour
Sound: None
Speed: Satellite at straight line... twice as fast when
zig-zaging
Duration: 15 seconds
Direction: Moving North East direction
Witnesses: None

Report:

Peter was at his parent's place in the back yard just finishing a cigarette when he noticed a dull white light travelling at plane speed at about 45 degree's above the horizon. The object travelled in a straight line for about 10 seconds before going up and down in a "drunken zig zaging line". The object had a definite side to side movement as it zig zaged up and down. The range of the movement from the original course was estimated to be about four fingers either side of the original course. This course movement was performed at approximately twice as quick as the linear movement. The zig zaging continued about four times during the last five seconds of the sighting. The appearance of the object during the zig zag was one of a definite wobble. The object covered about five degree's of sky during the sighting. The object seemed to be charting a course along the coast line..heading North. The light source was lost to the witness as it entered a large cloud. The witness was an amateur astronomer and has good knowledge of satellites and the night sky. This report was very similar to a report i took from Jan 1981-1983 when a group of witness's at South West Rocks near Kempsey (North Coast NSW) saw a satellite like object travelling in a straight line..then moved at great pace to change course..before re correcting to the original course and then leaving into the disatnce at incredible speed.

End of Report.

Doug Moffett

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Thankyou Doug for this Report

Regards Diane Harrison

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Sighting Report OZ File 00478 14.01.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 23:00:02 +1100
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 09:02:50 -0500
Subject: Sighting Report OZ File 00478 14.01.2000

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00478 14.01.2000

FOLLOWUP Doug Moffett AUFORN NSW
1800 Callin Code: 00478 14.01.2000

Date: 13.01.2000
Day: Thursday
Time seen: 10.55pm
Name: Jason
Location: Mt Warrigal
Telephone number:
Given to investigator: Doug Moffett UFOR NSW

Report:

Shape: Round light source
Size: Bright star size
Objects: 3
Colour: Pinkish red
Sound: None
Speed: Stationary for 10 minutes then 200ft per second approx
Duration: 20 minutes
Direction: Moving North East direction
Witnesses: One other

Report:

Jason was returning from a fishing trip with his uncle when they noticed three pinkish red objects travelling in vertical formation with the lowest of the objects slightly behind the upper two. The sighting was divided into two separate categories. The first when the three objects were apparently stationary, with the lowest object performing intermittent random pulsing. The distance between the objects was approximately four fingers at arms length and they held formation for the first ten minutes. During the second 10 minutes the upper two objects faded and the lowest and brightest object started to "skip upwards then return to its original position" ..this was seen four times at approximately every 2.5 minutes. The speed of this (as estimated by Jason who holds a private pilots licence) was approx 200 feet per second. The height of the three objects were..in descending order...3000ft..2500ft and 2000ft. The bottom light source was approximately 30 degree's above the horizon. The object was lost to the witness's as it moved behind a large cloud base. Jason was adamant that it was no aircraft or helicopter. Jason and his uncle were "awestruck" by the experience. There are obvious similarities between this callin and callin code 00467. Both party's have been contacted to let each other know they are not the only one's to see these objects.

End of Report.

Doug Moffett

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Thankyou Doug for this report

Regards Diane Harrison

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From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 06:09:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 09:21:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 00:14:15 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Correction
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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There must come a point, however, where any one-man campaign to bring this all up again becomes distasteful.

If you and others feel that Cydonia is worth more serious study, I feel the burden of proof lies on your side. In the meantime, I do not mind your posts, especially since the list is slow just about now.

Nevertheless, some may object to a barrage of Cydonia emails when they thought this matter were behind them.

I suppose it is a matter of cost-benefit ratios really:

NASA, Malin SSS (pick an agency) must necessarily ask themselves whether to prove, over and over, that this pile of rocks is a pile of rocks... or to do some more interesting science elsewhere.

Functional Mars probes are hard to come by these days, and none of them come cheap.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Katharina Wilson Is Leaving The Field?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 04:54:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 12:25:00 -0500
Subject: Katharina Wilson Is Leaving The Field?

Hi All,

I am not sure if this has been posted but I just heard that
Researcher-Author Katharina Wilson is leaving the field?

Anyone know why?

Check out Alien Jigsaw:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

Regards,

Roy..

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 18:30:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 13:59:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 06:09:16 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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Hi Larry,

I'm sure glad someone said something on this subject because for
the past few day's I've done nothing but bite my tongue.

Of course it is a pile of rocks, I think I'm quite safe in
assuming most people think along these lines, here's an idea...
how about we just move on, huh?

Talking of silly subjects I see the Pelicans have raised their
feathered heads again.

Is this all ufology boils down to? Raking over the old coals, a
previous belief turns out to be wrong but these type of people
just won't let it, go will they?

All the best,

Dave

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Information Request...

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 14:25:24 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 14:49:41 -0500
Subject: Information Request...

Does anyone onlist know whether two Orbiting Astronomical Observatory (OAO) spacecraft, both launched in the mid to late 1960's, are still in orbit or have self destructed in re-entry?

First launch was on or about 1965. The second spacecraft launched on or about 1969. Both failed due to stabilization problems.

Please advise off-list. Information is needed for book research in progress.

Jim Mortellaro

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From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 13:29:48 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 14:56:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

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Dear Listerines, Hatches Et, Al, especially you - and Mrs.
Kalabash, wherever they took her.....

The last thing in the world which I desire, is to disagree with
my good friend Lawrence of Hatch. For one thing, and as many of
you older folks know, Wilbur of Hatch was a very famous
composer. As I recall, he was the old Hatch whose orchestra did
the Lucille Ball and Dizzy Arnats theme show.

Anyway, I do not agree with your opinion, Sir. Reason? God man.
Wasn't it just a few days ago, just a few small posts ago, that
someone pointed us all to the web site of a conspiracy theorist
who proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that there _was_ reason to
believe that at least one person of portfolio was on Mars. Make
that at least two, because someone had to snap the photo.

And is it not true that this very same person was photographed
at the assassination of the President who would have been the
future Mr. Monroe? Huh?

This _alien_ beast, this lizard person, one of them slope
headed (my apologies to Ms. Leanne Martin) French impersonating
Cone Heads, is none other than the Evil Bert.

Lawrence, you better stop drinking that artificial Gripple. It
is not good for you. Aalls you hadda do was tell me and I
would've sent some of my real Gripple. I made some special for

my listers, it's called Gratis Gripple.

You are probably wondering why I call it "Gratis" Gripple, eh? Eh? I call it that because researchers as a rule are not only fipflop flammers, but cheap. I mean CHEAP! So I had to invent something really tasty, effective and inexpensive for me to distribute to those who would pinch pennies. Hell, I can even give it away, and make money.

Now Sir Lawrence of Hatch, aren't you ashamed of yourself?

Dr. J. Jaime (as in High Me) Gesundt
Proprietor

PS: Sir Lawrence of Hatch is NOT a researcher, which is why I like him. He may call himself one, but I think of him as - well - just a normal guy. Normal. And his cousin Wilbur was normal too.

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 11:38:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 15:01:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction

>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 18:30:56 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 06:09:16 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Correction
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 00:14:15 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Correction
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Dear list,

>>>The e-mail address for "National Geographic" provided in the
>>>last post was in error. The correct address is:

>>>ngsforum@nationalgeographic.com

>>I think this list has been more than tolerant of your minority
>>viewpoints in the Cydonia matter.

>>My (personal) view is that Cydonia is an assortment of natural
>>features, so we can agree to disagree.

>>There must come a point, however, where any one-man campaign to
>>bring this all up again becomes distasteful.

><snip>

>Hi Larry,

>I'm sure glad someone said something on this subject because for
>the past few day's I've done nothing but bite my tongue.

>Of course it is a pile of rocks, I think I'm quite safe in
>assuming most people think along these lines, here's an idea...
>how about we just move on, huh?

>Talking of silly subjects I see the Pelicans have raised their
>feathered heads again.

>Is this all ufology boils down to? Raking over the old coals, a
>previous belief turns out to be wrong but these type of people
>just won't let it, go will they?

>All the best,

>Dave

Dear Dave:

Thank you for calling in. I have also been biting my tongue,
trying to be charitable when charity has lost its cause.

I am sick to death of the garbage which inevitably infests any

study as unproven as UFOs.

On three separate lists, I read all about Cydonia (again), the Pleades (as if that were needed for the ETH) and I simply forget what else... a victim of Irish and/or Oregon beers, whichever are darker and more forgiving.

I get up in the morning, afternoon actually, and the same mindless pap assaults my neurons.

I am no knee-jerk skeptic, and have 15 hard years work to prove it. On the contrary, I demand some hard clues (evidence being unavailable due to El Nino and other difficulties) before I will swallow any more fairy tales.

It is not my job to prove they Mohammed did not move the mountain. It is up to Mohammed to prove that he did. Allah permitting of course.

That said, I will now pray to all Holy that my spell checker still works, and that I am not out of Irish beer.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Sightings Report OZ FILE Posted 1/15/00

From: Jan M. Pheneger <ufoohio@wcoil.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 12:11:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 16:49:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Sightings Report OZ FILE Posted 1/15/00

>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 22:54:31 +1100
>From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
>Subject: Sighting Report OZ File 00469 10.01.2000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Ohio Sightings.....

In regards to Sighting Report OZ file, the witnesses seem to have reported lights similar to those reported around the world. I have been fortunate enough to Photograph these lights, similar, if not exactly the same as the witnesses have reported in this posting 1/15/00 in seeing these lights. Mind you, I am not an experienced photographer, however I have used this same Camera at many Country Music Concerts, and nothing shows up out of the normal.

However, photographing these lights, upon development of the film, what one visibly see's with the human eye, is not what the camera sees per se.

In general, upon development, the negatives depicts a trail of lines of differentiating spectrums zig-zagging, interlouping, abuting, of great speeds. Possible radiation trails(?)

To the human eye, these lights appear often slow moving, often pulsating, pinkish/red to a orangish ball of light. It has been seen as a pulsating white light, and turn to a red pin drop sitting stationary, then move and pulsate, suddenly streaking across the sky at great speed.

Several witnesses to these sightings have been present, along with County Sheriffs. I am fortunate to know a Sheriff Pilot, who also teaches Criminal Photography at a Local University. The pictures/negatives have been analysed by him, as well as a Professor of Astronomy Ohio State University, Kodak of New York, and 30 year Photo Editor of the Associated Press, and several well know Ufologist/Specialist.

No one to date can explain what the camera negative depicts. I do know that a camera, cannot do Algebra.

One picture of particular interest shows a "structured object", as the trails can be measured to exact equations. Also of importance is the fact that some of the white spectrum trails seen, go into a "invisible category" of color, I have been told, which may explain that while photographing the light, technically to me, as the witnesses present, the light just "blinked" out of "human sight."

To those interested in "catching" this last statement I just made, the picture of particular interest is the picture showing various spectra of color, including white, which can be measured in an algebraic manner showing a structured object, that "became invisible" to the human eye.

Technically so... Hence: The Camera "saw more" as two more pictures were snapped "after" the light had "blinked" out of our sight. Which may unnerve some, but technically tells me that

although the human eye was not seeing it upon it's blinking out, that the object was still there, it just couldn't be seen by the human eyes that witnessed it. Suggesting a "Cloaking" (?)

F-8 and shutter speed was set at 250. Minolta Camera was used to photograph these lights.

I am very hesitant to show what I have as far as these pictures to many. Inspired to write/publish a book by them, I will use them in a chapter of my book.

Please visit my web site:

<http://www.ufoohio.com>

As a personal statement by me, as the author, to this book, I have but one statement to make. If the pictures were to ever be considered anything more than what they depict..... why would I use them to incriminate the sale of my book when published, if the pictures can be explained? My Concept for the book can be published even without these pictures being used, should I decide not to disclose them, for reasons personal to me.

Jan M. Pheneger

Author: 'Ohio & Other UFO Stories - Fact or Fallacy'

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: **Tony Spurrier** <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 19:55:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 22:03:59 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 04:15:14 +0000
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>>Date: Fri, 07 Jan 2000 17:48:32 +1100
>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Well hold on a second, what do you mean this isn't the place to
>go into lengthy discussions concerning the Pleiades? What is
>this list all about? Have you seen how long some threads have
>been going on here? With the greatest respect to you Bill, but
>you came out with a rather big statement on the Pleiades as far
>as I am concerned, which was and again I repeat: >>too young to
>support anything like life yet.

Hi Roy

You're right this is the place to discuss topical issues
regarding ufology.

To my knowledge no scientist has been able to offer evidence
that life exists within the Pleiadies, so if you feel Bill has
made a 'rather big statement' perhaps you would care to offer
proof, if not evidence as to why you believe him to be wrong?
After all, this is the place to discuss both sides of ufology.

Tony

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

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Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 16:12:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 08:38:50 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 19:55:35 -0500
>>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Hi Roy

>>You're right this is the place to discuss topical issues
>>regarding ufology.

>>Tony

Hi Tony & All,

What I was getting at was the fact if people who have had some kind of contact with ETs, either by Remote Viewing states(you know seeing on board the craft and talking to the Aliens) or other means who have had a message given to them concerning the Pleiades, then how do we sort this message out in to a rational perspective?

BTW Bill & I have spoken off-list and we have sorted out our difference of opinion.

(Looking forward to that beer Bill!)

A few questions for discussion:

Tony do you think that Earth has ever been in Contact with ET, by anyone at all - ever?

Have you personally seen enough evidence to say Yes or No

If we are to discuss this matter, then can I ask you what is your view on ufology today?

Are we now heading in the right direction

What do you think is being reported by the public?

What percentage of sightings would suggest a real Phenomena to you

Do you think there are a lot of over excited people reporting UFOs?

Have you come across such types in your daily group running

Do you think it possible of life existing elsewhere in the Universe?

Has this Life reached this Planet

If I am right you are/were involved with CSETI & Project FT (

Flying Triangle), by being in these groups would that mean you believe in the existence of ET?

Having read & seen the huge amount of DATA of such groups

Would being in these groups given you enough case evidence of something unusual flying in our skies?

If so from what you have seen over the years what is your well seen opinion on UFOs

How much evidence do you think the UFO community needs before we can say we are not alone?

Has your group come across such needed evidence for a revelation of ET

Should we believe stories of Abductions & Contacts, or look at those who report these as mixed up?

Not discounting the TLF amongst others, where do we stand on present day reports of such events

Do you think that Black Projects are responsible for the weird craft seen in and around the skies?

Not withstanding the huge Black Project Budgets, is testing taking place around the World in public view

What is your opinion on sky watching, do you think it is a worthwhile method for contacting ET?

Has sky watching in your opinion ever brought good results for ET contact

Do you think it is time that ufology cleaned up it's act and got on with the real job of finding real answers?

Would Government & Media Take ufology Seriously if we did

Do you think there are a lot of time wasters out there who get to emotional about ET?

Emotive Terms Etc...Aliens,Grays,Spacecraft,Hybrids,

What would your suggestion be to rid UFOlogy of such types?

A cohesive network strategy as compiled by studies into the UFO phenomena by various groups

Roy..

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New Zealand Sightings 12-99 to 10-00

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 14:08:54 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 08:46:51 -0500
Subject: New Zealand Sightings 12-99 to 10-00

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia

<http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw>

New Zealand Sightings

Thank you Murray MUFON & Richard TUFOIG for these reports

From Murray Bott (MUFON)

MUFON NZ,
PO Box 27117,
Mt Roskill,
Auckland, NZ

From the Times News.of 26th Dec 1999:

The Northern Communications Centre of Police received the following reports.

26.12.99 Raglan, North Island 2118hrs

A green flare was seen in the direction of Raglan, Auckland on the West coast. The flame died before it hit the sea. MUFON NZ

26.12.99 Raglan, North Island 2125hrs

A red flare alerted the Raglan Sea Rescue which searched the area but failed to find anything.
MUFON NZ

26.12.99 Port Waikato, North Island 2129hrs

Report of a low green flare in the North West from Port Waikato, the next harbour North of Raglan. Situated in a similar area to previous sighting, possibly further North.
MUFON NZ

26.12.99 Warkworth, North Island 2136hrs

Warkworth (N of Auckland) resident reported multi-coloured lights in the sky heading in the direction of Pakiri Beach. Lost sight behind Dome Range.
MUFON NZ

26.12.99 Army Bay, North Island 2200hrs

Army Bay reports of orange, sparkling coloured flares on the North side of the Whangaparoa Peninsular. The flare reported to have ascended into the sky before it came down.

MUFON NZ

26.12.99 Tinopai, North Island 2336hrs

Tinopai (Northland) resident reported "Huge Lights" over the hills due North. The lights were reported to have moved 400 metres in two seconds. Two more strange lights were reported "going straight up and down in the sky" Looking across the Kaipara Harbour, the lights were reported to be "dancing about in the sky".

MUFON NZ

From Tauranga UFO Investigation Group (TUFOIG)
44 Townhead Crescent, Tauranga NZ

10.01.2000 Tauranga (Welcome Bay), North Island 2200hrs Mrs J. of Welcome Bay, Tauranga, reported that on 10th Jan. 2000 she went outside at 10.00PM to look at the clear sky. Just after she had gone outside she was aware of a fluorescent Green light that was travelling from the East (her right) and moved to a space fairly nearly in front of her when it stopped. It was high up. The Green object was bigger than the stars which she beheld. The total time was approximately 1/2 hour As it was a clear calm night she was sure there was no noise. After spending that 1/2 hour outside the lady went indoors and did not see it again.
TUFOIG

Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
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Australian Skywatch Director

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Radio Controlled Balloons at 24km/h

From: Tony Robb <Praufu@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 04:15:00 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 08:52:05 -0500
Subject: Radio Controlled Balloons at 24km/h

Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH
Phenomena Research Australia

EBK, Researchers,

Apologies to EBR Researchers, if this data has been 'posted' in the past? And to some, it may be a "slow news day" item or just "kids stuff", I concur! But, just in case you missed this page read on, the rest can scroll back ;-(.

In PRA's last file copy of of 'Private Pilot', Dec 1999, flight magazine, I again noticed the 'DraganFly Innovations Inc' balloon advertisement, and decided to take a look at their Web Page. Most would remember first seeing this product when it appeared in 'Popular Mechanics', Nov 1998, issue and in the last 14 months it has featured in just about every major magazine, even featuring on CNN and NBC.

When I first read about this product, like most, it looked like "toys for the kids" (except for the very large price tag), but today's "DrafanFly" balloon products are rather sophisticated and surprisingly controllable & adaptable:

- * Radio Controlled.
- * Size of 2 metres (6 foot) saucer.
- * Are very agile.
- * CCD Cameras fitted.
- * Lights fitted.
- * And can reach speeds of up to 24 km/h (15 mph).

Now, that's a problem! Especially the speed and the radio control aspect.

With this in mind, and without trying to generate more inconvenience for us all, why not take a look at these devices on the following Web Pages, it will surprise you and may add to your research. The Web pages have some attention-grabbing pictures and articles that can be sourced for any future research or measurements.

The Video section is a requirement. To look at the video you will need Quick Time.

HOME PAGE:
<http://www.rctoys.com/products.html>
NEWS PAGE:
<http://www.rctoys.com/news.html>
VIDEO PAGE:
<http://www.rctoys.com/videos.html>

Regards,

Tony Robb

PRA Research Group Co-ordinator
DISCLAIMER: Not an agent for this product!

Phenomena Research Australia [PRA]

Radio Controlled Balloons at 24km/h

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Tonight - Jan Aldrich on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

From: **EBK**
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 13:04:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 13:04:12 -0500
Subject: Tonight - Jan Aldrich on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

/// Jan Aldrich

Our guest tonight was first with us back in January of last year and again in August last. We learned much history from him during his last visit. He's the Co-Ordinator for Project 1947, the Project's e-mail list - Project 1947 and is a well-respected researcher among his peers.

PROJECT 1947 is an attempt to enhance the future of UFO research by establishing a solid collection of official UFO documents, newspaper articles and personal accounts from the beginning of the modern UFO era. Its primary focus is on the 1947 wave, also looks forward as far as 1965 and back to 1900 for certain selected significant topics in UFO research. The 1900-1946 period is being examined for UFO-like reports.

The first volume of material collected by PROJECT 1947 has been published by the UFO Research Coalition as PROJECT 1947: A Preliminary Report. An extensive collection of 1947 UFO reports and newspaper accounts from the U.S.A. is supplemented by a compilation of significant sightings from other countries, including Sweden and Scandinavia, Finland, France and Australia.

Tonight, we'll discuss the UFO History Workshops, Project Sign, Patrick Huyghe's article on Klass' Klaims regarding the recently released NSA documents and other things that have attracted Jan's attention

Visit the Project 1947 Website at:

<http://www.project1947.com/>

Join Jan, co-host Jonn Kares and I, along with callers, this evening at 9:00pm Eastern, as we discuss these Strange Days... Indeed on:

CFRB 1010 AM - 50,000 watts

6070khz Shortwave

and the Eureka Digital Broadcast System in Toronto.

You can also listen via Media Player at:

www.cfrb.com/

You'll need to access the site using Internet Explorer since Media Player seems to choke using any version of Netscape - thanks Mr. Bill!

To call the program dial:

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UFO Net Site Moved

From: **Anthony Chippendale** <anthonyc@ufon.org>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 17:59:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 13:30:28 -0500
Subject: UFO Net Site Moved

Hello Everyone,

Would everyone please note that my web site (UFO Net) has now moved and can be found at:

<http://ufon.org/ufonet/>

Anthony Chippendale.

This email has been sent by Anthony Chippendale, UFO Net Manager

Visit:

<http://ufon.org/ufonet/>

<http://www.ufon.org>

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CPR-Canada News: 'Wireless Flash News' & Radio

From: Paul Anderson - TMP / CPR-Canada <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 11:59:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 15:47:37 -0500
Subject: CPR-Canada News: 'Wireless Flash News' & Radio

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<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

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CPR-Canada News: Wireless Flash News Report; Upcoming Radio
Interviews

MEDIA

Wireless Flash News Report On 1999 Canadian Crop Circles

<http://www.flashnews.com>

January 12, 2000

Crop Circle Sightings Up In Canada, Down In U.S.

VANCOUVER, B.C. (Wireless Flash) - It looks like Canada and England got the cream of the crop circles last year. According to Vancouver-based crop circle researcher Paul Anderson, there was a 50 percent increase in crop circle sightings in England in 1999 and a 33 percent increase in Canada. Meanwhile, the United States had only 12 crop circles, down from 15 in 1998. Israel, which had never had a crop circle before 1997, had three sightings in 1999. Anderson says it's normal for crop circle sightings to fluctuate around the world and he hopes further research will uncover the reason.

CONTACT: Paul Anderson, ***; Vancouver, B.C.; (604) 731-8522;
Access Canadian crop circle report at:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

(Note: Wireless Flash is an internet news service distributed daily to over 800 media outlets worldwide. Figures mentioned for England, the United States and Israel were given as approximations only, with about three or four known reports total for Israel since 1997 - PA)

MEDIA

Upcoming Radio Interviews - January 18, 2000

Interviews with CPR-Canada director Paul Anderson on the 1999 Canadian crop circles.

CHQR 77 AM News Talk Radio (Calgary, Alberta)

<http://www.qr77.com>

'The Morning Show'

Tuesday, January 18, 2000

Taped the previous Monday morning, to be broadcast at some point during 'The Morning Show' program on Tuesday morning, 5:30 - 8:00 am MT.

CJAD 800 AM News Talk Radio (Montreal, Quebec)

<http://www.cjad.com>

'Holder Overnight'

Tuesday, January 18, 2000

Live, 12:30 am ET

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January 16, 2000

This seems to be coming a bit later recently, partially due to working on writing the book. If anyone wants to be included, please let me know. You may see the following announcement about:

OPPORTUNITY FOR INCLUSION IN A BOOK

Gini Graham Scott (author of more than thirty books) and Bufo Calvin (of Bufo's WEIRD WORLD, best known for the widely-reproduced weekly Bufo's WEIRD WORLD Media Alert) are writing a book for Paragon House featuring people who have been involved with UFOs and UFO study. The book will primarily consist of interviews with individuals about their experiences, opinions and beliefs regarding UFOs. If you would like to be involved, either by being interviewed (interviews may be conducted via phone, in-person, or e-mail), or by having your organization, annual event, or other resource listed, please contact us at UFOBook@aol.com. All opinions are welcome. We are currently working on an abduction chapter, but will cover a variety of areas within the next few months.

As usual, let me know what you think at BufoCalvin@aol.com.

On to the listings: Times are generally Pacific.

LIVE EVENTS

When: Sunday, January 16, 7:00 PM
Where: 2018 Allston Way, Berkeley, California
Who: Ralph Steiner (KPFA reporter known for UFO coverage) and Val Jon Farris
How much: \$10 advance, \$12 door
Contact information: 510-644-1600 or 925-945-5500

RADIO

Eddie Middleton's very popular show in the South, Nightsearch, has a website at <http://www.nightsearch.net/>. Streaming audio is now available. Sundays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM (Pacific). The call-in line is 901-365-1430.

Sunday, January 16, 3:00 PM, Edd Edwards, also known as Shoo, will attempt telekinesis through the radio.

Ken Dashow, THE EDGE OF REALITY, Sundays at 9:00 PM, Fridays at 5:00 PM. Dashow is known for his sarcastic wit. <http://www.talkamerica.com/dashow.html> and <http://www.dashow.com/edge.html>. There is some dispute on these times. A correspondent tells me (thanks! If you'd like to be acknowledged on the list, let me know) that it runs from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Pacific...that's how times are generally listed here), with a repeat from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Saturdays.

Mike Jarmus, REALITY AND BEYOND, 7:00 PM Sundays, <http://spectrum.orn.com/omega.ram>. Streaming audio available

Art Bell - DREAMLAND
Currently, the most popular talk show on this area. <http://www.artbell.com/>. Live streaming audio (and video) available.

The Laura Lee Show sometimes covers appropriate topics: <http://www.lauralee.com>

Billy Dee and BEYOND THE UNEXPLAINED
Streaming audio available. This does have something to do with cable show listed below.
<http://members.xoom.com/BillyDee1/ufoshow/theufoshow.html>

Jeff Rense - SIGHTINGS
Jeff is well-versed on the topics, but likes to let the guests speak, resulting in one of the best radio shows on these topics. You can hear Real Audio of the show, and there are archives as well. Go to <http://www.sightings.com/> for more information. The show is on at 7:00 PM Pacific Monday through Friday, and 8:00 PM Pacific on Sunday. You can hear it anywhere through your computer. Please note that Jeff also often covers topics which I do not consider relevant to this list. To subscribe to the Jeff Rense Weekly E-news (which includes articles and a complete guest listing), e-mail (subject: Subscribe) <mailto:jocelyn@dewittec.net>.

Sunday, January 16, 8:00 PM, Diane Harrison with an Australian UFO report: George Riddle on contactee George Van Tassel
Monday, January 17, 7:00 PM, Kenn Thomas, on the Maury Island UFO case
Wednesday, January 19, 7:00 PM, Linda Moulton Howe
Thursday, January 20, 7:00 PM, Dr. Louis Turi, divine astrology
Friday, January 21, 7:00 PM, David Oester and Sharon Gill on spirit photography

Paul Williams and Scott Carr: UFO DESK
This New York show has been around for years, but is now available on streaming audio. The website is <http://www.escape.com/~paulw/ufodesk.html>. It runs at 8:00 PM (Pacific) on Sundays.

Jeff Mishlove AND THE VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY
Webcast every weekday at 8:00 PM for two hours, with a repeat at 10:00 PM. Webcast at <http://www.wisdomradio.com/>.

ERSKINE OVERNIGHT
Webcast 9:00 PM to Midnight with an immediate repeat at Talkamerica.com.

OUT OF THIS WORLD RADIO, THE DIMENSION Hosted by Patte Purcell on Saturdays from 11:00 PM to 2:00 AM, this show is webcast as well. Call in number is 1-888-822-TALK. The website is <http://www.outofthisworldradio.com/>. Hmm...the dates are for Sundays, but the home page says Saturdays. Hard to say for sure.

Errol Bruce-Knapp and co-host Jonn Kares have 'STRANGE DAYS... INDEED' at 6:00 PM Sunday at <http://www.cfrb.com/>, streaming audio available. Call-in line is at 1-800-561-CFRB.

Sunday, January 16, Jan Aldrich, of Project 1947, a UFO research organization.

LOCAL RADIO

KPFA, 94.1 Berkeley, California
Friday, January 21, 4:00 PM, ALIENS-FACT OR FICTION (guest Matt Debow, host Anita Johnson)...<http://www.kpfa.org/>, streaming audio available.

TELEVISION

A&E (USA)

Sunday, January 16, 10:00 AM, THE UNEXPLAINED: STRANGE LINES IN THE SAND (Nazca?)
Sunday, January 23, 10:00 AM, THE UNEXPLAINED: THE TWIN CONNECTION

ANIMAL PLANET (USA)

Monday, January 17, 6:00 PM, ANIMAL LEGENDS (includes Champ, the lake monster)
Monday, January 17, 9:00 PM, ANIMAL LEGENDS (includes Champ, the lake monster)
Friday, January 21, 3:30 PM, PET PROJECT (includes pet psychic)
Friday, January 21, 6:00 PM, ANIMAL X (includes the black cat of Killakee, Ireland; Turkey's Lake Van monster)
Friday, January 21, 9:00 PM, ANIMAL X (includes the black cat of Killakee, Ireland; Turkey's Lake Van monster)
Saturday, January 22, 4:00 PM, ANIMAL X (includes the black cat of Killakee, Ireland; Turkey's Lake Van monster)
Saturday, January 22, 4:30 PM, ANIMAL LEGENDS (includes Champ, the lake monster)
Saturday, January 22, 7:30 PM, AMAZING TAILS (includes pet psychic)
Saturday, January 22, 11:00 PM, ANIMAL X (includes the black cat of Killakee, Ireland; Turkey's Lake Van monster)
Saturday, January 22, 11:30 PM, ANIMAL LEGENDS (includes Champ, the lake monster)
Monday, January 24, 7:00 AM, PET PROJECT (includes pet psychic)
Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 AM, AMAZING TAILS (includes pet psychic)
Tuesday, January 25, 3:00 PM, AMAZING TAILS (includes pet psychic)
Friday, January 28, 6:00 PM, ANIMAL X (includes Canadian lake monsters)

ANIMAUX (Europe) (GMT+1)

Sunday, January 16, 1:40 PM, ANIMAL X (French) (includes Australian hairy biped the Yowie)
Sunday, January 16, 7:40 PM, ANIMAL X (French) (includes Australian hairy biped the Yowie)
Monday, January 17, 12:40 AM, ANIMAL X (French) (includes Australian hairy biped the Yowie)
Monday, January 17, 11:30 AM, ANIMAL X (French) (includes Australian hairy biped the Yowie)
Wednesday, January 19, 3:15 PM, ANIMAL X (French) (includes Australian hairy biped the Yowie)

DISCOVERY CHANNEL (Australia) (time zone unknown)

Monday, January 17, 3:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: THE PUZZLE OF THE PYRAMIDS
Tuesday, January 18, 3:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: MYSTERIOUS INDIA
Tuesday, January 18, 5:30 AM, ULTRASCIENCE: THE GHOSTHUNTERS
Wednesday, January 19, 3:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: PSYCHIC DETECTIVES
Thursday, January 20, 3:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: MYSTERIES OF THE MAYA
Friday, January 21, 3:00 PM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: SQUARING THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE
Friday, January 21, 5:00 PM, DISCOVER MAGAZINE A SKEPTIC'S GUIDE
Saturday, January 15, 6:00 AM, EQUINOX: SECRETS OF SUPER PSYCHICS
Monday, January 17, 4:00 AM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: GIANTS OF EASTER ISLAND

DISCOVERY CHANNEL (Europe) (GMT+1)

Sunday, January 16, 12:00 PM, GHOSTHUNTERS: THE MEN WHO TALK TO GHOSTS
Sunday, January 16, 12:30 PM, GHOSTHUNTERS: THE HAUNTINGS OF CASTLE LESLIE
Sunday, January 16, 1:30 PM, GHOSTHUNTERS: HOLY GHOST BUSTERS
Monday, January 17, 9:00 AM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: THE EVIL EYE
Monday, January 17, 10:00 PM, MYSTERIES OF THE UNEXPLAINED: POWERS OF THE PARANORMAL
Tuesday, January 18, 9:00 AM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: PSYCHIC DETECTIVES
Wednesday, January 19, 9:00 AM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: BAFFLING BOMBARDMENTS
Thursday, January 20, 9:00 AM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: MYSTERIES OF THE MAYA
Thursday, January 20, 1:35 PM, ANIMAL X (Dutch) (includes South Africa's Howick Falls monster)
Thursday, January 20, 2:00 PM, ANIMAL X (includes South Africa's Howick Falls monster)
Friday, January 21, 9:00 AM, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE: SQUARING THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

HGTV (USA)

Friday, January 28, 1:30 PM, KITCHEN DESIGN (includes haunted kitchen)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL (USA)

Wednesday, January 19, 7:00 AM, IN SEARCH OF...MAYAN MYSTERIES
Wednesday, January 19, 7:30 AM, IN SEARCH OF...AZTEC CONQUEST
Wednesday, January 19, 12:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF...MAYAN MYSTERIES
Wednesday, January 19, 12:30 PM, IN SEARCH OF...AZTEC CONQUEST
Thursday, January 20, 7:00 AM, IN SEARCH OF...REINCARNATION
Thursday, January 20, 7:30 AM, IN SEARCH OF...LIFE AFTER LIFE
Thursday, January 20, 12:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF...REINCARNATION
Thursday, January 20, 12:30 PM, IN SEARCH OF...LIFE AFTER LIFE
Friday, January 21, 7:00 AM, IN SEARCH OF...ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN
Friday, January 21, 7:30 AM, IN SEARCH OF...SWAMP MONSTER
Friday, January 21, 12:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF...ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN
Friday, January 21, 12:30 PM, IN SEARCH OF...SWAMP MONSTER
Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 AM, IN SEARCH OF...KILLER BEES
Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 AM, IN SEARCH OF...DEADLY ANTS
Tuesday, January 25, 12:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF...KILLER BEES
Tuesday, January 25, 12:30 PM, IN SEARCH OF...DEADLY ANTS
Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 AM, IN SEARCH OF...THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT DIE (ST. GERMAIN)

Wednesday, January 26, 7:30 AM, IN SEARCH OF...IMMORTALITY
Wednesday, January 26, 12:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF...THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT DIE (ST. GERMAIN)
Wednesday, January 26, 12:30 PM, IN SEARCH OF...IMMORTALITY
Thursday, January 27, 7:00 AM, IN SEARCH OF...UFO CAPTIVES
Thursday, January 27, 7:30 AM, IN SEARCH OF...TIME AND SPACE TRAVEL
Thursday, January 27, 12:00 PM, IN SEARCH OF...UFO CAPTIVES
Thursday, January 27, 12:30 PM, IN SEARCH OF...TIME AND SPACE TRAVEL

LOCAL TELEVISION (USA)

BEYOND THE UNEXPLAINED WITH JANET RUSSELL
Janet does get major guests on her show. Check with your local cable company to see if it is cablecasting the show. Specific guest information not currently available.
MANHATTAN NEIGHBORHOOD CABLE
SUNDAY CH 56 1:30 AM

CABLEVISION OF WOODBURY NY
SUNDAY CH25/CH80/CH96 9:30 PM

CABLEVISION OF RIVERHEAD NY
MONDAY CH 27 10 AM

TRAC 12 OF MINNESOTA
TUESDAY CH 12 1 PM & 9 PM

CABLEVISION OF YORKTOWN HEIGHTS NY
TUESDAY CH 34 8:30 PM

COMMUNITY TV OF SANTE FE N.M.
TUESDAY CH 6 8:30 PM

LTV OF EASTHAMPTON NY
TUESDAY CH 27 2:30 PM

GATEWAY ACCESS "12" OF SPRING CREEK NY
WEDNESDAY CH 12 8:30 PM

PAC 8 LOS ALAMOS N.M.
WEDNESDAY CH 8 4:00 PM

CABLEVISION OF HAUPPAGUE NY
THURSDAY CH 25 5:00 PM

CABLEVISION OF BROOKHAVEN NY
FRIDAY CH 99 9:30 PM

PAC 8 OF LOS ALAMOS N.M.
FRIDAY CH 8 9:00 pm

CABLEVISION OF YONKERS NY
SATURDAY CH58/ CH37 2:00PM

B-CAT OF BROOKLYN NY
SATURDAY CH34/CH67 4:00 PM

QPTV QUEENS NY
CH35/CH58/CH37
CHECK SCHEDULE FOR DAYS AND TIMES

MYSTERIES FROM BEYOND THE OTHER DOMINION

This is hosted by Dr. Franklin Ruehl, Ph.D. This was one of the original shows on THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, and reportedly continues to be seen in the Los Angeles area. I'm still confirming, but the times and channels I have are below.

TCI: Friday-10:30 PM
TIME-WARNER: Mon.-10 PM
MEDIA ONE: THUR-9:30 PM
CENTURY CABLE: FRIDAY-11 PM

MTV (USA)

Monday, January 17, 8:00 AM, ROAD RULES: AUSTRALIA (includes UFO story?)

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (Australia) (Time Zone unknown)

Saturday, January 22, 8:30 PM, MYSTERIES & SECRETS: MYSTERY OF THE CROP CIRCLES
Sunday, January 23, 4:30 AM, MYSTERIES & SECRETS: MYSTERY OF THE CROP CIRCLES
Sunday, January 23, 2:30 PM, MYSTERIES & SECRETS: MYSTERY OF THE CROP CIRCLES

PBS (USA) (times and content vary by station)

Sunday, January 23, 10:30 AM, PETS: PART OF THE FAMILY (includes psychic)

RTL (Europe) (GMT+1)

Thursday, January 20, 11:15 PM, UFOS 2000

RTL 5 (Europe) (GMT+1)

Sunday, January 16, 1:30 PM, SIGHTINGS

SBS6 (Europe) (GMT+1)

Monday, January 17, 1:35 PM, MYSTERIES, MAGIC & MIRACLES (Dutch)

Tuesday, January 18, 1:30 PM, MYSTERIES, MAGIC & MIRACLES (Dutch)

Wednesday, January 19, 1:10 PM, MYSTERIES, MAGIC & MIRACLES (Dutch)

Thursday, January 20, 1:25 PM, MYSTERIES, MAGIC & MIRACLES (Dutch)

Friday, January 21, 1:30 PM, MYSTERIES, MAGIC & MIRACLES (Dutch)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL (USA)

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Wednesday, January 19, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Thursday, January 20, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Friday, January 21, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Monday, January 24, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Thursday, January 27, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

Friday, January 28, 7:00 AM, SIGHTINGS

SYNDICATED (USA)

Friday, January 21, MAURY: Dorothy Allison, psychic detective

THE TRAVEL CHANNEL (USA)

Saturday, January 22, 6:00 PM, HOLLYWOOD HAUNTS

Saturday, January 22, 9:00 PM, HOLLYWOOD HAUNTS

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TMP News: Chemtrails - TMP Magazine Article and

From: Paul Anderson - TMP / CPR-Canada <psa@direct.ca>
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MEDIA

TMP Chemtrail Article In Alive Magazine

There is an article on the "mystery contrails/chemtrails" by TMP director Paul Anderson in the February 2000 issue of Alive magazine (the Canadian Journal of Health and Medicine, available in health food outlets across Canada). It is essentially a reprint of the earlier version (a copy of which can be read at: <http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/contrails.html>).

THE MILLENNIUM FORUM

The Millennium Forum Lecture Series: Chemtrails In Our Skies?
January 21, 2000

New West AM Group
New Westminster, BC

Paul Anderson
Founder and Director of The Millennium Project

7:30 - 9:00 AM
(breakfast meeting)

The Boathouse Restaurant
(near the New Westminster Quay Public Market)
900 Quayside, New Westminster, BC

Admission: \$10.00

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Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 21:54:34 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 18:29:02 -0500
Subject: Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?

Hiya all

With all that has been going on and talked about regarding the face on Mars, I thought I'd interject a few scandalous thoughts of my own. Now before I do, none of my thought are aimed at anyone, unless I specifically mention a persons name.

Wit to wisdom, or hype to death?

When the Viking probe took a picture of an anomaly on Mars, history was made. People suggested all manner of things from "proof of life else where" to "shadows creating things that aint there". Now I don't know about you but the following furor was a sight to behold.

Now on one hand we have Richard Hoagland and pals. Not content with arguing semantics about the face, he conjures up mathematical bits and pieces to further confirm that it must be a made product (nearly put alien made as oppose to man made there but caught myself in time). Whether this is true or not, (the math stuff) it is I believe, still open to question, or is that belief? But, and its a big but, does it prove anything? I.E. we have the octagonal stones/rocks of the "Giants causeway" do we not, and that aint artificial.

And on the other hand we have/had the skeptics who could only say things like trick of light, natural anomaly or some such. I don't know about you but I think Richard had the most colourful arguments.

Now when NASA deemed it worthy they mentioned another probe was going to Mars and that they would take another few pics of a certain little controversial object/anomaly that was causing much debate here on this little mudball we call earth.

So we then have some more pics. The raw data does indeed make it look like the face was a lighting anomaly, not an artificial object D'art. Personally I think Mars erosive abilities have a lot to answer for cos I didn't think it was the same place, but then I am no expert on this subject, nor am I a photographic expert, so to me this was no conclusion. Now if the pics NASA provided us are the genuine article, then what can we deduce? Hmm.

We have two main options, The Face is nothing other than trick of lighting, or, NASA has lied and the new pics are "altered". Being that I am not a conspiracy buff, nor do I subscribe to many alt.nasa news groups, I am left with the only option of working out my own opinion for myself.

Since certain people are absolutely certain that NASA would not tell the truth even if it was describing the colour of the sky,

and so far its only NASA that have taken pics of the face on Mars so we are in a dilemma are we not? Unless the pro face on Mars people can raise the cash for their own probe to go to Mars, we have no choice but to use NASA's pics and hope that they are not altered. Hmm I wonder if all the people who thought the face on Mars was genuine got together and donated cash do you think that they could raise half the cash? I'm sure if they raised half the cash for another probe, then some members of the general public seeing how serious these people where they might help out with the other half?? Just a thought.

We can't dismiss Richard Hoagland that easily either, because he told us about the potential for life on Europa, so he must be one smart cookie. Trouble is does being smart mean you are always right? Not if my math teacher was anything to go by! Neither can we say NASA have told us the truth all the time either. So on one hand you have a bunch of fringe lunatics and on the other a bunch of liars. (Using the opposing sides descriptions of the other side here <g>)

For the person straddling the fence there is a choice of two devils, and is there an answer for Occams razor to decide? Strip away all the words and look at the cold hard facts and what are we left with? I'm not sure that I know.

Is there a straight answer to the face on Mars? Not unless I go there and walk that hill there wont be for me.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 17:45:15 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 18:34:00 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 16:12:48 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 15 Jan 2000 19:55:35 -0500
>>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>What I was getting at was the fact if people who have had some
>kind of contact with ETs, either by Remote Viewing states(you
>know seeing on board the craft and talking to the Aliens) or
>other means who have had a message given to them concerning the
>Pleiades, then how do we sort this message out in to a rational
>perspective?

Firstly you must understand that the dream state and similar
states during alleged OOBEE's and remote viewing are subjective.

>Tony do you think that Earth has ever been in Contact with ET,
>by anyone at all - ever?

I haven't seen any viable evidence.

>*Have you personally seen enough evidence to say Yes or No*

I haven't seen any evidence to say et's exist, so I would say
earth has not been visited.

>If we are to discuss this matter, then can I ask you what is
>your view on ufology today?
>*Are we now heading in the right direction*

Ufology today has too many people trying to prove their theory
rather than objectively looking at the data. More objectivity
would be a move in the right direction, but I'm not holding my
breath <g>

>What do you think is being reported by the public?
>*What percentage of sightings would suggest a real Phenomena to
>you*

UFOs are being reported by the public, hence unidentified flying
objects. 100% of the sightings are real to the experiencer or
they wouldn't report them. It's not for me to pull figures out
of the air to state what percentage is a real phenomena. To me
the sighting reports which result in no explanation remain UFOs
in their true form, this is to say they can not be identified,
beyond that point only theories can be applied to explain the
phenomena. Of course we have to assume that the investigators
have exhausted all attempts to identify the UFOs which I don't
believe is always possible by civilian investigators.

>Do you think there are a lot of over excited people reporting
>UFOs?
>*Have you come across such types in your daily group running*

Not particularly.

>Do you think it possible of life existing elsewhere in the
>Universe?
>*Has this Life reached this Planet*

I would assume that it's almost inevitable that life does exist elsewhere, but whether it is able to reach earth is open to interpretation by the UFO data available today. If you're asking me whether I believe it has, then the answer is 'may be' but I doubt it.

>If I am right you are/were involved with CSETI & Project FT (
>Flying Triangle), by being in these groups would that mean you
>believe in the existence of ET?
>*Having read & seen the huge amount of DATA of such groups*

Firstly Project FT is not a group it is a project looking at FTs.

I did get involved in investigating CSETI's contact protocols, however the independent research showed no conclusive evidence of ET contact. In answer to your question, researching UFOs requires an open mind not a predetermined theory to be proved.

>Would being in these groups given you enough case evidence of
>something unusual flying in our skies?
>*If so from what you have seen over the years what is your well
>seen opinion on UFOs*

Case evidence no, video evidence yes. We have footage of something not flying but hovering around a nuclear power station. So in answer to your question, unusual yes, evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence no.

>How much evidence do you think the UFO community needs before we
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Thanks for the interview <g>

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Re: Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 19:53:51 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 07:34:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?

>Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 21:54:34 +0000
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>When the Viking probe took a picture of an anomaly on Mars,
>history was made. People suggested all manner of things from
>"proof of life else where" to "shadows creating things that aint
>there". Now I don't know about you but the following furor was a
>sight to behold.

>Now when NASA deemed it worthy they mentioned another probe was
>going to Mars and that they would take another few pics of a
>certain little controversial object/anomaly that was causing
>much debate here on this little mudball we call earth.

>So we then have some more pics. The raw data does indeed make it
>look like the face was a lighting anomaly, not an artificial
>object D'art.

This is wrong. The MGS image, bad as it is, shows the Face formation to have all of the salient humanoid qualities promised by the first two photos (taken, you will recall, at different sun angles).

When Carl Sagan and others skeptical of the Face (but at least willing to entertain evidence) talked about confirming data from post-Viking probes, they stressed that the Face, if it really is a face, should have additional humanoid features not visible at Viking's 50 meters-per-pixel resolution.

Exactly this has happened.

We now see symmetric and well-formed "nostrils," located precisely where they should be if the Face is in fact a sculpture. The vestige of a pupil has been identified in the visible "eye socket." Very interesting geometric detail is obvious on the feature's so-called "headpiece," and the "mouth" appears to have lips. Of these discoveries, only the headpiece detail was visible (barely) in the 1976 Viking photos.

The Face, once properly rectified, shows over 90 percent symmetry--very strange for a purely natural landform, especially in conjunction with small-scale features like the nostrils. And even computers, not given to "seeing faces," identify the Face as the least fractal formation in the region; its morphology "doesn't belong," and stands in marked contrast to the natural-looking formations in the Face's vicinity.

>Personally I think Mars erosive abilities have a
>lot to answer for cos I didn't think it was the same place, but
>then I am no expert on this subject, nor am I a photographic
>expert, so to me this was no conclusion.

Not the "same place"? You think this is another face we're dealing with?

>We have two main options, The Face is nothing other than trick

>of lighting, or, NASA has lied and the new pics are "altered".

Nonsense. The new pictures haven't been altered; they're clearly of the same feature in the Viking images. Furthermore, work by various imaging experts have shown this to be the case. The image is certainly substandard, but there's no evidence at all to call it a hoax.

Also, why do you mention new "pics"? Only one picture of the Face was taken. However, NASA's "official" enhancements of this one picture were so poorly and bizarrely processed (the orthrectification used on the TJP image, for example, is only valid when used on two-dimensional terrain; the Face is 1500 feet tall!) that I guess I can understand the confusion.

>Being that I am not a conspiracy buff, nor do I subscribe to
>many alt.nasa news groups, I am left with the only option of
>working out my own opinion for myself.

If only more shared your attitude instead of choosing to believe in whatever some of the jokers on Art Bell have to say, or immediately buying NASA's demonstratably false conclusions.

<snip>

>Is there a straight answer to the face on Mars? Not unless I go
>there and walk that hill there wont be for me.

In the meantime, some good new images--already promised to us by NASA, would certainly help. I challenge anyone to demonstrate how doing this would hurt science or be even remotely detrimental to our understanding of Mars' less esoteric mysteries.

--Mac Tonnies

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Re: UFO Net Site Moved

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 15:32:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 07:38:18 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Net Site Moved

>From: Anthony Chippendale <anthonyc@ufon.org>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO Net Site Moved
>Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 17:59:06 -0000

>Hello Everyone,

>Would everyone please note that my web site (UFO Net) has now
>moved and can be found at:

><http://ufon.org/ufonet/>

>Anthony Chippendale.

Hi People,

If you get five minutes go and check out Anthony's web site it
is packed with info and news.

Well done Anthony!

Roy...

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Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 16:51:51 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 07:51:11 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 17:45:15 -0500
>From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hi All,

>Firstly you must understand that the dream state and similar
>states during alleged OOBES and remote viewing are subjective.

Subjective to what degree? Since the event you revealed to me last year on this list, regarding someone you know of having on board encounters have you gained any, answers from these events, or do you think these are just all in the mind of the person(s)?

>>Tony do you think that Earth has ever been in Contact with ET,
>>by anyone at all - ever?

>I haven't seen any viable evidence.

Please state what you would consider viable evidence?

>>*Have you personally seen enough evidence to say Yes or No*

>>I haven't seen any evidence to say et's exist, so I would say
>>earth has not been visited.

If Earth in your opinion has not been visited by ET, what is your explanation of World wide UFO events?

Would you say that this is your long held opinion on ETs?

>>If we are to discuss this matter, then can I ask you what is
>>your view on ufology today?
>>*Are we now heading in the right direction*

>Ufology today has too many people trying to prove their theory
>rather than objectively looking at the data. More objectivity
>would be a move in the right direction, but I'm not holding my
>breath <g>

Do you hold a theory on UFOs and if so, should we consider this as objectively looking at the DATA?

Or do you know what all UFOs are, so no theory is needed by you, if so please lets us in on your secret?

>>What do you think is being reported by the public?
>>*What percentage of sightings would suggest a real Phenomena to
>>you*

>UFOs are being reported by the public, hence unidentified flying
>objects. 100% of the sightings are real to the experiencer or
>they wouldn't report them. It's not for me to pull figures out
>of the air to state what percentage is a real phenomena. To me
>the sighting reports which result in no explanation remain UFOs
>in their true form, this is to say they can not be identified
>beyond that point only theories can be applied to explain the

>phenomena. Of course we have to assume that the investigators
>have exhausted all attempts to identify the UFOs which I don't
>believe is always possible by civilian investigators.

>Would you agree that there are well renown UFO researchers (some who are on
>this list) who have proved in exhaustive detail that UFOs are a real
>phenomena World Wide and of which some can only be seen as ET craft?

>>Do you think there are a lot of over excited people reporting UFOs?

>>*Have you come across such types in your daily group running*

>Not particularly.

Would you say that such people exist?

>>Do you think it possible of life existing elsewhere in the Universe?

>>*Has this Life reached this Planet*

>I would assume that it's almost inevitable that life does exist
>elsewhere, but whether it is able to reach earth is open to
>interpretation by the UFO data available today. If you're asking
>me whether I believe it has, then the answer is 'may be' but I
>doubt it.

You said:

>I haven't seen any evidence to say et's exist, so I would say
>earth has not been visited<

If life exists out side our planet would this be termed as
Extraterrestrial? And what makes you doubt it?

>>If I am right you are/were involved with CSETI & Project FT
>>(Flying Triangle), by being in these groups would that mean you
>>believe in the existence of ET?
>>*Having read & seen the huge amount of DATA of such groups*

>>Firstly Project FT is not a group it is a project looking at FTs>

Having seen the DATA from Project FT in your opinion what are FT
reports?

>>I did get involved in investigating CSETI's contact protocols,
>>however the independant research showed no conclusive evidence
> >of et contact.

>Are you stating that no one in CSETI World Wide has shown any conclusive
>evidence of ET Contact?

>In answer to your question, researching UFOs requires an open
>mind not a predetermined theory to be proved>

Is CSETI in your mind pushing a predetermined theory ?

>>Would being in these groups given you enough case evidence of
>>something unusual flying in our skies?
>>*If so from what you have seen over the years what is your well
>>seen opinion on UFOs*

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>something not flying but hovering around a nuclear power
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So UFO research is a Science?

If what you say is true does mainstream Science practice ufology?

If yes could you publish all the Scientists you know who are
practising ufology?

>Thanks for the interview <g>

Anytime <g>

Roy . .

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Alfred's Odd Ode #334

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>

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Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #334

Apology to MW #334 (For January 15, 2000)

How placid was that gentle wave that washed the globe for hours -- that *wave* of year two thousand so foreboding, strained, and dour. "Sturm and Drang", and gnashing teeth was the prophesy foretold, but all I saw was calmness, and a will to be more bold. All I saw was calm sobriety, and a tranquil thoughtfulness. All I heard was making music in a world on its quest. All I smelled was leaves of winter as they lay upon the ground, a reminder that they'd come again as spring should slide around. And spring WOULD come when we were strong, and blessed with all our health, and we might learn to see, at last, BEYOND -- to REAL wealth.

The time is now; the world's HERE, it didn't self-destruct! The future is awakening! We make our OWN good luck. We take a breath (our blessings counted), and begin to see what's there . . . find the others standing hopelessly beyond concern or care. And these, the sad rejected, are not brought in on the dream that a few can take for granted (if they filter out the screams). It's them must be *involved* somehow . . . if we're to seize our day, if we're to have a grand success -- "soar and cleave", or "feet of clay". The kingdom is at hand, my friend. We grasp it, or we don't. It's right there for the taking; if we don't -- we ape the dolt.

Science is a blessing if one *really* follows data, and one cops to implication's larger views. If you know the trust for people that will tell you what they saw (?) though they, still and all, have quite a bit to lose? Folks like Jimmy Carter spring to mind for clearer reference, or Farrakhan all twisted in his rage; my brother and his wife have equal weight and they're more real -- call it "anecdotal evidence" to wave. I've boiled all the video that I've seen to twenty minutes (give or take some scary seconds to and fro), and what there is remaining is beyond the strangest thing, and a *teaser* for a guy who wants to know. And forgetting all the video, I've chanced to watch the sky, and I've seen peculiar lights that don't make sense. The mainstream won't go near it, what's *peculiar* is off limits, so I read the kind of news I get from Rense.

I can't escape the shadows that extend from circumstance, and I can't evade the questions they propose. I can't avoid the lessons of the very, very old -- as what they knew, and when they knew it, they've disclosed. They wrote it pretty plainly -- all the planets that we know. They left it in their records, stones, and seals. They named the belt of asteroids splitting Jupiter from Mars as the "bracelet for its star" -- the real deal. Neptune and Uranus were identified as twins, plus the greenness, or the blueness of their hues. It's right there in the record that is treated as mere myth though it drips with all the references and clues.

. . . And this is just BEGINNING the historical account of a story that just will not go away. Written in its annals are descriptions of the puzzle that if put together right would sieze the day. They're woven in our culture, (why, they're selling what we buy!), but we do not know the *purpose* they suggest. It's like we have some "proctor" with assessments,

checks, and tools, (so I wonder how we're doing on its test).
One might as well conduct themselves with THIS attitude
employed: an admission that they're here, and (yes) quite close.
Why not? If they are *there*, as it's admitted (and the
mainstream says it's so), then why not up the Bunky's bulbous
nose.

The future yawns before us like the matchless depth of space,
and the end is not for us, as yet, to see. The potential for
success (as huge as glaring/gloating failure) is a treasure that
is there for you and me. Some will whistle up excuses how they
knew it all along -- others wallow in their terror of defeat.
Some will take a deep breath and adapt to what it is --quickly
changing when they're thinking on their feet. That's the mood
that took the world as all the "numbers" moved? A hopeful
contemplation -- optimistic? There WAS a placid calmness in
that day that washed the world. The mood was *charged* (no
tension!) -- and FANTASTIC!

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We would be as gods -- is it time for another unjust destruction
of Babel?

Restore John Ford.

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

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afar, I leave far behind me." - Giordano Bruno, burned at the
fundamentalist's stake.

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From: Tony Spurrier <TSpurrier@compuserve.com>

Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 15:32:31 -0500

Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 17:49:56 -0500

Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 16:51:51 +0000

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>

>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Subjective to what degree? Since the event you revealed to me
>last year on this list, regarding someone you know of having on
>board encounters have you gained any, answers from these events,
>or do you think these are just all in the mind of the person(s)?

As I said at the time, the encounters were brought on by
suggestion, therefore not real.

What do you think of these types of reports?

>Please state what you would consider viable evidence?

I believe I have already said.

What do you consider viable evidence?

>If Earth in your opinion has not been visited by ET, what is
>your explanation of World wide UFO events?

It may be news to you but there is more than one explanation for
UFO sightings.

Do you have one theory that covers all UFO sightings?

>Would you say that this is your long held opinion on ETs?

Yes.

>Do you hold a theory on UFOs and if so, should we consider this
>as objectively looking at the DATA?

I don't hold an overall theory, UFOs are unidentified flying
objects.

>Or do you know what all UFOs are, so no theory is needed by you,
>if so please lets us in on your secret?

Perhaps you should read the acronym again and memorise the
'unidentified' bit? <g>

Do you consider all unidentified sightings to be
extraterrestrial?

>Would you say that such people exist?

Of course over excited people exist, have a look in a play
ground and see how kids react, are these questions really
relevant?

>If life exists out side our planet would this be termed as
>Extraterrestrial? And what makes you doubt it?

Of course life originating outside earth could be termed
extraterrestrial. Why do I doubt it, I think the lack of
evidence is a good start.

What evidence do you think exists that extraterrestrials are visiting earth?

>Having seen the DATA from Project FT in your opinion what are FT reports?

FT sightings are sightings of what people think are Flying Triangles, really Roy this is very basic stuff <g>. I see, you mean what do I think they are? Well, some are misidentifications however, some are likely to be an advanced VTOL. If you want a diffinitive answer then you are a little premature as the investigations are ongoing.

>Is CSETI in your mind pushing a predetermined theory ?

Yes.

>For the object(s) on video to be labelled "extraterrestrial intelligence" what action would they have to submit to?

I would imagine proof that they are extraterrestrial.

>What is your checklist for extraterrestrial behaviour?

I don't have one, do you?

>Do you inform members of your group that ET does not exist because we have no DNA evidence?

The group I jointly runs allows members to think for themselves, it's not for me to tell them anything.

Do you think that those who run groups should dictate to their members?

>So once you have looked at each case in it's own right have you come to any conclusion to the above?

>After doing so how do you inform the Abductee of what they are experiencing, have you ever said

>"After my Investigation I believe you are experiencing.... or can you tell them without a doubt that they are not, having Abduction events take place..what terminology would you use?

I don't investigate abductions.

What do you say?

>Would you say you can gain all the results you need from sitting on the fence <g>

All the answers no, but I don't get emotional about being wrong because I don't have a theory that I'm trying to prove.

>If you think it is possible then please tell us why they would do this in public view World Wide?

By asking the question you may have the answer?

>If you don't believe in ET, then what would an ET craft mean as you stated?

In general et craft means a craft which is extraterrestrial in origin, I used the term as not being an et craft as meaning not of extraterrestrial origin, it's quite simple really.

>By honest research you mean?

Research which is free from prejudice.

>Would you call these people over excited on UFOs?

Some yes.

>So UFO research is a Science?

It should be carried out in a scientific manner.

How do you think UFO research should be carried out?

>If yes could you publish all the Scientists you know who are
>practising ufology?

Cooking is a science Roy, surely you're not saying that only
scientists can cook <g>. Let's simplify the matter for you, the
definition of science is 'systematic study and knowledge of
natural or physical phenomena, any branch of study concerned
with observed material facts'. I hope this clears your
misunderstanding up.

Tony

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Telescopes Spot An Unseen Cosmos

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Telescopes Spot an Unseen Cosmos
Scientists find lone black holes and address an X-ray puzzle
By Alan Boyle - MSNBC

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Jan. 13 - NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory has picked up ultrafaint, ultradistant objects that don't show up in visible light, but may provide the key to solving a 37-year-old puzzle in astronomy, scientists say. Meanwhile, other telescopes have found evidence of another invisible curiosity in our own galaxy: lone black holes adrift in space.

Both revelations were announced Thursday at the winter meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Atlanta, and both have to do with black holes, the mysterious phenomena that are standard fare for science fiction.

Gravitational theory dictates that, under the right conditions, a suitably massive star could collapse in on itself at the end of its life - creating an object so dense that not even light can escape its gravitational pull. Although the black hole itself wouldn't be visible, matter in its general vicinity would swirl into the "hole" like water going down a bathtub drain. The force of that swirl would be violent enough to cast off a burst of radiation, scientists say - and such bursts have indeed shown up in X-ray observations. That's where Chandra comes in.

Meanwhile, scientists have used another technique, known as "microlensing," to spot two isolated black holes in our own galaxy. Even though there were no telltale emissions from around the objects, they could be detected by carefully watching their gravitational effect on the starlight coming from behind them. The two teams used NASA's Hubble Space Telescope as well as ground-based telescopes in Australia and Chile. Here's what scientists have concluded from the newly announced observations:

SPOTTING BLACK HOLES

The new observations in the Milky Way are significant not only because they provide evidence that these bizarre things called black holes actually exist: They also indicate that fairly normal stars can spawn black holes. In fact, scientists believe that the newly detected objects are each only about six times as massive as our own sun.

"These results suggest that black holes are common, and that many massive but normal stars may end their lives as black holes instead of neutron stars," Notre Dame researcher David Bennett said in a written statement. Based on the assumptions about the mass, the Notre Dame researchers estimate that one of the black holes is about 6,600 light-years from Earth. Each light year equals about 6 trillion miles or 10 trillion kilometers.

Until now, black holes have been detected only as part of a multiple-star system or at the center of galaxies. The new observations help confirm the theory that black holes can form all by themselves through the collapse of isolated massive stars.

The two objects were detected indirectly in 1996 and 1998 by the Massive Compact Halo Object project, using the 4-foot (1.3-meter) telescope at the Mount Stromlo Observatory in Canberra, Australia, with follow-up observations by the Global Microlensing Alert Network in Chile and the Microlensing Planet Search project in Australia. Hubble provided additional images last year.

This image[SEE WEBSITE], captured by the Hubble Space Telescope, highlights a star whose light has been brightened by the influence of an unseen object acting as a gravitational lens between the star and Earth. Scientists believe the unseen object is a black hole.

The astronomers' microlensing technique watches the sky for light distortions caused when a dark object passes in front of a more distant field of stars. If the dark object is massive enough, its gravitational influence will bend light rays from the faraway sources like a lens - creating distinctive banana-shaped or ring-shaped patterns.

Careful analysis of the distortion patterns can yield information about the distance and mass of the unseen object in the middle. About 300 microlensing events have been recorded so far, some of them hinting at the existence of unseen planets or burned-out stars.

Researchers said the two objects reported Thursday are too massive to be planets, brown dwarfs, white dwarfs or neutron stars - and that leaves black holes as the best explanation for the microlensing data.

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Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

From: **Bill Alford** <googong@interact.net.au>
Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 21:35:16 +1100
Fwd Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 18:27:16 -0500
Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter

>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 13:57:31 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 13 Jan 2000 17:45:33 +1100
>>From: Bill Alford <googong@interact.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: The Photon-Belt Encounter
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>FARMERS in the high Andes Mountains may have been able to
>>predict El Nino for centuries by observing whether clouds dimmed
>>the light from a cluster of stars called the Pleiades.

>>A potato farming tradition handed down from one generation to
>>the next teaches that the brightness of stars in the
>>constellation during June roughly predicted the rainfall during
>>the growing season from October to May.

>I have astronomer friends who observe the sky from world class
>telescopes on the Andes Mountains because of the excellent
>seeing, transparency and darkness of the night sky found there
>who will disagree with you. From meteorological daytime cloud
>data, every day could be overcast during El Nino years and still
>produce the same cloudless night skies as on non-El Nino
>years.

>Furthermore, the Pleiades are simply a very prominent star
>cluster and not a constellation. They are also not visible
>in June because of their close proximity to the Sun - so how
>would the potato farmers see them without going blind?

The above newspaper report that I originally quoted, which I prefaced with the comment "errors and all" to cover the obvious one of the Pleiades not being a constellation, was based on the paper "Forecasting Andean rainfall and crop yield from the influence of El Nino on Pleiades visibility" by Benjamin S Orlove, John C Chiang and Mark A Crane, Nature, 403, 6 January 2000, pp 68-71. I'll quote from the abstract and first paragraph of this paper to answer Nick's comments:

"...Here we use data on cloud cover and water vapour from satellite imagery, agronomic data from the Andean antiplano and an index of El Nino variability to analyse this forecasting method. We find that poor visibility of the Pleiades in June - caused by an increase in subvisual high cirrus clouds - is indicative of an El Nino year, which is usually linked to reduced rainfall during the growing season several months later. ... Observations often begin around 15 June and culminate on 24 June, the festival of San Juan. They occur an hour or two before dawn, when the Pleiades are located low over the horizon to the northeast."

I have checked the accuracy of the last sentence with astronomical software.

>Regretfully, there were few facts in your e-mail and nothing

>that convinced me of even a remote association between the
>Pleiades and E.T.s.

This is what started off this e-mail thread when I stated that
the Pleiades are too young to independently support anything
like life yet.

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Some Triangle Sightings Explained As Satellites

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<http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/sat.htm>

Some Triangle Sightings Explained As Satellites

1-15-2000

The December 1999 issue of Spaceflight magazine carried two letters from writers looking for explanations of a curious celestial phenomenon: a triangle of lights crossing the night sky.

Summary

NOSS/Parcae sightings probably do not account for very many of the flood of "triangle UFO" sightings. The lights are dim, are visible only for an hour or so before and move in straight lines across the sky. Still, the phenomenon underscores the richness of prosaic visual stimuli out there waiting to mislead naive observers, and so would-be researchers should do well to rule NOSS out as an explanation before leaping to conclusions.

Satellites are not just steady points of light --they can flash and can travel "in formation." They can emit clouds of fuel or waste water or even sport visible thread-like tethers.

Letter writer Nick Spall described what he saw from Cornwall at about 10 PM on August 10, 1999. The triangular-shaped formation moved from north to south passed the star Altair.

"With the naked eye the formation appeared as one object," Spall wrote. However, "through binoculars (7x50) the group was resolved into three steady pinpoints travelling together in formation."

A second letter from A.R. Thompson in Surrey echoed the first account.

"On 4 September 1999 I was sitting in my garden enjoying the cool of late evening," he wrote, "when I noticed three satellites apparently moving in a triangular 'formation' ... I have never witnessed satellites moving in the same direction and maintaining the same position relative to one another."

He described the lights as about stellar magnitude 4, dim but easily seen in a dark, clear sky. Thompson reported he first noticed them at about 21:59 as they moved downwards into the constellation of Pegasus.

"The 'triangle' was about 2 degrees by 3 degrees isosceles. They took between one and two minutes to pass through Pegasus, before fading."

Triangles or triplets?

The two Englishmen hadn't been alone in being perplexed by "flying triangles" in the sky, but when the unearthly answer was eventually found, it promised to also account for many other such reports.

The November/December 1999 issue of Skyviews, edited by Canadian amateur astronomy guru Terence Dickinson, contained this amazing account: "On three consecutive nights during the Starfest star party in August 1996, a formation of 3 unblinking starlike objects in a flattened triangular configuration was seen cruising across the star fields by dozens of observers. Veteran stargazers at the meeting had never seen anything like it."

Consultations with amateur satellite-watchers soon identified the sighting as another "NOSS triplet" formation. Computer predictions based on known orbits showed the man-made space objects had indeed been passing overhead at the time of the sightings.

But what kind of explanation was that, really? First of all, what on earth -- or off earth -- is "NOSS"?

Three watching eyes

This space project is so secret that even its official name remains a topic of debate, so observers dubbed it the "Naval Ocean Surveillance System," or NOSS.

The US currently operates three sets of spy satellites, launched consecutively in 1990, 1991 and 1996. These satellites orbit pole-to-pole in groups of three at an altitude of 1,100 kilometers, monitoring the position, speed and direction of all military ships at sea by detecting radio and radar signals and then triangulating the point of origin..

The components of the trio orbit separately under Newton's Laws, and are not technically "in formation." However, their orbits are planned to crisscross during every circuit, being widest apart over ocean areas of greatest interest.

The project's Top Secret name is reportedly "Parcae," the Roman name for the three somber, all-seeing goddesses who observe human activity and determine justice for individuals. If so, perhaps they call the satellites "Clotho," "Lachesis" and "Atropos" at the top secret Parcae "mission control center."

The visible secret

In the case of the two English observers, Ed Cameron, an amateur astronomer in central Texas, found the precise answer -- NOSS satellites flying overhead at the time and same direction as in their reports.

Spall had seen what Cameron calls "the NOSS 2-3 trio," and Thompson had been observing "the NOSS 2-2 trio."

Amateur spacewatchers have known about these objects for a long timer. But there was some debate whether the satellites would be visible to the naked eye.

Professor Brian Hunter of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario has photographed NOSS 2-2 passing through the constellation Lyra in late 1997.

"This pass was seen [with the] naked eye by many in the Northeastern US," he noted when posting the image to the internet.

Other eyewitness accounts

Also online, a Kansas amateur astronomer calling himself "Stosh" reported the trios "can be seen pretty easily, as I can attest."

"Stosh" provided details. "While looking for meteors on the morning of the '99 Leonids, my 7 year old daughter picked them out, pointed them to me, and even my old eyes caught them right away," he reported. "I'd say they were at least a 4 magnitude. "

He added that there were several reports of others seeing them that morning.

And Daniel Deak of Drummondville, Québec, chimed in, calling naked-eye NOSS sightings "not speculation but ... fact."

"I saw the NOSS 2-2 trio with 3 other people last April when the Moon was in the sky," he noted. "They were at magnitude 3.5, so

very easy to see -- in relatively dark
skies."

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'Mission To Mars' - Synopsis

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 08:10:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 08:10:04 -0500
Subject: 'Mission To Mars' - Synopsis

Source: Touchstone Pictures

<http://movies.go.com/m2m/flash/index.html>

From acclaimed director Brian De Palma, MISSION TO MARS is a dramatic space adventure starring Gary Sinise, Don Cheadle, Connie Nielsen, Jerry O'Connell, and Tim Robbins.

When the first manned mission to Mars meets with a catastrophic and mysterious disaster, a rescue mission is launched to investigate the tragedy and bring back any survivors.

Exciting and realistic, 'Mission To Mars' is the inspirational story of the astronauts of the hurried Mars Recovery mission, the almost insurmountable dangers that confront the heroic crew on their journey through space, and the amazing discovery they make when they finally reach the Red Planet.

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UFO Report: Hamilton, Ohio - 01-17-00

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@FUSE.NET>
Date: Mon, 17 Jan 2000 17:45:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 08:23:31 -0500
Subject: UFO Report: Hamilton, Ohio - 01-17-00

UFO Report

Location - Hamilton, Ohio [Butler County], North Derexa Drive,
near Greenwoods Cemetery

Date: Monday, January 17, 2000
Time: Approximately 7:05 a.m.

Duration of sighting: less than 1-second

As a result of a message from Ohio MUFON Director Bill Jones, a phone call was placed to a resident of Hamilton, Ohio regarding a UFO sighting from earlier this morning. The witness located Mr. Jones from the MUFON State Directory website, and then talked to Mr. Jones by telephone later in the afternoon. Mr. Jones conveyed the phone number of the witness so that the claimant might be interviewed and a report could be taken.

Upon speaking with the witness, he explained that he had made detailed notes of the sighting, and transcribed below are excerpts from those notes, which he read while we discussed his sighting:

"I was standing in my fiancée's home facing south, southeast, looking out the kitchen window. I say exactly because I had to determine direction using the most accurate map of the area that I know of."

The witness attempted measurements of the south/southeast position using houses in the area, streets and maps. Looking out his kitchen window into an open area with unobstructed view of the sky, the witness reported observing an object which appeared as a round "area" of light.

"It was not moving as fast as a meteor or shooting star," he said, "but was moving almost as fast. It appeared out of nowhere, as if turning on a flashlight. It appeared and descended at a high speed.

"As the object descended, it seemed to pause momentarily, then seemed to reverse direction, as if hesitating," the witness wrote in his notes.

The witness informed that there seemed to be some rotation during the pause. At that moment, the witness noted, the object seemed "3-Dimensional," and was perceived to have a concave shape.

The object finally departed from view by assuming a slight adjustment in course and disappearing behind neighborhood houses.

The size of the object was about 1/4 that of the moon, or about the end of a pencil eraser held at arms length. It was whitish-colored with a slight bluish-tint. It was about half as

bright as a streetlight, and somewhat diffused, yet still defined. Its altitude was perceived to be 'well below' that of commercial air traffic, yet higher than smaller, local planes. It was his impression that this object was in his immediate vicinity, perhaps mere miles away.

The witness has previously been in truck-driving industry, he informed, and was presently a student between careers. He has attended a recent class at Miami University.

"If it was a meteor, it was strange. At that moment, when it paused, it did appear to be concave and spinning on its side."

COMMENT:

The observer was notably struck by the unusual ballistic performance of this descending object, which would complicate a 'meteor' or 'bolide' explanation. However, a factor in this sighting report must be the 1-second time duration, which presents challenging perceptive circumstances for any witness to accurately recall detail, most especially under unannounced conditions. A meteor, under any condition, is an unusual thing to see in the sky, and could confound even the best qualified observers.

The claimant further informed that he would be curious to learn if anyone else in the area had also spotted this object.

Filed,
January 17, 2000
Kenny Young

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Ed Dames Gets Sued

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 19:17:03 -0500
Subject: Ed Dames Gets Sued

You'd think with all of his incredible remote viewing prowess that Ed Dames would have seen this coming. After all, this is the guy who remote viewed Satan and said the Hale-Flopp comet would bring a fungus that would destroy the planet. So much for accuracy let alone credibility.

Ed, wait a minute, I'm getting something. It's a number and some letters... 13... C... H... CHAPTER 13... good grief! It works!

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

1-17-2000
PRESS RELEASE
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*SOURCE: Jeff Rense (www.rense.com)

Harry DeLigter Wins Lawsuit Against
PSI TECH, Inc., Ed Dames and Jonina Dourif,
For Breach of Contract

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Los Angeles, California - January 17, 2000 -- Lightworks Audio & Video, Inc. and Harry DeLigter Productions announced today the decision in favor of Mr. DeLigter made by the Superior Court of California against PSI TECH, Inc.. The case was brought by Mr. DeLigter in order to recover damages under contracts with PSI TECH for the production and distribution of videotapes on the subject of Technical Remote Viewing. The tapes he produced were to have been distributed through Lightworks Audio & Video, Inc. Mr. DeLigter also serves as the President of Lightworks.

On December 10, 1999, Superior Court Judge Valerie Baker handed down a decision against Defendant PSI TECH, Inc. in a breach of contract action brought against Mr. Edward Dames, President and Mrs. Jonina Dourif, Vice President of PSI TECH, Inc., by Mr. Harry DeLigter, President of Harry DeLigter Productions, finding that PSI TECH was guilty of breaching their contract with Harry DeLigter Productions.

The contract pertained to the production and distribution of a series of home study videotapes on the subject of Technical Remote Viewing (TRV).

TRV is a methodology for viewing people, places or things, past, present or future, using the power of one's own mind. Originally pioneered by the Stanford Research Institute in the late 1970s as an offshoot of research into ESP, this work garnered the interest and support of the US government and was soon utilized by the CIA and the US Army. Mr. Dames acquired his exposure to this psychic methodology while serving in the US Army's Remote Viewing unit. After approximately twenty years in the Army, Mr. Dames retired with the rank of Major and went into business

teaching people how to do remote viewing. He and Mr. DeLigter entered into a venture whereby Mr. DeLigter produced tapes of Damesí teaching with the expressed contractual arrangement to distribute the tapes through Lightworks Audio & Video, Inc.

These videotapes were designed to teach people how to do remote view. Mr. DeLigter is President of Lightworks Audio & Video, Inc. in Los Angeles, California - a distributor specializing in the dissemination of empowering home video - marketing on the world wide web at www.lightworksAV.com.

After considering the evidence presented during a two week trial held in November at the California Superior Courthouse in Beverly Hills, California, Judge Baker issued a judgement in favor of Plaintiff DeLigter against Defendants PSI TECH in the amount of \$335,200.00 for breach of contract plus costs and legal fees.

DeLigter and Dames had contracted with each other on December 11, 1996 to produce a series of home video tapes on Technical Remote Viewing, to be distributed by Lightworks Audio & Video, Inc. Revenues were to have been shared among the parties.

After several appearances on the Art Bell Radio Program in January and February of 1997, Mr. Dames came to realize that these promotions of the tapes had resulted in considerable sales. Soon after this realization, he and Mrs. Dourif proceeded to cut Mr. DeLigter out of the deal, ultimately taking the master tapes and selling them themselves, without repaying Mr. DeLigter as an investor, without honoring the revenue sharing provisions of their contract and without honoring the distribution deal that was made with Lightworks Audio & Video, Inc.

Mr. DeLigter had been working in good faith to keep the project on track when Mr. Dames took the tapes, thereby preventing Mr. DeLigter from completing his work as the producer on the project. Efforts to re-negotiate their contracts broke down and in May of 1997, Mr. Dames took the master tapes from the editor hired by DeLigter Productions, Mr. William Gazecki, thus leaving Mr. DeLigter in the unpleasant position of having to initiate litigation in order to get paid.

According to the decision of the Court, the Plaintiff met his burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence all of the elements of breach of contract. The weight of the credible evidence shows that the Defendants Dames and Dourif on behalf of Defendant PSI TECH freely negotiated with Plaintiff and entered into a valid, enforceable contract.

The evidence showed consideration as well as performance on the part of the Plaintiff. The evidence established that Mr. DeLigter and his company engaged in the business of locating relatively obscure people with eclectic talents, providing them with a base to develop and promote their talents and produce and disseminate tapes.

The second paragraph of (their production contract) states, WHEREAS the Producers are producing products on the subject of Technical Remote Viewing involving The Creators (Dames and Dourif). The third paragraph states, WHEREAS the Creators wish to appear in and contribute to said Products and wish to cooperate with the Producers (DeLigter Productions) in order to participate in the creation of such programs. The fourth paragraph begins, WHEREAS, the parties agree to work together for mutual benefit in the creation and production of a series of products. The weight of the evidence showed that the Plaintiffs performed as Producers under the contract until their performance was prevented by the Defendantsí breach.

Judge Baker continues, the evidence showed that Mr. DeLigter met with Mr. Dames and Ms. Dourif on several

occasions and informed them as to who he is and how he has done business. Neither duress nor undue influence was shown. Mistake was not shown. Instead, the evidence established that the essential terms of the agreement were negotiated and that they were sufficiently clear to the parties. The Defendants had a choice. They could have declined to do business with Plaintiffs. They could have refused to sign the contract.

Contrary to the Defendants' assertion, the essential terms of the agreement were determined. The defense that there was merely an agreement to agree lacks sufficient factual and legal support. The evidence shows consideration and significant performance was by both sides after the contract was signed. Plaintiff's further performance was prevented by the Defendant's breach of the contract.

As Mr. Price (of Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley, attorney for the Plaintiff) argued, the agreement provided that the Plaintiff, DeLigter, was to bring his talent to the project and he did. When the first phase of production was completed and it looked like the project would be very profitable, Mr. Dames, acting for PSI TECH, started to back out and take steps to exclude the Plaintiffs from the project. On or about April 1, 1997, Mr. Dames hired another distributor, Mr. Frederick Mansfield Bonsall, III (who served as CEO of PSI TECH from April, 1997 to April, 1999). According to Mr. Bonsall's testimony, Mr. Dames made it clear to him that he was hired by PSI TECH to supplant Lightworks. On May 6, 1997, Mr. Dames caused the tapes to be taken from Mr. Gazecki's office. (Mr. Gazecki had been hired by Mr. DeLigter to edit the TRV tapes.)

The testimony (of forensic accountant, Nancy) Le Clair and (ex-CEO) Bonsall was credible and proved support for the Plaintiff's case. Additionally, the testimony of Mr. DeLigter had credibility and was uncontroverted in most material areas. It was generally supportive of the Plaintiffs' breach of contract claims. Attempts to impeach Mr. DeLigter with prior deposition testimony were not effective. There were no material inconsistencies. Mr. DeLigter's credibility, however, was somewhat impeached when he was cross-examined about exhibits, 86, 88 and 89. He also has an obvious interest in this litigation. In general, however, his testimony was credible particularly to the extent it was corroborated by the testimony of other witnesses and exhibits.

Mr. DeLigter's testimony established that the contract was freely negotiated and entered into by the parties. His testimony established Plaintiff's performance as well as the Defendants' initial performance until their breach. Plaintiff was active in the filming in Hawaii and the subsequent filming in the PSI TECH office. Mr. DeLigter hired Mr. (William) Gazecki and Mr. (Michael) Horn to work on the project. Mr. DeLigter also worked on pre-sale procedures and initiated the relationship with the Call Center. According to Mr. DeLigter's uncontroverted testimony, the filming continued into April 1997; Mr. Gazecki was editing the program and in April 1997 provided the parties with the video master called Beta Testing. Correspondence as well as Mr. DeLigter's testimony shows that beginning in April 1997, Mr. Dames became belligerent and increasingly uncooperative. Mr. DeLigter, on the other hand, tried to cooperate and accommodate Mr. Dames and the other Defendants. Finally, Plaintiffs were prevented from continuing their performance when the tapes were taken from Gazecki's office in the first week of May. Additionally, Mr. DeLigter's testimony as well as other evidence, including Exhibits 77, 79 and 80, show that the Defendants used the product developed with Plaintiffs for their own interest and profit. This conduct by the Defendants in failing to cooperate, taking the tapes and misappropriating the product all violated the contract and caused the Plaintiffs monetary damages.

Much of Mr. DeLigter's testimony and Plaintiffs' claims were corroborated by the credible testimony of Mr. Michael Horn. Mr. Horn's testimony showed that the Defendants voluntarily and actively participated in contract negotiations and knowingly and deliberately entered into the contract with the Plaintiffs. His testimony also corroborated Mr. DeLigter's testimony about Plaintiff's performance under the contract. Mr. Horn testified credibly about the production efforts and accomplishments, culminating in the editing and beta testing on the project in March and early April.

Throughout this period, the Defendants worked with the Plaintiffs pursuant to the contract. Mr. Horn confirmed that all of the shooting and 90 to 95 percent of the editing of Module 1 had been done by the time the tapes were removed from Gazecki's office in early May 1997. According to Mr. Horn, a portion of Module 2 had been shot prior to the tapes being taken. Mr. Horn also testified that Mr. Dames and Ms. Dourif told him that they

took the tapes, that they wanted to form their own team, and that they did not want to work with Mr. DeLigter. According to Mr. Horn, they also stated that they intended to bankrupt Mr. DeLigter and they would make DeLigter spend his (inheritance) money.

Through cross examination of Mr. Horn, the defense introduced evidence suggesting that there were problems with DeLigter's performance before the tapes were taken, i.e., not paying Mr. Horn and Gazecki and not running Lightworks properly, etc. None of these problems, however, amounted to nonperformance by DeLigter and none of these problems would excuse or somehow justify the conduct of the Defendants which breached the contract and prevented further performance by Plaintiffs.

The testimony of William Gazecki also provided some support for the Plaintiffs' breach of contract claim against Defendant PSI TECH. He corroborated Mr. DeLigter's testimony regarding Plaintiffs' performance of the contract and the Defendant's breach of the contract. Mr. Gazecki's testimony showed that Mr. DeLigter hired him, agreed to pay him, and did on occasion pay him. See also Exhibits 52 and 54. Mr. Gazecki stated that the bills went to DeLigter and were paid by him. As to the Plaintiffs' performance, Mr. Gazecki testified about the conversations he had with Mr. DeLigter about the project in early 1997, about DeLigter's sending him the material shot in Hawaii to review, and about conversations he later had with DeLigter and Horn concerning the content of the tapes. He stated that Mr. DeLigter, Mr. Horn and he created a road map, a description of what they were trying to do. He also testified about shooting film all day in Mr. Dames' Beverly Hills office while he was still employed by Mr. DeLigter. Mr. Gazecki's testimony and correspondence showed that Mr. DeLigter was actively involved in the production of the program through the end of April, 1997. See, e.g., Exhibits 42, 44 and 45. Mr. Gazecki's testimony and correspondence belied a lack of cooperation on the part of Mr. Dames. See, e.g., Exhibit 30. His testimony confirmed a deliberate, calculated breach of contract by the Defendant. Mr. Gazecki testified about the tapes being taken. He stated that after the tapes were taken, he was employed by PSI TECH and, in this capacity, shot film at PSI TECH's office. He was in charge of the technical function and was under the direction of Mr. Dames. After the tapes were taken, he also entered in an Indemnity Agreement with Mr. Dames.

The defense was limited in large part because neither Mr. Dames nor Ms. Dourif testified. Additionally, the Plaintiffs introduced deposition testimony of Mr. Dames which tended to impeach Mr. Dames' credibility and call into question the defense. Portions of the deposition testimony also corroborated the Plaintiffs' breach of contract claims.

Thus, nearly three years to the day after this project began, a Superior Court Judge was required to sort out the nonsense from the facts. And the facts are that Mr. DeLigter entered into a legally binding contract with Mr. Dames and Ms. Dourif, and was cheated out of money due him by Mr. Dames and Ms. Dourif under the terms of that contract.

Although additional causes of action were brought against PSI TECH in the interest of covering more legal technicalities, the Judge ruled that any damages to be derived from those additional causes of action would be duplicative to those awarded for breach of contract, so she simply awarded damages on the breach of contract action.

It is the intent of Mr. DeLigter and Lightworks that Mr. Dames continue to be successful with the tapes.

Now that an independent third party has rendered a decision on how the parties are to behave under the laws of the United States of America, the Plaintiffs look forward to an honorable and professional satisfaction of the judgement.

Lightworks Audio & Video, Inc. offers hundreds of compelling tools for expanding human consciousness on their website at www.lightworksAV.com.

For further information, please contact Mr. DeLigter c/o Lightworks at 310-398-4949.

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Taiwan MND Confirms Incoming UFOs From China

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Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 19:41:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 19:59:18 -0500
Subject: Taiwan MND Confirms Incoming UFOs From China

I just found this on 'MyCnn'. I couldn't find a trace of it on the main CNN site though. Because it pops up in separate window with no URL of it's own, I just pasted the text here.

Diane Lovett

Taipei, Jan. 18 (CNA) The Ministry of National Defense (MND) on Tuesday confirmed the report that 10 unidentified flying objects were spotted heading across the Taiwan Strait from mainland China toward northern Taiwan and later disappeared at an altitude of 14,000 feet to 25,000 feet on Jan. 16.

Judging by the direction of the wind and airflow, the MND suggested the UFOs were sent from mainland China and said the move has seriously threatened both Taiwan and international aviation security.

The MND, making the statements during a regular press conference, added that the ministry immediately informed the Civil Aeronautics Administration and instructed them to pay close attention to this situation and urged the mainland to refrain from this kind of dangerous behavior.

Following the MND's warning, the Strait Exchange Foundation (SEF), Taiwan's quasi-official organization dealing with cross-strait affairs, sent a letter to its mainland counterpart, the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait (ARATS), urging the relevant authorities to investigate the issue.

In the meantime, the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) plans to issue a warning on Tuesday afternoon to pilots flying the Taiwan-Kinmen route as it judges that the unidentified flying objects may cause disturbances to aircraft flying that route.

Currently, no unusual objects have been detected by the CAA's radar screens, but the warning from the MND illustrates that the UFOs pose a potential danger on the Taiwan-Kinmen route, so the CAA has decided it will issue the warning.

Several UFOs were again spotted on Jan. 17, according to the MND.

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Triangular UFO Sighting

From: Joseph Trainor <Masinaigan@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 20:44:02 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 21:32:11 -0500
Subject: Triangular UFO Sighting

Dear Errol and List Members:

I would like to share this email I received, in the hopes that one of you can forward it to Officer Craig Stevens. This triangular UFO is nothing new, it seems.

Joe Trainor

From: Dave Bobadilla <dkent@jps.net>
To: <Masinaigan@aol.com>
Subject: Triangular UFO sighting
Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 15:04:33 -0800

Dear Mr. Trainer:

I read the report on the triangular UFO sighting on the 5th of this month, by the police officer and others in the area of Illinois Missouri. I saw what seems to be the same thing in the summer of 1981, in southern California during the day time, I'm a machinist for a aerospace firm here. I also thought I was going crazy for a while after I saw the object,

No technology I know of, could make something so huge with antigravity like movements,

If at all possible I must communicate with the officer who witnessed this vehicle, no one will believe me that I witnessed this thing, so vividly real, as my own hand in front of my face.

I must compare notes with somebody that has seen this, or go completely cuckoo.

Below I will include my email address and name please, please, please forward this information to that officer, Craig Stevens and others, that have seen this (Triangular silent, antigravity like craft) I will also send my personal eye witness account of my sighting.

Please, I can rest better if I talk to somebody else about this, as I have recently discovered through the web I am not alone, and these sightings are being seen all over world in the past 20 years. Some have suggested to me Government defense holograms - not what I saw.

David Bobadillo
January 18,1999
www.dkent@jps.net

summer of 1981 the city of HUNTINGTON BEACH CA I saw a triangular shaped object, moving to and fro throughout the sky at about 6:00 pm, about an hour before sunset, it appeared to be about a quarter mile a cross and appeared to move at several times, that of supersonic speed, it had ever color possible

pulsating within the triage, then every so often all the lights would turn off and the triangle appeared to have a gray metallic appearance, which it seemed to slightly bulge slightly in the center. I was not drinking or any similarity of, I was so astonished I ran upstairs to my apartment almost tripping and falling several times, almost killing my self, my adrenaline was pumping so hard, felt almost like having heart attack. I immediately called police dept. hopping their were other reports of this kind,unfortunly not, and told me it was some kind of experimental air craft. bull!~for years I lived with this thinking I was almost going mad, no one would take me seriously. Then on tv in about 1997 their was a special on Ufo's freshly released tape footage from Russia, One of their taped sightings taken above their nuclear power plant I think was Chernobyl, was exactly the exact same triangle shaped craft with the same colors as I saw. again my heart starting pumping fast. it was not until recently that I hooked up on the Internet, and discovered Im not alone in the world with this triangle craft. another thing the movement was not unlike the way your cursor moves around on your computer screen with the use of the mouse, also I got the feeling this object was two dimensional instead of three dimensional. please I would like to hear from other people out their, and at least come up with some sort of theory's, with the little I do know about physics, I know It's not man made, it's not aerodynamically shaped, and could not move at the speed I witnessed, without creating a sonic boom. please what is this

DAVID BOBADILLO
PLEASE EMAIL ME AT dkents@ps.net
thank you very much, in southern California

Am finding out their have many such just like mine from all over the world, in the past twenty, I am very sure of what I saw in 1981, I feel a little better now from the research ive done in the past week

Four theories I have are 1. interdimensional travel probes. 2. inersterler travelers. 3. our own military's antigravity craft and 4. holograms possibly produced by satellites by our own military, which is what I give the most weight to so far. I've included a few reports I've recently discovered on the Internet.

SIGNED DAVID BOBADILLO

P.S. WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HEAR
BACK FROM YOU www.dkent@jps.net

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Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 05:55:03 -0500

Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 05:55:03 -0500

Subject: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

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Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 22:14:23 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 06:04:33 -0500
Subject: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

Hi everyone.

Below is an article forwarded to me by a colleague which I think will be of particular interest to UFO UpDates subscribers.

Nick Balaskas

Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 14:37:59 -0500 (EST)
From: Michael DeRobertis <mmdr@lhotse.yorku.ca>

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Jan. 18, 2000

WE ARE NOT ALONE - OR ARE WE?

The annals of science fiction are filled with advanced extraterrestrial creatures like Klingons and Wookies, Vogons and Romulans, all carrying on in a human sort of way. And while screenwriters and novelists weave stories around these characters, some people scour the heavens for signs that such highly evolved beings really are out there.

But a new book by two University of Washington scientists contends that, contrary to popular thought, we just might be alone and Earth might be unique, if not in the universe at least in this celestial neighborhood.

In "Rare Earth," published this month by Copernicus Books/Springer, paleontologist Peter Ward and astronomer Donald Brownlee examine the remarkable confluence of conditions and events that deposited life-forming chemicals on Earth, allowed simple life to gain a foothold and then protected the planet sufficiently and created just the right environmental factors for advanced life to slowly evolve.

"It seems like something a lot of people don't want to hear, yet nearly everyone who works in these areas has remarked at one time or another how unusual the Earth is," said Brownlee, an expert on comets, the space bodies that might have delivered the first organic chemicals and life-sustaining water to Earth.

In fact, he and Ward, whose extensive research on the fossil record has provided key insights into prehistoric mass extinctions, frequently discuss the Earth's unusual character with students in their astronomy and geological sciences classes.

The scientists don't argue that life is rare. In fact, recent evidence showing simple microbial life can survive extreme conditions on Earth is an indicator that such life also might be widespread in the galaxy and the universe.

"But you need to have a vast amount of time to let evolution

ramp up to animals, and we think there are only a small number of planets where that could happen," said Ward.

The key, he said, is having near equilibrium in such things as temperature and water content over enormous time spans.

Microbes have shown they can live in some of the harshest Earth environments imaginable, while advanced plant and animal life requires a delicate balance of conditions.

"For 90 percent of the age of this planet, life was slime at the bottom of the ocean," Brownlee said. But that life was given a one-in-a-million opportunity to gradually evolve to the complexity it enjoys today.

"The underlying theme of the book is that the Earth is a very charmed planet," he said. "We know of no other body that is even remotely like Earth."

Factors that made advanced life possible include the Earth's having:

- * The proper distance from the sun to allow development of habitat for complex life and ensure that water remains liquid, not vapor or ice.
- * The proper mass to retain atmosphere and ocean.
- * Plate tectonics, which act as a sort of atmospheric thermostat, build land masses and enhance biotic diversity.
- * A neighbor the size of Jupiter, not too close and not too far away, that can use its gravity to protect the planet from too many life-extinguishing collisions with comets and asteroids.
- * A stable orbit unperturbed by giant planets.
- * A large moon at the right distance to stabilize tilt, thus ensuring seasonal climate fluctuations that are not too severe.
- * Enough carbon to support development of life but not so much to allow for runaway greenhouse conditions.

In addition, Brownlee and Ward contend, the solar system's position in the Milky Way galaxy also is key to life development on Earth. At the edge of the galaxy, many stars are too metal-poor for planet formation, while the center of the galaxy has extreme energy processes that would hinder complex life.

The "charmed" conditions on Earth won't always be present. Someday, some way, evolution on Earth will end. That could be when the sun gets so hot that life can no longer survive, when ultimately the ocean boils and surface rocks melt.

"There will be a time when there will be no record of life ever having existed on Earth," Brownlee said.

He and Ward acknowledge that their assumptions about how uncommon advanced life might be in the universe are based on observed conditions that allowed evolution on Earth. But this is the only place in which advanced life is known to have occurred, and it is one of only a handful of places in the solar system where even microbial life is suspected, making this planet the ultimate laboratory on advanced life.

A key condition for life on Earth is the presence of carbon, because of its unique properties.

"Probably all life is based on carbon," Brownlee said. While he concedes the possibility that life has evolved elsewhere based on an element such as silicon, he remains skeptical of that theory.

"Many things are possible. You can never imagine everything the universe can do. But we know it didn't happen here," Brownlee said. "If things have to obey physical and chemical laws, then there really aren't a lot of options in nature."

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 01:37:18 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 06:22:14 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 10:45:45 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 00:26:20 -0500 (EST)
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2000 09:13:22 -0500
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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>I think the AA footage is a fantastic find and important
>historical document.

Some people thought the Hitler diarys and the Pittdown man were the most important, fantastic finds ever made. Others still believe the earth is flat.

From a personal point of view I would be interested in the analysis of ONE single frame of the film from Independent experts such as Kodak and or others.

I suspect I will be a long time waiting for that day. :) Bottom line is 5 years from now the film will still not quite be proven true, and Ray still won't have provided any original film for examination by Kodak or a film lab.

Cheers, Robert

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Meteor Explodes In Air Near Alaska, Yukon Border

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Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 07:40:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 07:40:42 -0500
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Source: ABC News

http://abcnews.com/wire/World/reuters20000118_4202.html

WIRE:01/18/2000 20:37:00 ET

Meteor Explodes In Air Near Alaska, Yukon Border

WHITEHORSE, Yukon, Jan 18 (Reuters) - A meteor exploded over the mountains of southern Yukon on Tuesday, shaking houses and providing residents of the remote region with a dramatic light show, the Geologic Survey of Canada said.

The meteor is believed to have exploded in the atmosphere midday between Carcross, Yukon and Skagway, Alaska, at about 9 a.m. (1700 GMT), according to the agency, which received witness reports and sonic data on the event.

"They described it as sheet lightning-like and they turned around and saw this large green object going through the sky," said Garry Rogers of the Pacific Geosciences Centre in Sidney, British Columbia.

Witnesses in Carcross said the explosion rattled windows and shook snow from roofs in the small village about 120 miles (190 km) north of Juneau, Alaska, according to Rogers.

No injuries or damage were reported, and it was not immediately known how large the meteor was or at what altitude it exploded.

The explosion was detected by at least three of the agency's seismic monitoring stations in the region, but the sonic waves indicated the meteor exploded in the air rather than in an impact with the ground, the geologists said.

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NIDS & Illinois Police UFO Sighting

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<http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/nids.htm>

NIDS Ongoing Investigation Into
Major Illinois Police UFO Sighting

From Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>

Complete Ongoing NIDS Investigation At:

<http://www.accessnv.com/nids>

1-18-2000

The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) 24-hour hot line (702-798-1700) received a report at 3:46 am Pacific time on 1/5/2000 from a police officer at Milstadt, Illinois. The officer reported an unidentified flying object seen by a business owner and several police officers at Lebanon, Millstadt, Shiloh and Dupo, Illinois. The report to NIDS came approximately two hours after the sighting.

After multiple telephone calls to the locale, NIDS dispatched two investigators to the location to conduct face-to-face interviews with eyewitnesses. The following can be summarized from the interview transcripts:

The civilian, who had driven to his miniature golf course in Highland at 4:01 AM, reported an object like "a floating house with very bright internal lights flying at a low altitude from northeast and moving southwest. The object was two to three stories high and was the length of a football field. The eyewitness immediately drove to the Highland PD and reported the sighting. The police dispatcher from Highland contacted The Central Communications dispatcher from St. Clair County, who in turn requested the Lebanon Police Department to look out for the object.

At approximately 4:10 am the police officer from Lebanon, responding to the dispatch from Highland, reported a low flying "massive elongated triangle emitting intense white light. The object came to within 1000 feet of the witness and then appeared to rotate slowly and fly extremely quickly and suddenly across the sky toward Shiloh, Illinois. The maneuver was executed with no noise. The officer had turned off his vehicle engine, his light bar and his main police radio so that he could listen for noise.

A police officer from Shiloh reported a large black arrowhead shaped craft that was moving slowly. The object then gathered speed and flew about four to five miles across the sky at a very high rate of speed. According to the officer, who was watching from his vehicle with the windows rolled down and the engine shut off, this maneuver was executed silently. Since there was little, if any wind at the time, this maneuver is judged to be inconsistent with the behavior of a blimp.

A Millstadt police officer described the object flying very slowly between 500 and 1000 feet altitude. It was very large. It was shaped like a fat arrowhead. The rear of the object was

concave and looked to contain dim, white, flashing strobes.

According to the testimony from the police officers, the flight path of the object was in a southwesterly direction from Highland, over Lebanon, Shiloh, Millstadt and then turning northwest to Dupon. The flight path would have taken the object almost directly over Scott Air-Force base. According to all inquiries by NIDS, including interviews with two separate AFOSI officers on the base, nothing was in the air from Scott Air Force base that night between 4:00 and 5:00 am. All individuals disavowed knowledge of any flying objects in the region around Scott AFB.

Two separate inquiries from NIDS to the Boeing St. Louis facility showed that Boeing does not conduct testing of military aircraft at their facility. According to Boeing, the facility conducts acceptance testing of newly manufactured (from the assembly line) aircraft during the day at the local commercial airport. A Boeing spokesperson confirmed that there were no Boeing St. Louis derived aircraft flying around St. Louis and surrounding areas during the early morning (midnight to sunrise) dark hours of Jan 5, 2000.

This report will contain short summaries of each eyewitness testimony followed by transcripts. The appendix will contain original drawings by three police officers as well as copies of the original reports and transcripts from the dispatch communications.

Because of the intense media publicity surrounding the case both locally and nationally, NIDS has received additional potential eyewitness leads to investigate. The investigation of the case is ongoing and will be updated on the NIDS web site

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in the next few days when more data is available.

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Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 08:46:13 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 09:15:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers ;>
>Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2000 5:05 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>Source: space.com

>http://www.space.com/science/astronomy/comet_debris_000118_wg.html

>Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>posted: 08:54 am EST

> 18 January 2000

More than 40 ice ball have 'slammed' into Spain since Jan 8.
Most of them are believed part of jokes or prank. Others are
believed to be parts of comets.

But strangely, it was only reported in Spain.

If you know this phenomenon happened here in the US, please, let
me know.

Very truly yours,

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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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 16:52:31 -0500
Subject: Triangular UFO Sighting

To all interested...

Though there were a few sightings of "Triangular-shaped UFOs" between 1941 - 1960 the sighting from Tyneside, UK in September 1960 of a "Triangular-shaped craft with three white apex lights and a red light underneath" is the earliest which is similar in description to the present day's FT. This was seen in three different locations on the evening of September 8th all within a 10 mile radius, between 20:00 and 21:15 hrs.

Our database contains three FT sighting reports from CA, USA in the summer of 1981.

Victor J. Kean
Project FT

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Re: Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdb.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 12:23:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 16:49:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?

>Date: Sun, 16 Jan 2000 21:54:34 +0000
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Wit To Wisdom, Or Hype To Death?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Now on one hand we have Richard Hoagland and pals. Not content
>with arguing semantics about the face, he conjures up
>mathematical bits and pieces to further confirm that it must be
>a made product (nearly put alien made as oppose to man made
>there but caught myself in time). Whether this is true or not,
>(the math stuff) it is I believe, still open to question, or is
>that belief? But, and its a big but, does it prove anything?
>I.E. we have the octagonal stones/rocks of the "Giants causeway"
>do we not, and that aint artificial.

If you look closely at Hoagland's diagrams, you'll notice that
he occasionally "cheats," by drawing lines and angles that do
not quite line up with the aspects of the features they are
supposed to align with.

It's not blatant--just subtle little adjustments here and
there--but it's enough to create the illusion of a symmetry
where there really isn't one.

Brian

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Bob Shell is an independent expert and he says that what he saw was very old film. He was convinced that the film he saw was the film Ray bought for Volker. Volker is convinced that what he bought was old film shot by the cameraman. Kodak did verify the film was 1927, 1947, or 1967. They saw film with an image and the film leader.

Why is it so important that the film be proven for you. Why not just keep an open mind until there is proof that it is a hoax? Here's the point that needs to be made over and over again until folks understand: There is not one bit of evidence that this is a fake.

There is considerable circumstantial evidence that the AA is a real event. Dennis Murphy's article alone would convince most folks (if they read it with an open mind) that the debris, at least, should be studied carefully

>Bottom line is 5 years from now the film will still not quite
>be proven true, and Ray still won't have provided any original
>film for examination by Kodak or a film lab.

I believe that Ray isn't free to do as he pleases in regard to the raw film. Volker is not being cooperative. We certainly don't have all the answers and yes it might be another five years (or longer) before we know "for sure". But that doesn't mean we should stop our investigations or close our minds.

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Ovni Over Acapulco Mexico

From: **Guillermo Alarcon** <ufoalarcon@email.msn.com>
Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 16:39:31 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 17:58:06 -0500
Subject: Ovni Over Acapulco Mexico

Greetings,

My dear Respected UFOlogysts,

I am forwarding a copy to all of you my contacts all over the Internet.

This is the original report sent to the UFOlogia's E-mail

You can contact me at ufoalarcon@msn.com for more info about this new UFO sighting

UFO OVER ACAPULCO MEXICO

Updated at 7:43 AM Eastern time wednesday January 19 of 2000

Citizens from Acapulco confirm that an OVNI flew the city of Acapulco Mexico this January 18, many habitants of the touristic Port of Acapulco, in the mexican pacific are saying that they saw a UFO Tuesday 17, according to the testimonies of the neighborhoods the object 's characteristics were a kind of Bright and Ovalated and it was seen for about 7 minutes flying over the city with highly movements and strange movements..

The OVNI made circles in the sky leaving a flash of green and yellow light behind his trail..

According to the Airport they did not see anything out of the ordinary but they didn't have any flights over that Area..

This is a big story..

Please email me if you would like to know more about this new UFO sighting

Guillermo Alarcon
UFO Investigations
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Strange Encounter With An Unknown Vehicle

From: **Michael C Harman** <mharman@americredit.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 18:06:10 -0500
Subject: Strange Encounter With An Unknown Vehicle

[Non-subscriber Post - ebk]

Please post this to the UFO Updates List.

I am posting this dramatic encounter I had in Fort Worth Texas to this list in hopes that I will find someone who has had a similar sighting or someone who has information about any remotely similar sightings. And if you think you know what we saw that night then please respond. Remember we made our observation of this object from pretty close in. I believe the object was probably not more that 200 to 800 feet away from our observation point and directly above the Trinity River in Fort Worth. Also please notice that the object did not appear to make any sound while darting back and forth, and up and down. these movements were so fast it seemed to simply appear here then there, shot up 1000ft while flashing red green white and sometimes blue lights. at each new place it positioned itself to. This object was definately under some sort of intelligent control, and knew we were interested it it.

Send your response to the list or you may send me a private email at Mike_Harman@rocketmail.com this email will roll over to Yahoo Mail even though Rocketmail is no more.

Please read on...

However I veryto see if anyone out there has seen a lighting effect similar to what my son and I saw that night. Please read the account and all notes. IF you have any information about a similar event, please respond. All responses are welcome and I will attempt to answer each and every one of them.

Mike Harman

A STRANGE ENCOUNTER WITH AN UNKNOWN VEHICLE (LOOKING FOR ANSWERS)

PERSONAL SIGHTING REPORT

FORT WORTH TEXAS

March 28, 1998 at 11:00PM

ORIGINAL REPORT TYPED THE NIGHT OF MARCH 28, 1998

My son and I had just left work and were driving on highway 287 South approaching I-30 just out of downtown Fort Worth Texas. We noticed an unusual object looking west from the city over the Trinity River area just east of downtown Fort Worth Texas. At first we thought it was just an airplane, but then we noticed that the object had several very intense rapidly strobing green, red and white lights, all three strobing at the same time in a sort of burst of light energy.

The effect was similar to that of a police cars lights as seen from a distance at night, except not quite the same. In the case of the police cars lights, they are in a constant state of flashing, and the lights rotating cause the flashing effect.

In the case of the UFO, these lights would stop strobing, with now visible lighting for several seconds possibly eight to ten seconds, then suddenly burst with this rapid fire, Random, very intense beautifully colored burst of strobing or rapidly flashing lights.

Each burst of energy lasted only about two seconds then the object went back to an all-dark state. We noticed that there were no other lights visible on the object during the strobing effect.

Then suddenly the light turned to an all green light, then all white this lasted only about a second, then back to the strobing effect again.

We also noticed that the object appeared to be darting back and forth too rapidly for any known aircraft; sometimes it just appeared to jump from side to side causing the lights to strobe here then suddenly a few hundred feet in another direction.

It also darted off moving about a half mile in one direction then suddenly dart straight up approximately 1000 feet then back in the opposite direction. Then it changed course moving at an incredible speed in an easterly direction passing our vehicle.

Then it suddenly turned and went in the opposite direction from us. During this maneuver I observed a large florescent green colored light or glowing area on what I believed was the rear of this craft.

It was almost as if the object was putting on a show for us; as if it knew we were there watching it, totally amazed at what we were seeing. The object followed our vehicle for about five minutes as we drove East on I-30 when we finally lost site of it when it turned and went away from us.

I would like to add that I have never seen an aircraft with this type of lighting and flight characteristics. It did not have any of the normal legal aircraft lighting.

I am a retired Air Force member and have seen many aircraft in my time and can identify most of the normal aircraft, this object did not fit any of their descriptions.

A little further up I-30, probably not more than a mile or so, we noticed a round silver-blue object pacing our van. The object would light up similar to a blue-white or silver florescent light bulb for about two seconds then it would turn this light off for what seemed to be one or two seconds pulsating in this manor two seconds of light, two seconds of totally dark with absolutely no lighting of any sort visible when the light went out. It continued this for a few miles, exactly pacing our vehicle before vanishing completely.

The object appeared to be possibly a half-mile away from us. I would estimate the size of this sphere to be roughly twice to three time the size of an automobile or about 30 feet wide.

Needless to say this left us with an eerie feeling, for the rest of the night. As soon as I arrived at home I immediately wrote down every detail that I could remember to make sure I didn't forget any of the details of this strange encounter.

NOTES ON THE OBSERVATION MADE ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER

When we were viewing this object from the highway just outside the downtown Fort Worth city limits, it appeared, or at least the lighted area was about the size of a basketball held at three times my arm length and was viewed at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizon.

I had to stick my head clear out of the window of my van and look up to see this thing.

My son had half his body stuck out the left front window in order to view it from that side of the van.

We were moving at no more that five miles per hour at the time of the sighting and there was very little noise coming from my

van as the engine was at an idle, and I was traveling at no more than 5 miles per hour.

During the sighting I heard absolutely no sound of any kind coming from this object, and there were no other aircraft or cars in the area at the same time.

When the strobing effect stopped we were unable to see anything in the sky, the object had become completely invisible therefore we were unable to determine its shape.

Also when I viewed this object it gave me a very strange sensation almost like adrenaline rushing through my system or possibly I was feeling the effects of some sort of magnetic or electrical energy similar to static electricity, or simply excited about what I was a witness to.

I felt that the object was very close to us almost felt I could reach out and touch it.

UPDATE #1 ABOUT A WEEK LATER

I work in a Fort Worth high-rise building and have an excellent view of the downtown area and Trinity River. I noticed that the river runs parallel to the highway all the way up to interstate 30 then turns northward and follows I-30 for a couple of miles.

What is interesting about this discovery is that it appears that the UFO followed the river and was situated beside us even as we made the exit ramp to I-30. It seemed to be always within 200 feet from us until it turned away. It also was not more than 200-400 feet off the ground during this sighting.

UPDATE #2 A FEW MONTHS LATER

I have since learned that another person on the other side of the river has, also observed the above sighting observed by my son and myself. He observed the object over the Trinity River at the same time as we had seen it from Highway 287 that evening. I have been in e-mail contact with this person about this sighting however the teenaged son does not want to talk about this incident, and he fears ridicule from his friends.

UPDATE #3 Jan. 17, 2000 REFLECTING ON THE ENCOUNTER

The area where we made the sighting had some normal street light poles in the area and there was quite a bit of ambient light coming from the downtown area of Fort Worth city as it is only about a mile away.

The only time I actually saw any shape, letting us know something was truly there was when it turned away from us momentarily exposing the rear side of the object, showing a florescent very green looking perfectly round and brightly lit area that reminded me of some the movie special effects used for space ships.

I also had a sensation or feeling that there was a honeycomb design within the green-lighted area.

The size of the green circle was about the size of or a bit smaller than a basketball with the length of three arms held straight out or a fist with an arm held straight out, and pointed up about 40 to 45 degrees.

When the lights strobed they were confined to an area a bit larger than a fist as stated above and in a circular bunch of lights. Also when the lights turned to all white and all green it appeared to be the same lights except they were steady white and green still the very vivid deep color of green and red as in emerald red and ruby green, for about a second.

I apologies I really didn't take notice of the exact shape or position of these lights, I think I was simply too awed by the event, I mean my jaw must have been dragging on the ground right about then. I have become interested in the "Edwards Encounter" of 1965 (Sam Sherman) as there are some similarities in the colors of the lights.

I do know that this was not a blimp or helicopter as both make quite a bit of noise at that range, and we heard no sound at all except my van which was at an idle and is very quiet running. The object darted straight up possibly 1000 feet almost instantaneously and did it without a sound. Blimps and helicopters are unable to maneuver that quickly.

It was not a fireball due to the length of time observed and fireballs do not hover absolutely still and silently.

It was not an experimental craft as they would not be operating a craft with advanced technology in such a congested populated area, low over a river, and they would not be observing and putting on a show like they did for us. It would be very difficult to explain why an experimental craft crashed in the vicinity or a residential area like downtown Fort Worth.

Michael Harman USAF (Ret.) Photographer.

Visit my web site where I have more of my sightings along with other Texas residents reports and an historical database of many Texas sightings.

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Re: NIDS & Illinois Police UFO Sighting

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 18:10:56 -0500
Subject: Re: NIDS & Illinois Police UFO Sighting

>Source: SIGHTINGS

><http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/nids.htm>

>NIDS Ongoing Investigation Into
>Major Illinois Police UFO Sighting

> From Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>

>Complete Ongoing NIDS Investigation At:

><http://www.accessnv.com/nids>

>1-18-2000

>The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) 24-hour hot
>line (702-798-1700) received a report at 3:46 am Pacific time on
>1/5/2000 from a police officer at Milstadt, Illinois. The
>officer reported an unidentified flying object seen by a
>business owner and several police officers at Lebanon,
>Millstadt, Shiloh and Dupo, Illinois. The report to NIDS came
>approximately two hours after the sighting.

I would like to congratulate Colm Kelleher and the NIDS
investigating team on their quick response and excellent work in
interviewing witness on the scene. I also congratulate them on
publishing their results to date on their web site, where you can
find the "raw" interview data.

By reading the interview of the first witness (as opposed to the
summary of the interview) I learned that he had seen an object
with many red lights and other lights. This caused me to recall
a strange case I investigated 18 years ago... a December 1981
sighting near Coventry, Connecticut. which involved two
independent groups of witnesses.

One witness took a series of pictures of what appeared to be
three objects traveling in a roughly triangular formation.

The photos show wavy or jagged lines of light and sometimes dots
of light in a wavy line.

The continuous lines of light correspond to steady lights which
were moving during the time the shutter was open. The dots of
light generally indicate moving lights which flash briefly as
they move.

One particular image from these photos stands out: it shows a
roughly triangular or Christmas Tree shaped collection of 32 red
and white dots of light (9 red, 9 white and the rest being
dimmer reddish or orange).

It was this image which came into my mind as I read the
description given by the first witness.

I might also point out that this sighting began with the
observation of three pairs of white lights observed as the
objects approached the witnesses. That is, each object

apparently had two side-by-side white lights at the front.

As the objects went away from the witnesses they could see multiple colored lights. Calculation based on estimates of altitude and distance indicate that the objects were about a mile from the nearest witnesses and were traveling slowly (100 mph or less). The only noise detected was a slight hum.

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Oberg On FTs

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Subject: Oberg On FTs

Source: space.com

http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/triangle_ufo_noss_000114.html

What Are the Flying Triangles?

By James Oberg

special to space.com

posted: 05:15 pm EST

14 January 2000

Letter writer Nick Spall described what he saw from Cornwall at about 10 PM on August 10, 1999. The triangular-shaped formation moved from north to south passed the star Altair.

"With the naked eye the formation appeared as one object," Spall wrote. However, "through binoculars (7x50) the group was resolved into three steady pinpoints travelling together in formation."

A second letter from A.R. Thompson in Surrey echoed the first account.

"On 4 September 1999 I was sitting in my garden enjoying the cool of late evening," he wrote, "when I noticed three satellites apparently moving in a triangular 'formation' ... I have never witnessed satellites moving in the same direction and maintaining the same position relative to one another."

He described the lights as about stellar magnitude 4, dim but easily seen in a dark, clear sky. Thompson reported he first noticed them at about 21:59 as they moved downwards into the constellation of Pegasus.

"The 'triangle' was about 2 degrees by 3 degrees isosceles. They took between one and two minutes to pass through Pegasus, before fading."

Triangles or triplets?

The two Englishmen hadn't been alone in being perplexed by "flying triangles" in the sky, but when the unearthly answer was eventually found, it promised to also account for many other such reports.

The November/December 1999 issue of Skyviews, edited by Canadian amateur astronomy guru Terence Dickinson, contained this amazing account: "On three consecutive nights during the Starfest star party in August 1996, a formation of 3 unblinking starlike objects in a flattened triangular configuration was seen cruising across the star fields by dozens of observers. Veteran stargazers at the meeting had never seen anything like it."

Consultations with amateur satellite-watchers soon identified

the sighting as another "NOSS triplet" formation. Computer predictions based on known orbits showed the man-made space objects had indeed been passing overhead at the time of the sightings.

But what kind of explanation was that, really? First of all, what on earth -- or off earth -- is "NOSS"?

Three watching eyes

This space project is so secret that even its official name remains a topic of debate, so observers dubbed it the "Naval Ocean Surveillance System," or NOSS.

The US currently operates three sets of spy satellites, launched consecutively in 1990, 1991 and 1996. These satellites orbit pole-to-pole in groups of three at an altitude of 1,100 kilometers, monitoring the position, speed and direction of all military ships at sea by detecting radio and radar signals and then triangulating the point of origin..

The components of the trio orbit separately under Newton's Laws, and are not technically "in formation." However, their orbits are planned to crisscross during every circuit, being widest apart over ocean areas of greatest interest.

The project's Top Secret name is reportedly "Parcae," the Roman name for the three somber, all-seeing goddesses who observe human activity and determine justice for individuals. If so, perhaps they call the satellites "Clotho," "Lachesis" and "Atropos" at the top secret Parcae "mission control center."

The visible secret

In the case of the two English observers, Ed Cameron, an amateur astronomer in central Texas, found the precise answer -- NOSS satellites flying overhead at the time and same direction as in their reports.

Spall had seen what Cameron calls "the NOSS 2-3 trio," and Thompson had been observing "the NOSS 2-2 trio."

Amateur spacewatchers have known about these objects for a long timer. But there was some debate whether the satellites would be visible to the naked eye.

Professor Brian Hunter of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario has photographed NOSS 2-2 passing through the constellation Lyra in late 1997.

"This pass was seen [with the] naked eye by many in the Northeastern US," he noted when posting the image to the internet.

Other eyewitness accounts

Also online, a Kansas amateur astronomer calling himself "Stosh" reported the trios "can be seen pretty easily, as I can attest."

"Stosh" provided details. "While looking for meteors on the morning of the '99 Leonids, my 7 year old daughter picked them out, pointed them to me, and even my old eyes caught them right away," he reported. "I'd say they were at least a 4 magnitude. "

He added that there were several reports of others seeing them that morning.

And Daniel Deak of Drummondville, Québec, chimed in, calling naked-eye NOSS sightings "not speculation but ... fact."

"I saw the NOSS 2-2 trio with 3 other people last April when the Moon was in the sky," he noted. "They were at magnitude 3.5, so very easy to see -- in relatively dark skies."

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Why Cydonia Should Be Reimaged Regardless of Anomalies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 19:59:38 -0500
Subject: Why Cydonia Should Be Reimaged Regardless of Anomalies

Why Cydonia Should Be Reimaged Regardless of Anomalies

by Mac Tonnies

A common complaint against efforts to reimage Cydonia, site of the controversial "Face" on Mars and other unusual features, is that doing so would "waste valuable spacecraft time." In other words, there are better things that the Mars Global Surveyor can be doing than taking picture after picture in an attempt to discern possible artificial structures. Certainly the MGS' mission is varied, with many goals and sites decided upon by competent scientists.

The "anti-Cydonia" argument is based, obviously, on the a priori assumption that the Cydonian enigmas are natural and are of relatively little scientific interest. It is also grounded on the notion that taking new pictures of Cydonia and carrying out comprehensive Mars research are incompatible.

Both of these arguments are faulty. Here are two reasons why:

1. Assuming for argument's sake that there's nothing artificial to be found at Cydonia, the region is still of enormous geological importance. In fact, Cydonia was the desired touch-down site for one of the Viking landers in the 1970s (Cydonia was voted down not because the region was without interest, but because its bumpy terrain may have crashed the lander...much the same situation that arguably befell the Mars Polar Lander in December).

Any scientist will concede that Cydonia has a lot to offer us in purely planetary regards, such as the age of the ocean that new evidence tells us once existed in Mars' northern hemisphere. Cydonia is also one of regions that may still be "wet," increasing the possibilities of finding primitive life, either extinct or alive.

And the Face, if natural, is still worth a look. "The face is probably natural, but the sequence of events that led to its convoluted and distorted topology is strange indeed," commented geologist Jon Floyd [emphasis mine]. Another geologist, approached for a skeptical appraisal of the Face, remarked that although he thought it natural, he wished it was artificial so he could explain it.

There are many features on the Face alone, small and large, that seek plausible geological mechanisms if debunkers are to maintain the false "conclusion" that the Face is old news. The nostrils, for example, appear much too small to be craters. Could they be extinct "blowholes," indicating volcanic activity in the distant past? This would certainly be a major find, if proved true. (Of course, one must also wrestle with their presence right above the observed "lips" and "mouth" and possible "teeth"....)

2. In perhaps the most ironic decision carried out by MSSS, a second picture of the "City" area was reimaged in 1999. While this new image failed to include any of the adjacent topology interested parties have been clamoring for for years (i.e. the

"Fort"), this image did document MSSS' interest in probable water ice in the vicinity--a discovery made by none other than the Society for Planetary SETI Research.

If non-polar ice is present on Mars in abundant quantities, this is an obvious boon for future manned missions, which will be able to process it for both life support and rocket fuel (as described by Zubrin in his excellent book 'The Case for Mars'). The implications of water ice in Cydonia are not trivial, and future high-resolution overpasses of the region would benefit both SPSR and similar groups as well as "mainstream" Mars researchers.

*****Mars: The Cydonian Imperative*****

a newsletter devoted to the immediate implementation of manned Mars missions and the democratization of space science, emphasizing the strange formations found in the Cydonia Mensae region. This list is not affiliated with any particular Mars advocacy group, and is intended to be as informal as possible.

To join or unsubscribe: email Mac Tonnie at alintelbot@aol.com. Comments and questions are also welcome.

Useful websites (not all viewpoints endorsed by the Cydonian Imperative):

Artemis Society: <http://www.asi.org>
Mars Society: <http://www.marssociety.com>
The Martian Enigmas:
<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>
Bigelow Aerospace: <http://www.bigelow-aerospace.com>
International Space Station:
<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/index.html>
SpaceDev: <http://www.spacedev.com>
Mars: Mysteries of the Red Planet:
<http://www.mufor.org/mars.html>
Think Mars: <http://www.thinkmars.net>
CNI News: <http://www.cninews.com>
Cydonia 2000: <http://welcome.to/cydonia/>

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Nevada 'UFO' A Test Missile

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 20:38:02 -0500
Subject: Nevada 'UFO' A Test Missile

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/nevada/2000/jan/19/509733650.html>

Some Nevadans thought test missile was a UFO
January 19, 2000 at 12:16:09 PST

RENO, Nev. (AP) - A test missile launch that went bad disappointed the Pentagon brass but made quite a showing in the Nevada sky.

Hundreds of curious observers in Reno and the Lake Tahoe saw the brilliant white light in the western sky shortly after the missile interceptor was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California at 6:19 p.m. Tuesday.

The interceptor missed its target and the Air Force is trying to figure out why.

Local law enforcement offices were flooded with phone calls from people who thought they'd seen a UFO.

"It was huge," said Pat Swanson, who was driving home from Pine Middle School in Reno with her 12-year-old son, Tyler.

"At first, we figured it was some kind of aircraft. But then we thought, 'No, it's too big and too bright for that.' But what could it be?"

The launch was part of the second test of the experimental National Missile Defense Program, a missile interceptor system being tested by the Pentagon.

Matt Walther of Crystal Bay, who was barbecuing on his deck when he saw the eerie flashes, said he had a hard time believing that the lights he saw were caused by a missile.

"It illuminated the whole sky," he said. "It seemed too low. It couldn't have been more than 5,000 feet above us."

Swanson was a bit disappointed to learn the true cause of the mysterious lights.

"A missile isn't very X-Files worthy," she said.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 20:42:45 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>From: Ed Gehrman
>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 11:26:12 -0800
>Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 17:24:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>To: Robert Gates
>>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 01:37:18 -0500 (EST)
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 06:22:14 -0500
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Previously, Robert had reasonably offered:

>>From a personal point of view I would be interested in the
>>analysis of ONE single frame of the film from Independent
>>experts such as Kodak and or others.

Ed responds:

>Bob Shell is an independent expert and he says that what he saw
>was very old film. He was convinced that the film he saw was
>the film Ray bought for Volker. Volker is convinced that what
>he bought was old film shot by the cameraman. Kodak did verify
>the film was 1927, 1947, or 1967. They saw film with an image
>and the film leader.

<snip>

>Here's the point that needs to be made over and over again until
>folks understand: There is not one bit of evidence that this is a
>fake.

Hello, Ed....

Here's the point that needs to be made over and over again until
you understand:

I doesn't matter if Ray and Volker were satisfied! Who cares!?

Bob Shell and Kodak have never looked at one single frame of
camera original with the alien on it.

The only film examined with the alien on it is crummy dupe film.

A copy is not the same thing as camera original. In fact, there
is no proof that an original even exists.

The fact that you are so overzealous in your defense of the AA
film is almost embarrassing. I wonder, Ed; considering how
foolish you look trying to prop up the AA film (and Ray)--- will
he ever return the favor? To be specific, will Ray ever come up
with the original film and let it be studied so that you will be
exonerated for trying to defend Ray and AA all this time?

I think you already know the answer to that question.

Wise up.

later,

Roger Evans

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Re: Some Triangle Sightings Explained As Satellites

From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 01:42:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 20:53:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Some Triangle Sightings Explained As Satellites

Regarding:

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Some Triangle Sightings Explained As Satellites
>Date: 18 January 2000 00:19
>To: UFO UpDates Subscribers

>Source: Jeff Rense's 'Sightings'

><http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/sat.htm>

>Some Triangle Sightings Explained As Satellites

>1-15-2000

>The December 1999 issue of Spaceflight magazine carried two
>letters from writers looking for explanations of a curious
>celestial phenomenon: a triangle of lights crossing the night
>sky.

>Summary

>NOSS/Parcae sightings probably do not account for very many of
>the flood of "triangle UFO" sightings. The lights are dim, are
>visible only for an hour or so before and move in straight lines
>across the sky. Still, the phenomenon underscores the richness
>of prosaic visual stimuli out there waiting to mislead naive
>observers, and so would-be researchers should do well to rule
>NOSS out as an explanation before leaping to conclusions.

Following discussions on the 'UFO Research List', this
explanation was known about over six months ago:

'Triangular UFO' Mystery Partly Resolved

One source of 'triangular UFOs' may now have been identified.

During recent discussions on this topic, Chris Gibson, one of
Britain's most knowledgeable writers on military aviation and
top-secret 'black projects', described a high-altitude
observation he made:

"What I saw: three point white lights in a triangular formation.
moving across the sky from South to North. As they crossed the
sky, not quite overhead of my position the dimmed and
disappeared.

Classic delta sighting? Maybe not. These look like they are a
trio of satellites. South to north movement - Polar orbit?

Dimming slightly before disappearing - I've seen sats do that.

A few years ago I was told about Triplets of sats that the US
Navy / NSA or some other secret US non-profit government agency
based in Maryland (That's how the reps from the Mitre
Corporation introduced themselves to my wife) are flying. It was
suggested these triplets were Ferrets doing Elint/Comint with
the triplet being used for triangulation.

Dare I suggest that some of these lights in the sky sightings (not the ones where an airframe is discernible) are / were such triplet sats?"

American researcher Joel Carpenter highlighted information which can be found at the following Web site:

http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/surveill/noss_andronov.htm

It reads:

The U.S. Navy's "White Cloud" Spaceborne ELINT System

[Kosmicheskaya Sistema Radiotekhnicheskoy Razvedki VMS SSha "Uayt Klauud"]
by Major A. Andronov
Zarubezhnoye Voyennoye Obozreniye [Foreign Military Review]
(ISSN 134-921X), No.7, 1993, pp.57-60 translated by Allen Thomson

The US Navy's spaceborne electronic intelligence (ELINT) system, White Cloud, is based on SSU (Subsatellite Unit) satellites and is intended for determining the location of warships of foreign states and following them by the method of taking bearings on the ships' onboard radioelectronic equipment from several positions. Official Pentagon representatives try not to attract attention to this system, since it is the principal means of over-the-horizon reconnaissance and target designation for the US Navy's weapons systems. In comparison with other American reconnaissance satellites, (for example, "Keyhole" and "Lacrosse") the SSU satellites are mentioned comparatively infrequently and have various names: White Cloud, Classic Wizard, and Parcae.

The last designation more precisely reflects the mission and operating principle of the system's satellites. The mythological Parcae were the three daughters of Zeus and the goddess Themida (the SSU satellites are launched in groups of three and fly relatively close together.) One of the daughters spins the thread of fate for each mortal (one satellite has a wide observation swath, but cannot exactly determine the coordinates of radio emitters). The second daughter measures out a length of thread for each person (when two satellites get a fix on the shipborne emitters, the position is obtained, but with some ambiguity). The third sister (Atropos - "she from whom one may not flee") cuts the measured thread of life (the third satellite, getting a fix on the emitters' signals, enables their coordinates to be determined precisely and then transmitted to Navy ships for weapons employment...."

Following this insightful dialogue, I believe it's a reasonably confident conclusion that some of the more recent 'triangular UFO' reports can be explained.

The National UFO Reporting Centre (NUFORC) in the US is an invaluable source of data and I had recently compiled a profile of over 200 'triangular UFO' reports at:

<http://www.ufocenter.com/ndxTriangle.html>

Noticeable in looking at the NUFORC data were the number of sightings which came from amateur astronomers who had seen a triangle of lights moving at high altitude and which could not be equated with any known satellite.

Re-examining this data, I believe that some observations are clearly consistent with 'triplets' of satellites, for example:

Occurred : 7/3/1998 00:30 (Entered as : 07/03/98 24:30)
Reported : 8/4/1998 00:33
Posted : 11/21/1998
Location : Campbell River (Vancouver Island), B.C.,
Shape : Triangle

I was laying out on my sundeck looking at the stars. It was just after midnight and the sky was mostly clear with some high cirrus. As I looked up I saw what I thought was a satellite,

except it seemed to be moving almost twice as fast as the average satellite. It only took a fraction of a second for me to realize that there was more than one point of light moving across the sky

The three points of light that made up the main outline of the triangle were a dull reddish-orange colour and about the same size as most of the smaller stars that make up the night sky. The two other lights that could be seen from within the triangle were a white light but were no larger and only slightly more intense than the outer lights. These two lights were quite close together and located on either side of a central axis extending from a halfway point at the base to the apex and closer to the front of the craft. I could not see any of the usual running lights associated with typical aircraft i.e. (port and starboard lights and the bright pulsing central light). As it moved across the sky in a southeast to northwest direction it seemed to me that there was no substance to this shape, as if it were held together by strands of wire, with the leading light pulling the others in tow. The colour within the triangle was exactly the colour of the night sky, and there was no dark silhouette, and no reflected light.

[...]

Occurred : 11/16/1998 22:11 (Entered as : 11/16/98 22:11)
Reported : 11/17/1998 16:56
Posted : 11/19/1998
Location : Greeley, CO
Shape : Triangle

I was in my backyard hoping to catch a view of the Leonid meteor shower. From the east I saw a bright light heading toward me to the west. I noticed that it was 3 lights in the shape of a triangle, not a meteor, and moving too fast and too high to be a plane. It passed directly overhead and I lost it as it passed over the house.

Occurred : 11/17/1998 19:25 (Entered as : 11/17/98 7:25pm)
Reported : 11/24/1998 05:04
Posted : 12/15/1998
Location : Sherwood, AR
Shape : Triangle

I was watching for the leonids meteors before going into work. I saw three lights (dim, like distant stars) in a triangular formation. I watched them pass from east of overhead to the southwest horizon. They did not burn up, leave a trail, or anything meteors usually do.

I'm a federal employee. I tried to convince myself that these were simply meteors, but the fact that they moved horizontally without losing any apparent altitude, combined with the duration of time I witnessed these lights, as well as the unchanging distance between all three lights throughout the event, tells me that these could not have been meteors. The odds of THREE meteors having the same speed, and direction in a formation that makes a perfect triangle, at the exact same time... God, that's got to be one hell of an unlikely event. It was also completely silent. [End]

Many such recent reports from the NUFORC database come into this category and it's open to interpretation whether all of the evidence is consistent.

Making allowances for the frailties of witness observation, it looks like some 20 per cent of the more recent reports can be attributed to this explanation.

Equally significant within the NUFORC data sample, and indeed outwith, are the number of remaining 'triangular UFO' reports which can not remotely be resolved as 'satellites', or any known 'black project' aircraft.

Source: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 5
Published: May 1999

[End]

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Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 23:10:02 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 02:02:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 22:14:23 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>Subject: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hi everyone.

>Below is an article forwarded to me by a colleague which I think
>will be of particular interest to UFO UpDates subscribers.

>Nick Balaskas

<snip>

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>contends that, contrary to popular thought, we just might be
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So, David, please direct your e-mail responses to Mssrs. Ward and Brownlee, not me. Although we'd all like a copy of same, however embarrassing they might prove to one party or the other.

Dennis
<http://www.anomalist.com>

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Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 16:13:05 +0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 07:12:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers ;;>
>Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2000 6:55 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>Source: space.com

>http://www.space.com/science/astronomy/comet_debris_000118_wg.html

>Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>posted: 08:54 am EST

>18 January 2000

>MADRID, Jan 17 (Reuters) - At least ten melon-sized iceballs
>that have slammed into Spain in the last week are probably
>debris from comets, not human excrement as first suspected, a
>Spanish scientist said on Monday.

<snip>

<http://famulus.msnbc.com/FamulusIntl/ap01-19-134018.asp?reg=EUROPE>

Falling ice enigma in Spain starting to smell fishy

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Spain, Jan. 19 - Spain's great ice mystery is beginning to look like a prank. Around 30 chunks of ice are said to have dropped from the sky since Jan. 8, some the size of basketballs, often in gloriously sunny weather, and just about every Spanish region has taken a hit.

The precipitation has picked up so much in the past few days that scientists said Wednesday they had collected enough samples and would not accept any more.

The Superior Council for Scientific Research urged people who find suspect frozen matter to double-wrap it in plastic and keep it in a refrigerator. The council is conducting chemical analyses and has promised to report initial findings on Friday.

In the meantime, chemists in Valencia did some checking of their own. They say they don't know what the chunks are, but they know what they are not.

They are not human waste expelled from airplanes, as had been speculated, because there is no evidence of microorganisms that would be present in urine, the University of Valencia team said.

They found that a sample collected Saturday in the town of Meliana contained sodium chloride, or table salt, and gypsum, which is chalk. Both are very earthly, which weakens another popular argument - that the chunks may come from the tail of a comet.

But scientists quoted in newspapers say there are several puzzling things about the chunks. First, a chunk of ice falling from a plane would smash into many pieces, but the ones found so far have been intact.

Also, if this were a natural phenomenon, the size of the ice chunks should vary. But most have been the size of basketballs.

Then there is the exponential increase in recent days - 20 chunks of ice found on Tuesday alone. At least half a dozen were quickly proven to be practical jokes - including a seven-pound block with perfectly sharp edges.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 09:10:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:01:22 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 11:26:12 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>To: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 01:37:18 -0500 (EST)
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 06:22:14 -0500
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Why is it so important that the film be proven for you. Why not
>just keep an open mind until there is proof that it is a hoax?
>Here's the point that needs to be made over and over again until
>folks understand: There is not one bit of evidence that this is a
>fake.

Whoa! Let's be careful here. The burden of proof is squarely on those who claim the film is a real representation of an alien autopsy--that's standard scientific methodology (as well as philosophical logic).

As someone once said of scientific empiricism--it's value is that it stops us from fooling ourselves. Under Ed's approach, I could claim there are fairies living at the bottom of my garden, and place the burden of (dis)proof on the unbelievers.

Now, extend Ed's method to every fringe phenomenon and consider the implications.

Brian

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From: Rogere Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 08:44:56 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:06:35 -0500
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>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 23:10:02 -0600
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Previously, Nick had offered:

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Dennis replied:

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>So, David, please direct your e-mail responses to Mssrs. Ward
>and Brownlee, not me. Although we'd all like a copy of same,
>however embarrassing they might prove to one party or the other.

Hi, Dennis.

I'm not a scientist. However, all you really need to be is a good reader to note that Ward and Brownlee suggest that we "might" be alone in the universe; not that we definitely are. In addition, they would have to be the first to admit that their views are based on how life evolved on this planet, with its admittedly unique conditions. By necessity, their conclusions relate ONLY to "life as we know it".

They do not take into account "life as we do not know it." Certainly, our life chain is dependent on a variety of well timed and, apparently, fortuitous events and conditions. The human species is much like a high performance race car.

It is very complex, fragile and requires a great deal of maintenance to get the best results and win the "human race" (sorry, I can't resist a bad pun).

Surely, Ward and Brownlee must realize that there might be forms of life in the universe that are less fragile than humans. As I mentioned before, cockroaches seem to be damn near

indestructible and microbes have survived entire voyages into space.

With all due respect to Ward and Brownlee, I think it is presumptuous to use life on Earth as the measuring stick for the tolerance of life in the rest of the universe.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Satellite Detection Of Alaska Bolide

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 09:25:15 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:03:18 -0500
Subject: Satellite Detection Of Alaska Bolide

Dear List:

The Department of Defense has released information about the detection of the Alaska fireball:

Fireball Detection

On 18 January 2000, sensors aboard DOD satellites detected the impact of a meteoroid at 16:43:43 UTC near Whitehorse in the Yukon territory, Canada. The object detonated at an altitude of 25 km at 60.25 degrees North

latitude, 134.65 degrees West Longitude. Optical sensors detected the same event at 16:43:42 UTC. The event lasted 2 seconds at 1 micron wavelength. Estimates of total radiated power (assuming a 6000K Blackbody model) are 1.1×10^{12} Joules.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SATELLITE BOLIDE RELEASE AND ALL PREVIOUS SUCH RELEASES CAN BE FOUND ON THE WWW AT

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

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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TMP News: News Briefing - January 20, 2000

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 07:42:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:15:19 -0500
Subject: TMP News: News Briefing - January 20, 2000

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The E-News Service of The Millennium Project

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa>

January 20, 2000

UPDATED FORMATS FOR TMP NEWS AND SPECIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

The format of TMP News is being modified somewhat, in the continuing effort to provide information on as wide a range of relevant issues, in as efficient and timely a manner, as possible. TMP News will consist of a daily News Briefing summary of the latest news and reports, with direct links to the full reports, either on the TMP web site or on external sites, as well as other periodic special reports on major breaking news and updates on TMP-related news, such as upcoming lectures and other events.

TMP News is not a newsletter in the usual sense, rather it is a more frequently updated electronic news service. We are living in a time when news relating to issues of interest to TMP News subscribers is happening on a regular basis. It is therefore the purpose of this service to provide quick access to this information, in a "near real time format" (ie. when news is breaking, or soon after, rather than in a strictly weekly or monthly format). Hence, the information is condensed into news briefings (summarized listings). Readers can then go to the links that are of the most interest to them for the full reports. All links can also be accessed from the News page on the web site. In short, this service, similar to ones used by various news networks and other groups, is designed for those who are truly information-hungry, and is a means of covering many different subject areas, rather than more sporadic reports highlighting only a few selected stories.

Part of the basis and goal of TMP is to be an alternative source of information to the mainstream and tabloid media on critical issues. TMP News is one part of this effort. The Millennium Forum is another. Other long-term projects are in the initial planning stages. The main editorial work will come with the primary publishing venue of TMP, the quarterly print journal *Millennia* (by paid subscription), which will focus on more in-depth coverage of these issues. First issue is scheduled for spring of 2000.

For this first edition, a roundup of reports since the beginning of this new year (and millennium) are posted below. Subsequent editions will have the latest current reports and information.

Also, the Special Research Projects section of the web site is being reformatted (under construction); specific subjects are now grouped in four current areas: Quanta (Science and Technology),

Biosphere (Environment), Exotica (Unexplained Phenomena and Fortean) and Dreamland (Government Secrecy and Black Projects). News items for TMP News will also be categorized in a similar manner (see below), including as well listings for The Millennium Forum (lectures, meetings), Media (media interviews and articles), etc.

This is an ongoing work-in-progress, and feedback is welcome.

Welcome to the New Millennium!

Paul Anderson
Director
The Millennium Project

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Worldwide Millennium Celebrations
<http://cnn.com/2000/WORLD/americas/01/01/2000/index.html>

QUANTA Science and Technology

Only Minor Y2K Glitches Reported
<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/01/01/y2k.weekend.wrap/index.html>

Y2K Bug Briefly Affected US Terrorist-Monitoring Effort, Pentagon Says
<http://cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/01/05/y2k.pentagon.01/index.html>

Europa: Latest Galileo Flyby May Reveal Liquid Ocean
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/europaflyby.html>

Spacecraft Captures New Year's on Mars
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/marsnewyear.html>

Aerial Search Turns Up No Trace of Mars Polar Lander
<http://cnn.com/1999/TECH/space/12/31/mars.search/index.html>

Crippled Mars Lander Could Be in Crater - NASA
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/crippled.html>

Report: Scientists Knew Mars Lander Could Set Down in Deep Valley
<http://cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/01/07/mars.lander.01/index.html>

JPL Builds Amphibious Monster Rover for Mars and Beyond
http://www.space.com/space/technology/bubblecar_000109.html

Official 'Mars Flag' Unfurls in Space
<http://cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/01/07/mars.flag/index.html>

Puerto Rican Forest is Ground Zero in Search for ETT
<http://www.cnn.com/1999/TECH/space/12/29/puerto.rico.seti.ap/index.html>

BIOSPHERE Environment

300 Million Trees Downed in French Storms - "A Catastrophe"
<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/catas.htm>

Arctic Ice Thinning at an Alarming Rate
<http://cnn.com/2000/NATURE/01/03/arctic.ice/index.html>

EXOTICA Unexplained Phenomena and Fortean

Chinese UFO Boom Doesn't Worry Officials (New York Times)
<http://nytimes.com/library/world/asia/011100china-ufos.html>

Police Report on "Starfield Camouflage UFO"
<http://millstadtpolice.homepage.com/aircraft.html>

Photo and Drawings of "Starfield Camouflage UFO"
<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/missouri99.html>

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Government Secrecy and Black Projects

"Area51" Reference on Sprint Telephone Service Disruption Reportt
<http://216.68.77.17/img/sprintoutage.jpg>

Probing the "Chemtrails" Conundrum
<http://www.islandnet.com/~wilco/Brfmedia.htm>

New Chemtrail Book by William Thomas
<http://www.persweb.direct.ca/psa/newchembook.html>

Chemtrail Planes Caught on Video in Near Collision Over Texass
<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/spraying.htm>

New Chemtrail Photos from Idaho
<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/morechem.htm>

Heavy Night Chemtrails Reported Over Indiana
<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/chemind.htm>

Chemtrails Continue to Sicken Many - International Uproar Brewing
<http://www.sightings.com/ufo5/chem.htm>

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Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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>film is almost embarrassing.

Not to me but thanks for your concern. I've researched the footage since 95 and have continued to poke around trying to find convincing evidence that Ray and the footage is a fake. I'm not overzealous and my defense of Ray has nothing to do with Ray. Ray is just a player in all this. What does embarrass me is the attitude of the UFO community and their willingness to be led by folks like yourself who who yell and wave their hands but seldom have any evidence for their assumptions. Please cite YOUR compelling evidence.

>how foolish you look trying to prop up the AA film (and Ray)---
>will he ever return the favor? To be specific, will Ray ever
>come up with the original film and let it be studied so that
>you will be exonerated for trying to defend Ray and AA all this
>time?

This has nothing to do with Ray. I defend the AA because I believe it to be an important historical document. If you'll read my previous posts, you'll see that all I'm asking folks to do is keep an open mind. I realize this might be hard for true believers like yourself who can make judgements without evidence.

Ray was visited by the US government in 95. I think that's why his hands are tied. Don't you believe that US government agents visit folks and make them offers they can't refuse?

Here's a reminder:

Paul Bennewitz was an Albuquerque businessman, trained as a physicist, who in the late 1970's and early 80's became convinced that aliens were flying around the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility, located near his house, and also sending out electronic signals. Bennewitz observed and photographed the alien craft from his deck and recorded the electronic signals. He reported his finding to the Tucson-based

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), but they didn't understand the significance of his research. Frustrated, Bennewitz contacted Air Force Office of Special Investigations on October 24, 1980.

It was after this contact that his troubles began.

The AFOSI decided to play him along and feed him false information that would eventually lead to Bennewitz's mental breakdown. The AFOSI were assisted in this devious plan by William Moore, a respected and well known UFO researcher.

This is a glaring example of how agents of our government interfere with serious UFO researchers. It's a form of disinformation still commonly used. By making researchers seem unhinged, there's no need to refute their work or discoveries.

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Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 11:00:29 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 21:14:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 23:10:02 -0600
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 22:14:23 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>Subject: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Hi everyone.

>>Below is an article forwarded to me by a colleague which I think
>>will be of particular interest to UFO UpDates subscribers.

>>Nick Balaskas

>>But a new book by two University of Washington scientists
>>contends that, contrary to popular thought, we just might be
>>alone and Earth might be unique, if not in the universe at least
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>>the remarkable confluence of conditions and events that
>>deposited life-forming chemicals on Earth, allowed simple life
>>to gain a foothold and then protected the planet sufficiently
>>and created just the right environmental factors for advanced
>>life to slowly evolve.

>Hmm. Is David "Roswell" Rudiak still around? He didn't much like
>it when I was making similar suggestions/arguments in reference
>to the Mike Davis article we published in The Anomalist 5. Now
>he (Rudiak) can direct his complaints (and counter-arguments, if
>any) to real scientists and see how he stacks up against same.

Sooo, on this issue "real" scientists must be just those who
claim ET intelligent life can't exist outside of Earth. Somehow,
that doesn't sound very scientific.

However, bear in mind that there are REAL real scientists who
have written papers in peer-reviewed journals indicating that if
even only one other intelligent species within our galaxy had
evolved some 20 million or more years ago to a technological
level only a century beyond our present level, they by now would
or could have populated practically all the planets suitable for
life within the entire galaxy. Scientists on this tack include
M. H. Hart, E. M. Jones and C. Walters et al., writing in Icarus
Journal back in 1979-1981.

And it is no problem that this would need to have happened 20
million or more years ago, since it could just as well have
happened a billion years ago, our solar system being relatively
young. (And if one relaxes the assumption that the aliens'
technological/scientific innovations & achievements would cease
after they're only a century ahead of us, then one does not
exclude visitors from other galaxies mixing into our galaxy.) So
one needs only a very few, rare planets favorable for extended
development of life within a galaxy to explain existence of

galaxies by now populated with many different varieties of intelligent alien life.

I should add that the forementioned scientists used this concept of quick & easy population of an entire galaxy to argue, following Fermi and his "paradox," that therefore no advanced alien life exists within our galaxy, since we are uncolonized. This of course involved the unspoken assumption that "genuine" UFOs either do not exist or are not piloted by ETs. (Carl Sagan tried to counter their argument by saying that any attempted colonization of a galaxy would involve, on the average, a stop-over time period of 100,000 years after reaching one hospitable planet before embarking out to another star system in search of the next favorable planet to colonize; hence he believed or hoped it would take a half billion years to colonize the galaxy, not just 20 million years, and by this time stellar positions would continually be too scrambled to be able to colonize more than just a local group of stellar systems. Hence SETI could proceed on that basis.)

It should also be added that from what was quoted from Ward & Brownlee, they failed to allow that those rare ETs who do evolve within our galaxy and have become far advanced over us may well have seeded other favorable planets within the galaxy with an appropriate mixture of lowly life forms, thereby greatly shortening the time required for further evolution on these planets towards intelligent life. It seems that "real" scientists have been defined as those who assume that intelligent life outside of the Earth cannot be more than a few centuries more advanced than us, or that science & technology cannot continue to develop much past our present level. To my mind, a true scientist would not tolerate either assumption, but would instead keep it in mind as an exceedingly slim possibility.

Jim Deardorff

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AA Film 'Experts'

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 17:37:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 21:24:02 -0500
Subject: AA Film 'Experts'

Dear Colleagues,

I would once again respectfully like to ask for you kind assistance. As many of you already know I am writing a new book on the 'alien autopsy' film. Part of the book will deal with professional commentary from people qualified in camerawork, archival film, anf film and photpgraphic experts in general.

I already have copies of the excellent research conducted by Kent Jeffrey and the contacts he made with three former military cameramen, plus information from Clive Tobin, Bob Shell, Theresa Carlson and Sam Sherman.

I would therefore like to ak if anyone knows of any other professional in this field who has commented on the film. If you do, could you please contact me direct at:
pmquest@dial.pipex.com

Please forward this onto other interested parties or newsgroups, and thank you once again for your kind assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Mantle.

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The Prophets Conference - Santa Fe

From: prophets@maui.net
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 09:36:48 -1000
Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 21:40:26 -0500
Subject: The Prophets Conference - Santa Fe

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Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: John Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:28:44 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 07:48:10 -0500
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I've got a stack of books on my own bookshelf which argue quite convincingly the opposite point of view. Since DNA, operating according to all of the known laws of physics in this Universe, produces massive quantities of life under all kinds of extreme conditions it stands to reason that DNA would exist and behave the same way under similar conditions throughout the entire Universe.

Or do the laws of physics operate in a special window only on this planet? Creationists have often argued that life is so rare a possibility that a 'creator' must be responsible. A watchmaker to construct the watch. But work by Dawkins and Koza have demonstrated that the only watchmaker at work is the laws of physics themselves, laws which guarantee life in untold abundance.

Life permeates this planet because the reproductive mechanisms of living things produce enough copies of themselves to more than offset the odds. Chance of survival only one in a million? No problem weighed against billions of sperm and eggs.

Life is as much a property of the Universe as any of the laws of physics. Intelligent life appears to have been a natural byproduct of evolution here, so there is no reason to presume it would not be the same on planetary systems throughout Universe.

John

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:50:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 07:51:54 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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Actually, I may be in error, here, Ed. I'd have to dig through the archives but I don't think that Bob has even seen DUPE film with an image of the alien on it.

In fact, I'm not sure that Bob has seen anything other than a videotape and a frame or two of underexposed dupe leader!

(I could take this opportunity to make a joke using the phrase "dupe leader", but what's the point? I'm sure the readers are way ahead of the curve on this.) ;D

Onward through the fog, I offered:

>>A copy is not the same thing as camera original. In fact, there
>>is no proof that an original even exists.

Ed replied:

>Bob Shell saw what he needed to make a judgement about the film.

Yes, Ed. this is true. The problem is that you continually choose to quote what Bob said several year ago as opposed to what he said months ago. I'm sure EBK is tired of this nonsense so I'll post this one last time. In a heated discussion with me, Bob declared the following, very, very definitive statement not long ago:

>>"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 you interpret this to be positive support for your notion that AA is real is beyond me.

Moving on, you declared:

>I don't see the problem on whether the film is camera
>original or not as long as Volker was pleased with his \$100,000
>buy.

<snip>

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>believe it to be an important historical document.

Ed, the Dead Sea Scroll was an important document. A Xerox of the Dead Sea Scroll isn't worth the paper it's printed on. And a blank sheet of Xerox paper with NO image on it would work well within the confines of my bathroom. Your inability to understand why a lack of camera original is important shows just how simplistic your thinking is regarding your "research" in this matter.

If Volker is pleased that he bought a \$100,000 fake then I'm happy as can be for him. However, I do not see what that has to do with the actual validity of AA!

But let's continue. You wrote:

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>is the attitude of the UFO community and their willingness to be
>led by folks like yourself who who yell and wave their hands but
>seldom have any evidence for their assumptions. Please cite
>YOUR compelling evidence.

What do you consider evidence, Ed? I've given my views on the containment suits and the questionable film stock and lack of camera original and the lighting and on and on and on. The archives are full of this stuff. You have simply chosen to ignore anything that anyone has said because it doesn't fit your personal mythology regarding AA. On the other hand, while you claim that we "seldom have any evidence" for our assumptions, your one BIG assumption that the AA film is real has NO evidence of any kind.

Finally (though I doubt it), you wrote:

>If you'll
>read my previous posts, you'll see that all I'm asking folks to
>do is keep an open mind. I realize this might be hard for true
>believers like yourself who can make judgements without evidence.

Now I get it, Ed. You're using the old "Do as I say, not as I do" approach to debate.

Very clever. we have to come up with evidence to support our views that AA is a fake (never mind that you ignore it when we do). On the other hand, you do not have to produce any evidence at all that AA is real!

Dumb.

AA is a fake.

No, actually, AA is a bad fake.

Later,
Roger Evans

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:12:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:12:33 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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Once again the 'Alien Autopsy' has become tiresome. I'll post
what sits in the in-box here and that'll be an end to it -
unless some startling new revelations are presented.

Michael Lennick, back on the 11th of this month sent me the
following. Posted to the List it has been totally ignored and
seems to cover the crux of the matter:

>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:51:26 -0500
>From: Michael Lennick <michael@*****.com>
>Subject: Re: Steve Johnson?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:54:50 +0000
>>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: Steve Johnson?

>>Dear colleagues,

>>Does anyone happen to have a snail mail or e-mail address for
>>US special effects artist Steve Johnson?

<snip>

>However, had we proceeded, the coup-de-gras would probably have
>been my own examination of the footage, which revealed it to
>have been mastered at 30 frames per second - not 24.

>Spottable by any casual frame-by-frame glance at the footage.

>There are no repeated frames.

>24 fps film, when transferred to 30 fps video, requires every

>5th frame to be repeated.

>This suggests either a film mastered at 30fps, or a video master
>treated to look like old B&W reversal stock - both of which we
>do all the time in current production, but neither of which were
>in practice in the pre-VTR days this purports to represent.

>I can't believe this crap still has any currency left.

No Michael, neither can I.

ebk

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From: Rebecca Keith <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 19:29:29 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:20:12 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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>>>To: Robert Gates
>>>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 01:37:18 -0500 (EST)
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 06:22:14 -0500
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>Previously, Robert had reasonably offered:

>>>From a personal point of view I would be interested in the
>>>analysis of ONE single frame of the film from Independent
>>>experts such as Kodak and or others.

>Ed responds:

>>Bob Shell is an independent expert and he says that what he saw
>>was very old film. He was convinced that the film he saw was
>>the film Ray bought for Volker. Volker is convinced that what
>>he bought was old film shot by the cameraman. Kodak did verify
>>the film was 1927, 1947, or 1967. They saw film with an image
>>and the film leader.

><snip>

>>Here's the point that needs to be made over and over again until
>>folks understand: There is not one bit of evidence that this is a
>>fake.

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>until you understand:

>I doesn't matter if Ray and Volker were satisfied! Who cares!?

>Bob Shell and Kodak have never looked at one single frame of
>camera original with the alien on it.

Bob Shell nor Kodak have ever looked at one single frame of
camera original film OR a dupe with the alien on it!!

Now, there's a point that needs to be made.

Ed is clearly attempting to mislead people with his claims,
such as this one:

"...Kodak did verify the film was 1927, 1947, or 1967. They saw
film with an image and the film leader. "

Let me remind you once again, neither Kodak or Bob Shell saw
film with an image that can be connected to the autopsy footage
because the frames were clearly added to the footage, which can

easily seen by anyone who has a copy of the video.

Ed, you know those frames can't be connected to the film yet you mislead everyone with your idiotic statements.

>The only film examined with the alien on it is crummy dupe
>film.

The only film examined did not have an alien on it. In fact, the only film examined could not be determined to have come from the autopsy footage as these frames were spliced into the footage. They could have easily come from some archive somewhere (and I don't mean SAC's archive either! <G>).

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Exactly!

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>come up with the original film and let it be studied so that
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>this time?

Who cares?

>I think you already know the answer to that question.

>Wise up.

Never gonna happen.

Rebecca

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Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:23:48 -0500
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Ed-

What you are saying is accurate, but only part of the story.

Bob Shell provided a response based on information that he had
at hand and the word of others (i.e. Ray).

He has never actually seen any film with the alien's image on
it, and accepted Ray's word that it existed.

Ray's only confirmation from Kodak was that the edge codes
indicated that it was film from 1927, 1947, or 1967, which was
the result of an examination of a xerox copy of film that had no
image.

Again, the provenance of this "film" is based on acceptance of
Ray's word.

I would add that FOX probably has no opinion one way or the
other, but that apparently is not true for Robert Kiviat, who
was the producer involved in both productions. FOX just
happened to be the network that purchased his product. And
what, pray tell, does Volker's state of mind have to do with
anything?

The rhetoric is getting awfully thick in this discussion, and I
hope it doesn't begin to cloud the issue to the point where it's
hard to separate proven fact from opinion.

Of course, getting any three of us to agree on "proven facts" in
relation to just about anything would be difficult.... but
that's a different discussion.

Steve

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@pobox.com>
Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 21:57:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:26:17 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 11:26:12 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>To: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 01:37:18 -0500 (EST)
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 06:22:14 -0500
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>From a personal point of view I would be interested in the
>>analysis of ONE single frame of the film from Independent
>>experts such as Kodak and or others.

>Bob Shell is an independent expert and he says that what he saw
>was very old film. He was convinced that the film he saw was
>the film Ray bought for Volker. Volker is convinced that what
>he bought was old film shot by the cameraman. Kodak did verify
>the film was 1927, 1947, or 1967. They saw film with an image
>and the film leader.

>Why is it so important that the film be proven for you. Why not
>just keep an open mind until there is proof that it is a hoax?
>Here's the point that needs to be made over and over again until
>folks understand: There is not one bit of evidence that this is a
>fake.

>There is considerable circumstantial evidence that the AA is a
>real event. Dennis Murphy's article alone would convince most
>folks (if they read it with an open mind) that the debris, at
>least, should be studied carefully

>>Bottom line is 5 years from now the film will still not quite
>>be proven true, and Ray still won't have provided any original
>>film for examination by Kodak or a film lab.

>I believe that Ray isn't free to do as he pleases in regard to
>the raw film. Volker is not being cooperative. We certainly
>don't have all the answers and yes it might be another five
>years (or longer) before we know "for sure". But that doesn't
>mean we should stop our investigations or close our minds.

Ed, how much is Ray paying you to represent him here? I thought
at first when I read your response, that it was written by
Santilli's publicist. Then I went back to the header to see what
the name of his publicist is. And it's you again. So I can't
help to ask you a simple question... which is: Do you represent
Santilli?

Roger R. Prokic
Principal RF Systems Engineer
Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.
Boulder, Colorado USA
--[sent from a Palm Vx & MultiMail Pro v3.1]--

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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00491 20.01.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 18:30:57 +1100
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:33:19 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00491 20.01.2000

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00491 20.01.2000

FOLLOWUP Vivian Jensen AUFORN QLD

1800 Callin Code: 00491 20.01.2000

Date: 14.12.1999
Day: Tuesday
Time seen: 6.50pm
Name: Mrs C
Location: Armidale, NSW
Given to investigator: Vivian Jensen AUFORN QLD

Report:

Shape: Bright shining light, square frame on top and bottom.
Size: 12 metres in diameter
Objects: One
Colour: Bright lights around edge
Sound: Low Humming
Speed: Outside of Witness home
Duration: approx 10 minutes
Direction: ?
Other: UFO faded away
Witnesses: One

Report:

A couple of weeks before Christmas 1999, Bright shining light outside of Witness' home. Object 12metres in diameter, bright lights around edge, square frame on top and bottom. Watched for approximately 10 minutes, house sensor light came on and the UFO faded away. There was a low humming noise. Witness reports having sore eyes for the next 3 days after sighting, AUFORN, Qld

Thank You Vivian Jensen for this report.

Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
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Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 03:56:38 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:39:21 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

Criteria for Cydonian Artificiality

by Mac Tonnies

Armchair debunkers, while quite confident that the "Face" on Mars is a naturally occurring formation, have yet to defend their position with any sort of proper scientific rebuttal. The popular position on the matter is that the Face (and by inference the other anomalies in the region) is a "pile of rocks."

They may be right. But how did they arrive at this conclusion? The absence of literature on the subject leads one with no answer other than that they didn't arrive at this conclusion via any proper scientific procedure. The official verdict, that the Face is a mere "rocky mesa," was arrived at by a cursory examination of two tragically impaired versions of the same MGS photo [one "contrast enhanced" so as to appear featureless, the other "stretched" ~100 pixels (!) to give the impression of lack of symmetry].

Here lies the glaring fallacy of the anti-Cydonia sentiment: since, in the debunkers' opinion, the Face simply couldn't be "real" to begin with, scientific measure needn't be taken in dealing with the MGS data. Unfortunately for the mainstream skeptics, they forget that criteria for artificiality had already been carefully drafted by scientists with much to "lose": namely, members of SPSR, the organization mainly responsible for the three tantalizing Cydonia image swaths at our disposal.

The possibility of a natural origin for the Face has, strangely enough, been explored from a much more intellectually robust angle by scientists willing to entertain the Artificiality Hypothesis. While SPSR never once claimed the Face was an artifact, it was their openness to the possibility--however unpopular or improbable--that allowed them to formulate a practical criteria for the Face's proposed artificiality. This material can be easily referenced in the book The Case for the Face a collection of articles by specialists in a number of fields who find the Artificiality Hypothesis sufficiently engaging to warrant future study.

The skeptical community has either ignored this important effort or has chosen not to address it. The latter begins to look more and more probable as the evidence in favor of the Face's potential non-natural origin begins to stack up.

In fact, the Face effectively passes every hurdle set up for it within the limits of the MGS' single frame. It should come as no surprise at all that the arch-skeptics have yet to offer their rationale for dismissing Cydonia: they simply have no rationale to offer, other than to point at the TJP orthorectification (since demonstrated to be an utterly invalid digital interpretation of a highly symmetric formation).

Of course, they may also trivialize the unusual shapes to be

found elsewhere in Cydonia by mantric insistence on the lack of terrestrial analogs: "If this stuff is artificial, where are the roads?" etc. Such reasoning surpasses the merely uninformed and becomes naive whining.

I am told by self-proclaimed skeptics that the burden of proof is on those supportive of the Artificiality Hypothesis. The opposite is in fact true; defenders of the AH have shown that the Face, if it is in fact a deliberate representation, shows all of the features intimated by the Viking data as well as new, entirely unexpected ones such as the correctly placed and proportioned "nostrils," "lips" and apparent ornamentation on the framing mesa. All of the above features are precisely aligned with the Face's centerline, as ascertained by elevation data from the Viking and MGS images. They do not appear natural, and no prosaic explanations have been forthcoming from the Cydonia bashers, who I suspect secretly hope the entire issue will evaporate by virtue of its momentum in the media (which is correspondingly bad).

Thus the bar constituting "acceptable evidence" for artificiality is raised arbitrarily, when in truth that bar has already been knocked from its moorings. Cydonia has passed the criteria set up for it, and it is our logical duty to explore this issue further.

Condescending dismissals of the sort that have plagued the Cydonian Imperative (i.e. "There must come a point, however, where any one-man campaign to bring this all up again becomes distasteful") speak more from a quasi-religious "faith" that the Face is natural ("It simply has to be, doesn't it? And if I suggest that it isn't, people will laugh at me!") than any sort of informed perspective.

If the burden of proof rests with anyone (and it is my position that no one should be forced to proclaim "natural" or "artificial" until NASA carries through with its promise to take more pictures), it belongs squarely on the skeptics' shoulders.

In the meantime, research will continue and new discoveries will be made from existing data. The skeptics will continue to promote the now-familiar fiction that the Face is a dead issue, devoid of scientific merit.

Nevertheless, the Face looks like an intentional sculpture, inconsistent with purely natural mechanisms. And it's not going anywhere.

*****Mars: The Cydonian Imperative*****

a newsletter devoted to the immediate implementation of manned Mars missions and the democratization of space science, emphasizing the strange formations found in the Cydonia Mensae region. This list is not affiliated with any particular Mars advocacy group.

To join or unsubscribe: email Mac Tonnie at alintelbot@aol.com. Comments and questions are also welcome.

NOW SEEKING: web space for archival purposes and online petition

Useful websites (note that not all positions represented are shared with the Cydonian Imperative):

Artemis Society: <http://www.asi.org>
Mars Society: <http://www.marssociety.com>
The Martian Enigmas:
<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>
Bigelow Aerospace: <http://www.bigelow-aerospace.com>
International Space Station:
<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/index.html>
SpaceDev: <http://www.spacedev.com>
Mars: Mysteries of the Red Planet:
<http://www.mufor.org/mars.html>
Think Mars: <http://www.thinkmars.net>
CNI News: <http://www.cninews.com>
Cydonia 2000: <http://welcome.to/cydonia/>

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Re: AA Film 'Experts'

From: Dan Geib <geibdan@qtm.net>
Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 07:13:05 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:42:52 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film 'Experts'

>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 17:37:13 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: AA Film 'Experts'

>Dear Colleagues,

>I would once again respectfully like to ask for you kind
>assistance. As many of you already know I am writing a new book
>on the 'alien autopsy' film. Part of the book will deal with
>professional commentary from people qualified in camerawork,
>archival film, and film and photographic experts in general.

>I already have copies of the excellent research conducted by
>Kent Jeffrey and the contacts he made with three former military
>cameramen, plus information from Clive Tobin, Bob Shell, Theresa
>Carlson and Sam Sherman.

>I would therefore like to ask if anyone knows of any other
>professional in this field who has commented on the film. If
>you do, could you please contact me direct at:
>pmquest@dial.pipex.com

>Please forward this onto other interested parties or newsgroups,
>and thank you once again for your kind assistance.

Phil,

I wonder if your book will list UFO Updates as contributing
authors and technical advisors?

:o)

Dan

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

Dan's Magic in Michigan !
<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/magician>

WetSet Diving Vacations !
<http://www.wetset.com>

Czars Nightclub !
<http://www.czars.com>

Dantronix !
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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 22:54:34 +0000
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>inference the other anomalies in the region) is a "pile of
>rocks."

As far as the face is concerned we are all 'armchair
debunkers/believers' since none of us have actually been to
Mars. It makes no difference what part of the Earth you travel
to or who you talk to, you are still examining the same data.

The first batch blurred giving the appearance of a face.

The second batch much clearer.

I don't know about the rest of you but I have eyes that work.

I do not need a scientist to tell me I am looking at a mountain
and a scattering of rocks.

Look on the bright side, one day we will indeed go to Mars. And
on that day you will have your answer depending on whether you
except it or not that is.

Dave.

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Filer's Files #3 -2000 Space Awakening

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Filer's Files #03 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. -- Chuck Warren Webmaster.

OUR ANCESTORS MAY BE FROM SPACE

Cosmic Ancestry is a new theory that the origin of life on Earth was seeded from space, and that life's evolution to higher forms depends on genetic programs that come from space. It is a wholly scientific, testable theory for which evidence is accumulating. "We don't know where life first started," says Curt Mileikowsky, a physicist with the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden, "but we know Mars was available for life earlier than Earth." Mars, smaller than Earth, would have cooled to hospitable temperatures first. And most planetary scientists envision that early Mars would have been a warm, wet place -- conditions considered amenable to life. In the work, Mileikowsky and nine other researchers from institutions around the world calculated that meteors and comets crashing into the Red Planet would have knocked billions of Martian rocks into space. About one of every 150 of those Martian rocks then fell on Earth within a million years, the researchers said. In total, more than 55 billion Martian rocks have fallen to Earth in the past 5 billion years. The findings were presented at the American Astronomical Society meeting in Atlanta and will be published in the journal *Icarus*. The rocky interplanetary highway isn't just one way. Comets and meteors also blasted pieces of Earth into space, some of which made their way to Mars, though not quite as many.

Scientists have found a tough but peaceful pair of bacteria that might have been able to survive the arduous trip from Mars. "They are simply happy creatures," Curt Mileikowsky said of the two bacteria strains that were tested for road-hardiness in a Swedish lab. "They don't cause any disease, they are very peaceful." But were they the first visitors from Mars? The bacteria -- *Bacillus subtilis* (wild) and *Deinococcus radiodurans* R1-- are resistant to high speeds, extreme heat and radiation. These properties would be necessary to survive a voyage by from Mars to Earth. There is even tentative evidence that the outbreak of serious flu epidemics are tied to new flu strains arriving from space. Thanks to Ken Chang ABCNews.com.

Editor's Note: Its interesting that scientists now say we may not have originated from an ancient swamp on Earth after all, but that life came from outer space. I'm glad to see scientists and religion are becoming closer in agreement on how life on Earth occurred. Genesis 1-1 states, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters." Verse-11, "And God said let the earth burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant, and fruit trees with seeds inside the fruit, so that these seeds will produce the kinds of plants they come from."

DISNEY CRUISE SHIP UFO

BAHAMAS -- On December 25, 1999, my husband, two sons and I were aboard the Disney Cruise Ship, which was sailing to Castaway Cay from Nassau in the Bahamas at 3:30 AM. The ship was headed east and we were on the right side of the ship looking south when we spotted a very large, stationary, and oval shaped light in the sky. It was much too large to be an airplane. I grabbed the binoculars to get a closer look. The best way to describe it was it looked like a gigantic ball of large lights that subtly changed shape. The lights faded out and went completely dark and within a couple of minutes it lit back up again. One of my sons then took the binoculars and agreed he saw

the same thing I did. He then spotted another ball of lights, the same exact thing, at sea level. Thanks to DDDIXON

NEW JERSEY DIGITAL PHOTO OF UFO?

JACKSON -- We were at Great Adventure theme park in Jackson, and my brother took this picture with a digital camera. When he burned the pictures on a disk, we noticed this object in the sky. We had no idea it was there when we took the picture. Thanks to: Hoo: hooshere@home.com

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK GEEN/BLUE OBJECT

HUNTINGTON -- My girlfriend and I witnessed an event about 25 minutes ago which we are concerned about. We live in Huntington in Long Island, NY and witnessed a greenish/blue object moving from the south towards the north at a high altitude and at an incredible velocity. It was not an airplane, a comet/meteor, nor Satellite either! I don't know who to ask. Please direct me somewhere that I can get some peace of mind. Thanks to Gregory Mineo and Isur@america.net balzac72@hotmail.com.

WASHINGTON DC UFOs CELEBRATE NEW YEARS

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA -- I attended "America's Millennium" celebration at the National Mall on New Year's Eve. With a large crowd we were entering the Foggy Bottom Metro Station escalators at about 1:00 AM with the sound of fireworks still exploding not far away. I noticed shooting stars near the western horizon and said to my friend, "What good timing for shooting stars?" Then I got a better look at what they were. I saw an identical pair of dark but lit cylindrical objects "flying" in formation from northwest to southeast passing almost directly above me. They were definitely not meteors. They moved at high speed, but I was able to see them clearly. Less than a minute later a single cylinder moved from WSW to ENE at about the same speed and had the same appearance. I then said, "Am I seeing UFOs?" No one else seemed to notice. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com!

VIRGINIA DISC HOVERS OVER WITNESSES

RICHMOND -- On October 10, 1999, a disk shaped UFO was observed by a high school teacher and her two teenagers at 7:00 PM in clear weather. MUFON investigator Joan Woodward interviewed the witnesses. Therese P. was driving on Route 645 along the Appomattox River near the Ft. Lee Military Reservation when Matthew 14, sighted a large object rising out of the woods. The object was hovering low above the trees just south of the Federal Reformatory at twilight. The three witnesses described the object as 10 to 13 pulsating and rotating white amber lights in a circular formation-moving counter clockwise.

There was also a large white amber light that did not pulsate. Therese continued to drive toward the lights and, when they were a half mile away, they estimated the entire formation was about 100 to 150 feet above the ground and the size of her fist. A few seconds later they saw more single lights rapidly approach from the south and hover in a horizontal line to the left of the others. These lights were about the size of one of the lights in the circle.

Route 64 curves to the south about one hundred yards to the east of where the lights were and, as they made this turn, the vehicle's head lights passed under the objects. The objects appeared to respond to the headlights by slowly moving south parallel to the road. The lights hovered over several buildings used to house the staff of the Federal Reformatory. They wanted a better look, so they drove west down a private driveway toward the houses. When she was almost beneath the lights, she pulled to the side of the road, cut the engine and lights off, and rolled down the windows. The witnesses reported there was an unnatural silence in the area and it was like entering a sound proof room. They observed the lights through some trees. The object was the size of an automobile tire at arm's length. After watching for a few minutes the formation of lights then disappeared and two seconds later reappeared in the east in the same formation. Matthew saw a streak of white light as they moved. The object then moved instantaneously to an area about three miles distant. Contacts with local military and airports indicate no one else was aware of the incident. The 13-year-old daughter had a red mark on the back of her neck and one behind her left ear. There was also a semicircular formation of red puncture marks on her forehead after the incident. Thanks to VA State Director Ricardo Atristain

GEORGIA UFO INVESTIGATION

LA GRANGE - Investigator John Thompson writes I visited with the father and son who were 75 to 80 yards from the UFO that was hovering about 12 feet high above their property! Both are excellent witnesses. This was a close-encounter and may tie in with what folks in South Mississippi and airplane crew in Missouri saw the same night. Unless the shuttle was fixing to land in a Troup County pasture and has silent boosters we can safely rule

the shuttle out! Actual time of sighting was around 8:05-8:10 p.m., Eastern Time. The forty-four-year old father, who is a large landowner, has two years of agricultural engineering. The object maneuvered as "smooth as silk." It descended, ascended and changed directions several times with sparks or ashes "coming off like a campfire." The sparks or ashes were not ejected. He is certain that the UFO is of alien manufacture, was under intelligent control and was not piloted by a human. The witnesses believe the speed of the UFO was 400 to 500 mph. John made some measurements and calculations and feels the speed was 325-350 mph. The reaction time to do the zigzag or "weave" in response to lights going on (truck lights) was, as he said, entirely too fast for any human to perform. It could be a cruise missile with highly sophisticated terrain-hugging, light-sensing, sensors and computer controls. However, the witnesses and John have trouble accepting this explanation. It remains a true UFO of truck size that could manipulate its own internal lighting, guidance and speed. A pinkish red light seen at the end of sighting was not the exhaust of an engine. No sound was made at any time of the UFO sighting. The UFO was upwind from the witnesses, and they could clearly hear coonhounds upwind baying over a mile away. The UFO made no sound at only 75-80 yards. No burn spots were found under the path of the UFO. A thorough search was made of the property. The FAA knows of no military or commercial testing in the area. The witnesses were video taped and signed a general case form. John says, "I consider this to be in the top ten percent of cases I've done." Thanks to John Thompson
gingerjohn@peoplepc.com.

ILLINOIS FLYING TRIANGLE POLICE REPORT

SUMMERFIELD -- "On January 5, 2000, at 0415, I was dispatched to the north side of Lebanon in response to a call received by the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department." An object described as big as a two story house with bright lights was flying around the northern end of Lebanon. While heading east on Widicus Road, I saw what looked like two big, very bright white lights, very close together, in a stationary position, over the town of Summerfield. I called this in to the dispatcher, advised that I was going over there to check on it. I also told them it definitely wasn't the moon or a star. While heading south on Rt.4, it changed shape, and looked like the two lights merged into one big one before my eyes. After getting into the town of Lebanon, I turned eastbound onto Route 50. While traveling eastbound, I watched it change into what looked like an elongated cigar. It was to the southeast of me at this time. There were a few cars on the road, so I turned on my overhead emergency lights, I was going approx.75-80 mph while heading in the direction of the object. When I turned onto old Route 50, it started moving slowly northeast. I stopped my squad car, turned off the overhead lights, and turned off the car. It then headed southwest at a very high rate of speed. It looked like it was 2000 ft above the ground. It passed just south of my position, about 150 to 200 feet away from me. When I began to tell the dispatcher, it then accelerated, and headed southwest towards Shiloh, before I could finish what I was going to tell the dispatcher, it looked like it was over Shiloh's southeast side. I told the dispatcher that if a Shiloh officer would look up, he should see it. Right after the end of my transmission, Shiloh advised he could see it, and that it was still heading southwest at a high rate of speed.

Soon after that, the Millstadt officer told the dispatcher that he could see it. The next reporting agency was the Dupo police Dept., who said he was watching it through his field glasses. I couldn't discern what shape it was until it flew almost overhead. When it did, it looked like a large, narrow triangle, with the sides being longer than the base. It had three large very bright white lights in what appeared to be the three corners. The lights were pointing straight down, with no oscillation. There was one red light that blinked near the base, just in front of, and in between the large white lights. When it was moving away from me, the back end looked long and narrow, with white light coming from it. The light looked like it was one long unit. There were multi-colored lights spanning the length of the back. I could tell there was more than one color, but not sure which ones because they seemed to blend together. Total length of observation was approx.4-5 minutes. Also, when it flew past me, it made no noise. I've drawn a total of five pictures of what I saw, and the Shiloh officer has drawn one. The Millstadt officer said he was able to take a picture of it, but that it turned out fuzzy due to the cold. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com!
 Editors Note: John Thompson one of our best investigators writes, "Seems people are now admitting that the sightings were in a direct line heading toward a blimp airport in Cahokia, IL and the object emitted a low level buzz not unlike that of a blimp." Its obvious further investigation is needed.

NEW ZEALAND PILOT SEES UFO

NORTH ISLAND -- A commercial pilot reports to ISUR that on December 15, 1999, he and an associate were walking on a beach located on the East Coast of North Island. A large green light came across the calm and still water at about 11:30 PM. The green light turned a bit, indicating two additional

smaller lights. The object/light accelerated past the witnesses at an estimated 200 knots and at an altitude of about 100 feet, completely silent. The object/light was observed as it traveled about 3 kilometers and then disappeared. The witness later spoke to a nearby farmer who told him that he had observed a similar event while driving his tractor. The farmer had topped a rise and suddenly stopped his tractor when he saw a huge UFO 50 meters away. There were flashing lights around a middle rim of a stationary disc that was 100 meters in diameter. The farmer turned off his tractor lights and at that moment the lights on the object went out. Another bright light appeared at the top and it took off with a deep buzzing noise and disappeared. Thanks to ISUR at www.isur.com and Tom Sheets

ABDUCTIONS BY ROBED HOODED ALIENS

In recent months we have been getting reports of hooded and robed humanoids walking along roads and possibly participating in abductions. The witnesses report they are awakened in the middle of the night when a blue light fills the bedroom. They are paralyzed but able to look around the room, and a robed figure is present. Sometimes the witnesses claim the eyes are red or glowing red in appearance. The witnesses' claim that they and other family members describe similar or the same hooded robed figures in their homes. Often the robed figure is observed coming out of the wall with several other smaller humanoids with it. The larger robed figure usually has its face covered. The witnesses often ask, "Who are you, what do you want? However, they have trouble talking, and are only able to make muffled or chirping noises. This may indicate their vocal cords have been paralyzed. Usually the witnesses awake in the morning with indications that an abduction or some type of examination as taken place.

This is the key time for witnesses to review the night's events. If you believe you have been visited its imperative that you look for evidence. At the very least, this is when the floor, bed, covers, night table, walls and ceiling should be closely examined for evidence. The evidence is most likely on a molecular or very tiny level, specks of dust, footprints, powder, sand, or silicon. Anything unusual should be carefully swept up using a cotton swabs and placed in a small glass jar. Try to obtain a witness to the collection of the evidence. You may want to call the police, Ufologists or at least another member of the family. Abductions may only be remembered like a dream. Frequently, examinations, powdering, cutting and bruising of the skin have taken place. Again evidence and testimony from physicians and outsiders is needed. A dream or waking in the night needs substantiation. If anyone has entered your house you have a right to have a police investigation. It is up to the possible abductee to cooperate, photograph and help others to obtain evidence. If a hooded figure or other humanoids were in your room it is very possible they left evidence. The most likely point of entry into your room may still be damaged or changed in some way. Tiny pieces of residue, silicon, glass, and meteorite powder may have been left behind. Meteorite powder will likely contain iron and other minerals that can be picked up by a magnet. Crop circles often contain meteorite powder, while areas outside the crop circles have virtually none. If you have happen to have meteorite powder in your bedroom, this is strong evidence. I encourage people who suspect they have had an encounter to take action. Get dressed up and visit your local police, newspaper and politicians with others. You might want to take a copy of the above police report in these files. You may simply tell the police you suspect prowlers are in your home at night and you wish protection. I would not mention UFOs, unless you have support from other witnesses. You saw a flash, possibly a flashlight and a prowler in your room. You found this powder on the floor. I'm not aware of even one abductee bringing in evidence to the authorities. Now that police are observing these craft they may be more willing to listen to your complaints. Next is the story of a brave possible abductee.

STRANGE GOLD IMPLANT FOUND

Bill Bean writes that, "In July of 1997, I became mysteriously ill and couldn't swallow, because there was a pressure on my throat." I felt I was choking, just drinking water. It was the most horrible experience of my life, and I wish it on no one. I saw eight different doctors and many tests were done and nobody gave me an answers. I was rushed by ambulance to the hospital, three times in three weeks. I truly thought I was dying. I noticed a pattern of red circular marks on my back that I felt was a reaction to the medication. My wife photographed them. I could not eat and my weight went from a muscular 240 to 198 pounds. On December 16, 1997, I was in the bathroom with my wife, brushing my teeth when felt a bristle came off my toothbrush causing me to cough. I reached in my mouth to get the object with my right index finger and found a gold -- square -- flat - chip. Our first thoughts were that it had to come out of the toothbrush. Something told me to save it and I did. The next night, while brushing my teeth, I started coughing again and expelled two more of these things in the sink. After expelling the first piece, I felt like some pressure had come off of my throat and the next night a lot of pressure had come off. I began eating

normally and felt much better. Last year, I sent one piece to Derrel Sims who had the object analyzed. Bill says, "My piece matches a piece that was surgically removed from a person four years ago in Brazil. An isotopic test to determine if the piece is alien is being accomplished." Thanks to Bill Bean blin@erols.com. Editors Note: Derrel Sims and I feel this may be the most significant implant case thus far. derrel@holman.net

UFO OVER ACAPULCO, MEXICO

ACAPULCO -- Citizens confirm that an OVNI (UFO) flew over the city of Acapulco Mexico on January 18, 2000. Many inhabitants of the tourist port on the Pacific Ocean are saying that they saw a UFO that was kind of bright and oval in shape. It was seen for about seven minutes flying over the city with making strange circles in the sky leaving a flash of green and yellow light in trail. Guillermo Alarcon UFO Investigations Guillermo Alarcon UFO Investigations <http://www.mp3.com/djy2k>.

METEOR EXPLODES IN CANADA

WHITEHORSE -- On January 18, 2000, sensors aboard DOD satellites detected the impact of a meteoroid at 16:44 UTC (9 a.m. local time), in the Yukon Territory. The object detonated at an altitude of 25 km at 60.25 degrees North latitude, 134.65 degrees West Longitude shaking houses and providing residents with a dramatic light show. Optical sensors detected the same event at 16:43:42 UTC. The event lasted 2 seconds at 1 micron wavelength. Estimates of total radiated power are 1.1×10^{12} Joules. - Witnesses in Carcross said the explosion rattled windows and shook snow from roofs in the small village about 120 miles (190 km) north of Juneau, Alaska,

SOLOMON ISLANDS UFO

NORO - On December 28, 1999, at 10.30 AM Respondents report sighting a rotating unidentified object near the port of Noro, New Georgia Island, Western Province. Solomon Islands. The 'object appeared quite bright at first, though it looked like shinning glass in the sky'. After some minutes it passed through some clouds and then appeared to be an 'solid object'. Thanks to the Solomon Star 1/ 6/ 20 and National Space Center nsc@post.com, Ross Dowe

PHOTOS OF ROSWELL DEBRIS

James Bond Johnson the photographer of the debris in General Ramey's office on July 8, 1947, says, "If we take a scientific look at the scene, at Headquarters 8th Army Air Force we can make certain assumptions, including:

1. General Ramey, having only recently achieved his big dream of becoming an Air Force commander and having serious aspirations to becoming an early Chief of Staff of the about to be born US Air Force would have been VERY careful. He did not want to screw up with this hot potato that fate had tossed in his lap.
2. I think there can be NO serious conclusion that Ramey was "holding a press conference" grounded in Neil's astute observations. A careful commander like Ramey certainly would have gotten his "dog and pony" show better organized and prepared. And gotten his staff to "spruce up" -- like HE did!
3. If Ramey was going to "fake it" for a photo opportunity he would have scrounged up easily identified "spare parts" from some RAWIN/MOGUL and not a bunch of weird "out of this world" pieces that can't be matched up with the RAWIN/MOGUL blueprints even 52 years later! He NEVER would have risked some inquisitive newspaper reporter questioning those weird "things" spread out in the photos. Even w/o computer enhancement the parts look unworldly! And Ramey's stars would have twinkled out! Poof!
4. The urgent and unprecedented action of General Ramey to rush that same night right over to radio station WBAP and to go on the air live with his "weather balloon" announcement surely must have been "damage control" to defuse the ROP, which he knew would be showing up in every newspaper in the world the next morning under the front page banner of "General Ramey Examines "Flying Saucer" Wreckage". Ramey knew that his action certainly would subject the AAF to ridicule as he now was having to ADMIT that his command had made a giant faux pas. The last thing that a military general wants to have to do is to have to say "oops!" "Sorry, guys, my new command just blew it! We couldn't tell a flying saucer from a common weather balloon!" Does anybody challenge ANY of the above statements or what to add to this list? Thanks to Bond Johnson.

Stan Friedman responds: "People seem to be forgetting that CIC Cavitt went to the crash site and brought back wreckage as well, the night of July 7, 1947. Col. Blanchard was NOT his commander. He undoubtedly notified his people in Albuquerque who would have notified Washington, DC. Clearly the wreckage was

not of a plane under Col. Blanchard's command. It thus became an intelligence or counterintelligence problem. In addition there were spotter planes at the base who would have easily noted the wreckage from the air and conceivably could have landed out there first thing in the morning on July 8.

Don't forget General McMullen's call to General Ramey taken by Colonel DuBose. I too, doubt there was really a press conference. I do think it was clever to divert attention from Roswell to Fort Worth." Thanks to Stan Friedman. Editors Notes: There are about a 100 witnesses who claim they saw fantastic metal/plastic materials at the Roswell crash site. Photos taken of the debris under high resolution show half inch thick materials with hieroglyphic like markings. The message in General Ramey's hand speaks of a crashed craft and bodies. Roswell may include parts of a Mogul balloon, but it also contains other wreckage. So in a sense everyone is right, so I urge all Ufologists to stop arguing and investigate. It is really a shame there are no funds for real scientific investigation. If you would like your name to go down in history consider funding this research. Neil Morris is the primary researcher and some of his work can be seen at: www.filersfiles.com and <http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/>

NASA ABANDONS SEARCH FOR MARS POLAR LANDER

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - The \$165 million mission to Mars has officially ended in failure has NASA's has given up hope for saving the mission. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory 's craft was scheduled to touch down on December 3, 1999. No signal has been received from the craft. The craft was sent to help search for life on the planet. Most missions to Mars are a failure while overall NASA missions including those to Mars are 90% successful. Perhaps the bacteria found on Mars has grown up and they don't like us there.

NASA keeps on claiming they are reviewing all possibilities and will continue to seek an explanation for the failure of their last two probes. The orbiter was lost in September. Our satellites and shuttles are observing UFOs; the Phobos 2 satellite took a photo of one. I'm happy to give NASA a briefing on the data we have obtained. I suggest they examine the SSTs 48, 75, 80, 84, and 96 shuttle film for the possibility that there is life out there. I would be happy to present a briefing. I also suggest you include some UFO investigators in your examination of the loss of your last two craft. John Schussler or Dr. Bob Woods both former experts in aviation and space would be my choice.

UFOCAT 99 UFO DATABASE

UFOCAT 99 is the latest version of the database begun during the Condon Committee study in 1967 by Dr. David R. Saunders. It contains over 111,500 citations (some UFO reports contain multiple citations). It exists as a modern relational database in MS Access 97, and comes with the Access 97 run time system on the CD-ROM. The CD-ROM is available for purchase for \$59.95 from either Arcturus Books, the Center for UFO Studies, or Sun River Research Inst. (<http://matrix.crosswinds.net/bow/~ufocat/>) It requires 100 megabytes of free disk space to install on your computer. Visit the website for the latest research using the UFOCAT 99 database. New this week will be a number of charts showing the relationship between the occurrence of UFO reports and sidereal time! Thanks to Don Johnson Drdonj5219

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Bennewitz's Report To APRO

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Subject: Bennewitz's Report To APRO

>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 21:57:00 -0700
>From: Roger R. Prokic <rprokic@pobox.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hi Roger,

I want to ask you and the list a question unrelated to the last thread. I followed the Linda Howe, Agent Richard Doty, Dulce Canyon, Christa Tilton, New Mexico State Police, sightings by USAF Air Police within Manzano Canyon, and of course, Paul Bennewitz for many years. I don't think I remember seeing Bennewitz's report to APRO. Have you, Roger? I'd like to see that.

I also would like to learn more about the frequencies, types of waves (wavelengths, waveforms) and a lot of other data. Is that of interest to you Roger? Or am I asking things that wander into that area where the Air Force said Bennewitz was tuning into something very deeply classified from Manzano. And they used a sidekick who pulled a dark shroud over his head, who took an active part in ruining Paul Bennewitz and Thunder Scientific Co.

That sidekick ruined his reputation as a ufologist for his noble purpose of "burrowing into the hive to find out who was operating it on deeper levels and find out what they knew" - as a UFO investigation. Bennewitz was in the way. Moore found out the feds would not play, with Paul in the way, so he played along, Paul had to be eliminated. A noble purpose.

What did Paul Bennewitz put in his APRO report?

Thanks,
Josh

Happy trails!

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Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers :;>
>>Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2000 6:55 PM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>>Source: space.com

>>http://www.space.com/science/astronomy/comet_debris_000118_wg.html

>>Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>>posted: 08:54 am EST

>>18 January 2000

>>MADRID, Jan 17 (Reuters) - At least ten melon-sized iceballs
>>that have slammed into Spain in the last week are probably
>>debris from comets, not human excrement as first suspected, a
>>Spanish scientist said on Monday.

><snip>

><http://famulus.msnbc.com/FamulusIntl/ap01-19-134018.asp?reg=EUROPE>

>Falling ice enigma in Spain starting to smell fishy

Dear Sharon, Errol Bruce Kanappy, Al and Listers;

Please, may I comment on this stuff as comment is required?
Thank yous, yous are all so very kind. And I might add that
yous has always been nice to Gesundt.

>ASSOCIATED PRESS

>MADRID, Spain, Jan. 19 - Spain's great ice mystery is beginning
>to look like a prank. Around 30 chunks of ice are said to have
>dropped from the sky since Jan. 8, some the size of basketballs,
>often in gloriously sunny weather, and just about every Spanish
>region has taken a hit.

This is obviously begining to sound like a conspiracy on the
part of the Spanish Government to cover up the obvious, Giant
Pelican Poop and Tinkle. The Spanish Government are (or is that
"is"?), well, whatever, the Spanish Government ain't stupid.
Not much, anyway. They know full well that Giant Pelicans
pooping and pishing (or tinkling, as you wish) can be a hazard
to your health.

And they are aware that the Spanish Peoples often mistake these
giant birds for UFOs. So, rather than confuse the people with
the truth, they just started this rumor, hoping that the press
in their infinite wisdom, and the people in their infinite - uh
- whatever, would believe that what they were seeing is Giant
Pelicans, not UFOs. The poop and tinkle were merely bird

stuff. But no, they hadda screw the conspiracy all up by this attempted deception. Dopeys.

>The precipitation has picked up so much in the past few days
>that scientists said Wednesday they had collected enough samples
>and would not accept any more.

Well that makes sense. Who the hell wants all that poop and tinkle all over the lab. Do you know how that smells after it defrosts? Woof!

>The Superior Council for Scientific Research urged people who
>find suspect frozen matter to double-wrap it in plastic and keep
>it in a refrigerator. The council is conducting chemical
>analyses and has promised to report initial findings on Friday.

That makes sense. Wrap it and put it in the fridge, so it can melt slowly. Don't put it in the freezer. And did you notice the brass of that council, calling themselves "Superior?"

>In the meantime, chemists in Valencia did some checking
>of their own. They say they don't know what the chunks are,
>but they know what they are not.

Hell, I coulda told 'em right off if it were poop or even tinkle. All you gotta have is a schnozola... schozolla? Whatever.

>They are not human waste expelled from airplanes, as
>had been speculated, because there is no evidence of
>microorganisms that would be present in urine, the University
>of Valencia team said.

Maybe these people had been drinking Gripple, at which point, nothing would be alive in that slop.

>They found that a sample collected Saturday in the town of
>Meliana contained sodium chloride, or table salt, and gypsum,
>which is chalk. Both are very earthly, which weakens another
>popular argument - that the chunks may come from the tail of a
>comet.

Of course. Everyone and I do mean everyone knows that salt and chalk are found nowhere else but right here on the good old center of the solar system. Just like "us."

>But scientists quoted in newspapers say there are several
>puzzling things about the chunks. First, a chunk of ice falling
>from a plane would smash into many pieces, but the ones found so
>far have been intact.

Well, it could've been hard ice, couldn't it?

>Also, if this were a natural phenomenon, the size of the ice
>chunks should vary. But most have been the size of basketballs.

Maybe it was alien ice cubes, to go with Gripple, which they drink a lot of. And of course, alien ice cubes are made in special alien molds. And they come out really hard.

>Then there is the exponential increase in recent days - 20
>chunks of ice found on Tuesday alone. At least half a dozen were
>quickly proven to be practical jokes - including a seven-pound
>block with perfectly sharp edges.

I told you about that already. But I still find it really difficult to imagine how them dudes got the ice there. I mean, did they rent a small aircraft with a large fridge in it? And then push the hard ice out the side door? Or maybe it really was pelicans and they pooped and tinkled whilst really high. In the air I mean. And the stuff froze on the way down. Huh?

The moral of this story, the moral of this tome, is that one should never be, where one does not belong. Meaning, methinks, that pelican poop, pelican tinkle, ice from the sky, the answer to the question of God the Universe and Everything, matters not one dot. Unless you guys are really hard up for a dose of something to say on the subject of UFOs and related stuff.

Hell, I would almost prefer to hear from Dennis Stacey than this stuff.

Well.... almost anyway.

J. Jaime (High Meee) Gesundt, Ph.D.P.P&T
Doctor of Philosophy in Pelican Poop and Tinkle

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Bufs baffled by UFO

January 19, 2000

It is certainly a UFO.

It is being called a close encounter of the first kind.

But don't expect E.T. to be phoning home just yet.

That's because all that sci-fi-like jargon does not necessarily mean the enormous triangular object spotted drifting silently through the crisp night air over southwestern Illinois two weeks ago is from outer space.

"To prove something is an alien spacecraft requires a piece of it, requires the aliens to land and say 'Here we are,' " said Mark Rodeghier, scientific director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, based on the Northwest Side.

"You can't prove something like this is an alien spacecraft without some extraordinary piece of evidence."

But so far, it definitely fits the "unidentified flying object" label--because no one seems to know what it was.

Experts are baffled by the object seen cruising over six towns in the Belleville area about 4:30 a.m. Jan. 5.

UFO sightings are not uncommon in Illinois, although all but a handful wind up being easily explained by earthly means. What is unusual about the Downstate object is that as many as four police officers and one civilian in four different towns reported seeing it.

"The witnesses are excellent to unimpeachable," said Peter Davenport, director of the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center. "They don't seem to have any motive for misleading us.

"In my conversations with them, generally they just seem to be level-headed, no-nonsense types of individuals who were just doing a job and happened to stumble into something that morning."

And all described pretty much the same thing: A craft shaped like an arrowhead, about 100 feet long, two stories tall, with bright lights on its tail and underside.

"While I was sitting there I observed a very large flying object coming from a southward direction," Millstadt Police Officer Craig A. Stevens reported on the police department's Web site. "The object was flying very low from 500 to 1,000 feet, and was

flying very slowly.

"The object was making no noise. I could only hear a very low-decibel buzzing sound. Then the object began banking to the northeast direction, and continued to cruise away from me toward the area of [the nearby town of] Dupo."

Stevens took a photograph of the object but believes his Polaroid malfunctioned because of the cold. The photograph posted on the Web site, millstadt police.homepage.com, just shows a few lights in a dark background.

Also on the site is a sketch Stevens drew, showing a triangular object with a series of lights on its concave back.

Davenport said he interviewed both Stevens and an officer from Lebanon, a town about 30 miles east of St. Louis. Three other police officers reportedly saw the craft, but Davenport has not spoken with them.

He said the officer from Lebanon told him the craft had bright red lights that "radiated so much light in the sky it was similar to the Japanese rising sun symbol."

Davenport said the officer told him the craft passed over his stopped squad car before streaking off "at warp speed"--about 8 miles in 3 seconds.

Davenport declined to say if he believes the craft is from another planet but said "the object that has been reported appears to be grossly incompatible with any kind of terrestrial aircraft that I am aware of."

The speculation Downstate has included more earthly explanations, ranging from a government test of a top-secret stealth blimp to some new aircraft flying out of nearby Scott Air Force Base.

Even big-time UFO buffs have to admit that it's possible the mystery craft was a top-secret, man-made experiment. The Stealth bomber, for instance, was test-flown in the Midwest for eight years before the Pentagon unveiled it.

During that time, local UFO societies got dozens of reports of black delta-shaped ships zooming overhead, said Forest Crawford, an Illinois UFO researcher.

Not that the government is about to admit it, if in fact it was involved.

A spokesman for Scott Air Force Base says personnel there know nothing about the UFO. Then again, if it was a classified military project, "I can't imagine that we would know," Lt. Col. Allan Dahncke said. "If we did, it wouldn't be so secret."

Rodeghier said he has no doubt the federal government has stealth blimps for military uses or drug interdiction cases, but he is not convinced that that is what was hovering over southeastern Illinois.

"The question is what would the federal government be doing flying this over East St. Louis on Jan. 5 at 4:30 in the morning?" Rodeghier said. "On the other hand, if you are looking for something saying this is an alien spacecraft, there isn't much evidence for that either."

"It didn't move very quickly, it didn't do anything unusual in terms of its motion, nobody saw little creatures in the windows on it--all it did was fly over the town and just keep flying away."

Still, the sightings are close encounters of the first kind, a designation created by Hynek, the late Northwestern University astronomer who founded the center and wrote *The UFO Experience* in 1972.

A close encounter of the first kind is a sighting where an unidentified object comes close enough for witnesses to see some details. In a close encounter of the second kind, the object leaves some physical evidence, such as a burn mark on the ground or a clear image in a photograph. The third kind involves the

sighting of an alien being on or near the object.

Investigation of such phenomena depends on which class the sighting falls into, but Rodeghier said the first step is to rule out conventional explanations--such as stars, planets, streetlights, hoaxes and the like, which account for 90 percent of the 200 UFOs reported in Illinois each year.

The next step is to look for more unusual--but still earthly--explanations, such as blimps, stealth fighters and other unusual crafts.

Rodeghier said the Downstate object is likely to remain a UFO, rather than an IFO (identified flying object).

"If it is a government stealth blimp, we are unlikely to find out," he said. "They are not likely to tell us."

Rodeghier, who earns his living teaching statistics and survey research workshops, won't say whether he believes in aliens. Davenport, a former Russian translator and college business instructor, said he does--although he admits experts in "Ufology" have failed to come up with scientific proof.

"But the significant thing about this is that human beings are clearly witnessing things that by any human measure should not be there," he said. "And that is happening over and over."

Contributing: Los Angeles Times

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>>Armchair debunkers, while quite confident that the "Face" on
>>Mars is a naturally occurring formation, have yet to defend
>>their position with any sort of proper scientific rebuttal. The
>>popular position on the matter is that the Face (and by
>>inference the other anomalies in the region) is a "pile of
>>rocks."

>As far as the face is concerned we are all 'armchair
>debunkers/believers' since none of us have actually been to
>Mars. It makes no difference what part of the Earth you travel
>to or who you talk to, you are still examining the same data.

You ignore the professionals whose training equips them to deal with an inquiry like this: digital image specialists, geologists, etc. Your dichotomy between "debunkers" and "believers" is false (not to mention overused). I have made it clear again and again that nothing need be taken on faith. I have attempted to show that this is an open mystery. I'm certainly not a "believer" in any sense. I simply think we need to pursue this issue.

>The first batch blurred giving the appearance of a face.

Blurred? Not really. In fact, the Viking frames were quite clear. The Viking images were of comparatively low resolution; this is not the same thing as being "blurred." They provided a wealth of data that allowed reconstructions to be made using a technique called "shape from shading," which showed the Face to be three-dimensional and more facelike than thought.

The results from shape from shading and other digital procedures have been verified by the MGS image.

>The second batch much clearer.

Clearer, but from an angle that showed hardly any of the right side of the Face. In the proper orthorectified model, the right side is interpolated using a program that takes the average of the available pixels to produce an estimation.

The results: symmetry is over 90%, consistent with the data from Viking. The Face didn't change its shape overnight. What did change between 1976 and 1998 was the lighting angle; the MGS took its angle shot while the sun was coming from below the Face. The resulting effect is precisely the same effect you get when you shine a flashlight under your chin: your face looks superficially different to those looking at you.

Of course, your face hasn't really changed shape. All of your facial features line up exactly where they should be.

This is precisely what has been observed in the MGS image. At first take it looks unfamiliar, but when you examine a properly rectified photo (not NASA's warped TJP enhancement, which I and

many others have already addressed), everything lines up. The Face, sure enough, looks like a face. Whether or not this is due to its being manufactured is a whole other question.

>I don't know about the rest of you but I have eyes that work.

>I do not need a scientist to tell me I am looking at a mountain
>and a scattering of rocks.

A "mountain," huh? Interesting. Even geologists who think the Face can be explained prosaically identify it as a knobby mesa. The Face formation, regardless of its origin, is less a "scattering of rocks" than a single rock, or "knob." This effectively eliminates the "seeing faces everywhere" debunking line; when we look at the Face, we're not seeing disparate features and then "connecting the dots," as we do when we talk about the Man on the Moon.

All of the facial features under analysis are right there, in one place, coexisting on the same unusual landform. The Face, whatever it is, is neither a "mountain" nor a "scattering of rocks." Perhaps you should consult an eye doctor...?

>Look on the bright side, one day we will indeed go to Mars. And
>on that day you will have your answer depending on whether you
>except it or not that is.

Here we go with the belief vs. skepticism bit again. I have addressed this already (see above).

Mac Tonnies

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Bovine Intervention

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Bovine Intervention

High-powered research team tries to get to the bottom of cow mutilations

By J. Douglas Allen-Taylor

Are extraterrestrial aliens swooping down on the cattle ranches of our Western states, pouncing on unsuspecting cows, cutting out their vaginas and other interesting body parts, and carrying them back to their home planets for weird science experiments?

The National Institute for Discovery Science isn't ready to say yes, but they're not throwing out the possibility, either. The privately funded research organization is conducting a serious study of what it calls the "controversy regarding the alleged connection between cattle mutilations and UFOs."

"We've been able in a few cases to rule out predators, scavengers and infectious disease, and we've been able to show, using veterinary pathology, that sharp instruments were used on these animals. That's as far as we're prepared to go," says NIDS deputy administrator Colm Kelleher. "Who's using the sharp instruments, why they're using them, we have no idea. In most of the cases there has been an absence of vehicle tracks around the scene. We don't know what that means. A lot of ranchers have reported a lot of unusual activity in the sky to us, but we're not in a position of drawing a cause and effect between UFOs and animal mutilations without more evidence. There's not a smoking gun, so to speak."

At first glance, it's easy to dismiss the folks at NIDS as a bunch of, well, nitwits. Not counting people who have chosen to isolate themselves from humanity by several hundred miles of desert, who actually believes that extraterrestrials are cutting up our cows? And why, of all the locations on earth for a national headquarters, did this organization's management choose Las Vegas?

The last time we associated extraterrestrials with Nevada's gambling capital, they were zapping peace doves and singing backup vocals for Tom Jones in Tim Burton's Mars Attacks.

But these people are serious. The organization's founder, Robert Bigelow, is a successful national business developer, the owner of Budget Suites of America. Kelleher, his second in command, holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry. One member of the organization's Science Advisory Board once served on the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb; another is the provost of the University of Nevada at Las Vegas; and a third, former Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell, was the sixth man to walk on the moon.

And they conduct serious investigations.

In one report on a mutilated cow by a NIDS investigator studying

a 1998 incident in northeastern Utah, the organization alleged that the cow's left eye and ear had been removed, an "unusual, formaldehyde-containing blue gel-like substance was found on the eye, the ear and the anus of the animal, its heart was shredded, and though no fetus was present, it tested positive on two different pregnancy tests."

Kelleher says that this is one of perhaps a half-dozen cattle-mutilation cases NIDS has documented in its four-year existence that cannot be explained by so-called natural phenomena, such as scavengers or human poachers.

Lest anyone wish to distance themselves from the issue by several hundred miles of parched desert, NIDS has received "lots of reports from Northern California" that the organization has not been able to investigate (NIDS hotline: 702.798.1700.)

"Ninety-five percent of the calls involve cattle," Kelleher says. "But occasionally we hear about a horse, or an elk, or a buffalo."

According to the NIDS website, missing body parts of dead cattle include lips, tongue, skin and muscles of the lower jaw, rectum and/or genitalia (vulva, vagina, sometimes the entire uterus), penis, scrotum (with or without testicles), eyeball (with or without eyelids; usually only one, on the upper side, when the animal is lying on its side), tail, mammary gland (the whole udder or teats only) and ears. An online graph indicates that the most commonly reported missing parts are rectums and vaginas.

Another mutilation investigator, former Alabama police officer and now Bay Area resident Ted Oliphant III, talks in a 1997 article on his website about a dead cow found in Red Bluff (Sonoma County): "It was found missing teats from the udder, its jaw had been stripped and an ear was missing. Then it happened again, and again and again. By the time the first year had passed, the Bartons had lost four head of livestock." Oliphant attributes the mutilations to a government conspiracy rather than alien invaders.

But according to the Idaho Falls Post Register, animal-mutilation investigator Linda Moulton Howe, author of the book *An Alien Harvest*, believes that extraterrestrials are definitely behind the cattle killings. "I've talked to dozens of eyewitnesses who have seen silver discs landing in their fields," Howe is quoted as saying.

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Alfred's Odd Ode #335

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
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Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #335

Apology to MW #335 (For January 22, 2000)

I've said, "it ALL comes down to you," how YOU perceive YOUR stars. As tiny points of distant light, or *them* more near than far? It's what YOU think that matters as you make your feelings known. Won't you accept your lot in life, believing you're alone? Alone in all the cosmos? Alone to contemplate? Alone to go unwitnessed as you seek some pointless fate? Alone in sad indifference? Alone to count your beads, alone to be . . . oh, good or bad -- or something in between. Alone to count your blessings? Alone to feel cursed? Alone to be respected, glad, or disrespected -- hurt? Alone in satisfaction, or alone to be without? Alone in suffered silence, or alone to scream and shout?

Alone in stunning vastness we would BE anomaly. We would be mere freaks of nature in some grand futility. Alone in matchless time our candle sputters in a wind we shall not know the source of, though we make believe -- pretend. Alone we have no measure. Alone we make no sense. Alone we are a bubble set to pop in sad pretence. Alone we've no authority. Alone we come up short. Alone, there is temptation to believe our own reports. Alone we have no reason to behave as would be best. Alone's the lower standard, so we fail every test. Alone, it's like we have no point. Alone, we are forlorn. Alone, we are as good as dead. Alone, we're truth suborned.

It just won't make a shred of sense, pretending we're alone. It staggers ones credulity if that's what you propose. Life would seem to find its way; that's what it does on Earth. It's found in fiery fumaroles, or upon some snowy perch. It somehow lives through ANY strife, be it asteroid or ice. It finds its way, and it survives by paying ANY price. Given all its grand success, right here on planet Earth, I've reasoned that it's just no stretch that, elsewhere (?), we've no dearth.

Life, if NOT space faring, is as thick as fleas on dogs, vermin gassed beyond indifference by their errant *human* gods. Life has found a way, it seems, through all the sturm and drang, and will have sensed, at last, the sky -- beyond, the song it sang. Time is just so damned immense, and bigger every DAY is the space that would enclose it -- all the eggheads write and say. I find it too damned reasonable, when I understand its depth -- that if, in fact, we ARE alone, we flirt with slow-rot death.

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I've said it before, I know, but even if we WERE alone (and with certainty given the historical, anecdotal, physical, and photographic evidence), it would make much more sense to conduct our affairs as IF we were NOT alone.

We'd treat each other better. There would be more open toleration and cooperation. We'd SEED the asteroid belt, and make it a living ring around its star. The Earth becomes a respected garden. Mars, and perhaps a few moons of Jupiter and Saturn support an efficacious humankind. We'd be happier.

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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"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: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 08:08:11 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 08:12:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:50:24 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Ed Gehrman
>>>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 09:37:31 -0800
>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:26:46 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Previously, I offered:

>>>>Bob Shell and Kodak have never looked at one single frame of
>>>>camera original with the alien on it.

>>>>The only film examined with the alien on it is crummy dupe film.

>>Actually, I may be in error, here, Ed. I'd have to dig through
>>the archives but I don't think that Bob has even seen DUPE film
>>with an image of the alien on it.

>Once again the 'Alien Autopsy' has become tiresome. I'll post
>what sits in the in-box here and that'll be an end to it -
>unless some startling new revelations are presented.

>Michael Lennick, back on the 11th of this month sent me the
>following. Posted to the List it has been totally ignored and
>seems to cover the crux of the matter:

>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:51:26 -0500
>>From: Michael Lennick <michael@*****.com>
>>Subject: Re: Steve Johnson?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2000 11:54:50 +0000
>>>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>>Subject: Steve Johnson?

>>>Dear colleagues,

>>>>Does anyone happen to have a snail mail or e-mail address for
>>>>US special effects artist Steve Johnson?

><snip>

>>However, had we proceeded, the coup-de-gras would probably have
>>been my own examination of the footage, which revealed it to
>>have been mastered at 30 frames per second - not 24.

>>Spottable by any casual frame-by-frame glance at the footage.

>>There are no repeated frames.

>>24 fps film, when transferred to 30 fps video, requires every

>>5th frame to be repeated.

>>This suggests either a film mastered at 30fps, or a video master
>>treated to look like old B&W reversal stock - both of which we
>>do all the time in current production, but neither of which were

Hi, EBK!

Yes, I agree this is getting tiresome about AA.

Regarding the post by Michael Lennick about doubling frames for transferring to video; actually every 4th frame is doubled, not 5th. However this is only the case when it is transferred by a flying spot scanner such as a Phillips or Rank-Cintel transfer unit and only if the film were transferred at 24 frames per second. This would mean that it would have to be shot at 24 also for normal motion.

On the other hand, if the film were transferred on a regular telecine (which I doubt) then frame doubling would not be present as a five bladed shutter and variable speed motor on the projector allow the 24 frames to be "stretched" to 30. What would be noticeable would be "frame recombination's"; i.e. one frame sharing screen time with another to create an additional 6 synthetic frames. Telecine transfers are harder to spot than Rank transfers. If this project were produced in England, then both the film and video would be 25 fps, further complicating the issue.

I did notice Lennick's post, however, I doubt that the AA film (if it exists) would have been shot at 24 fps in the first place. Lennick makes a good point. However, there is more than one way to transfer film to video and until we know the frame rate and transfer method, then the debate will continue, I'm afraid.

Take care,

Roger Evans
Houston, Texas

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 08:37:19 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Errol,

I hope you let this through. If you curtail discussion, we'll never reach a closure on the AA. Please let this take a natural course; it'll die when there's no more energy for it. I won't press the matter but let's keep this going for awhile. I believe there are others on the list who agree with me but aren't as hardheaded or sure of themselves as I am. I also realize that you agree with my critics. Have you read the debris material discussion? Thanks, Ed

To the list and all kind responders:

There's no burden of proof on anyone, just seventeen minutes of footage that we can all analyze at our leisure. It's available to all who wish to view it and best approached with an open mind. There are ample reasons to do so:

Nothing in the footage has been proven historically inconsistent. The doctors seem to be real doctors. Not one of the special effects experts has been able to recreate the creature or anything resembling the creature or any part of the creature. Many have talked about how easy it would be, but no one has succeeded. Why haven't they? Because it would be very expensive and difficult and probably impossible. One one has explained how the hoax could have happened and there are no witnesses to the event.

There is not one ounce of proof that Ray had the motive, opportunity, resources, talent or historical knowledge to pull this off.

Ray Santilli and I have never met, (except through email) He has never paid me \$ for anything. I happen to believe Ray is telling the truth about the purchase of the AA; and the Cameraman's version of events and Bob Shell's story are persuasive. (Bob's last communication to this list about the AA was still positive) There is no convincing evidence that they are lying. There is much confusion about the film and whether its duped (whatever that brings to mind) or just a video or whether any real film exists at all. I've listened to all the arguments presented on this list although you'll be hard pressed to find a consistent version. They are overwhelmingly nasty to Ray. I don't find them convincing...but they've accomplished their function. Most folks agree: the AA is a pile of crap! Who needs to give it serious consideration? Look at the reaction to my remarks; such a united front. I suppose I should take cover from the incoming exclamations but I'd like to add a few more observations and then I'll hunker down.

Below are what I consider relevant quotes. I think they sum up the situation from my side of this stream consciousness:

Bob Shell:

My reason for offering to help in this matter was that it was obvious from the documents I saw that Ray Santilli was not going to the right people at Kodak. Over my many years working in the

photo industry I have developed a good working relationship with many of the technical staff at Kodak in Rochester, and I knew just which channels to go to for information on 16 mm film dating.

And this:

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.

Ray Santilli:

Volker is one of the greatest extroverts you could ever wish to meet, he collects anything of real value, he is wealthy and has been a business associate and friend of mine for many years. That's how I know him. That's why I turned to him when I needed money.

I still maintain that the story of the film's acquisition is true, certain non-relevant details were only changed to stop people getting to the cameraman. Yes, the trip to Cleveland was 1992, Yes during that trip I met Bill Randle but he was one of many people we met. Yes during that trip I met the cameraman and NO the cameraman's name is not Jack Barnet, I have always made it clear that the name had been adopted to protect the cameraman's real name.. In hindsight I could have handled the situation a little better... by not saying anything about the manner in which the film was acquired. And this:

I have relayed the contents of Kent's article to the cameraman. For the avoidance of doubt, I can state quite categorically that the last person the cameraman is going to place any confidence in, is an ex-military serviceman. Of course, the outcry from the skeptics will be "I told you so".

As far as I am concerned, in the present climate the cameraman will be doing himself and his family a disservice by going public. The phrase "A lamb to the slaughter" comes to mind. However good his credentials he will be torn apart limb by limb..... Yes he is old school, and I am certain that his only real regret is that he sold the film in the first place, it is something that I know he will always be ashamed of.

A Discussion of the Debris

I have been very influenced in my thinking by a person who spent hours analyzing the debris. Even though he still has doubts about the footage, he stands behind his original analysis and conclusions. I'm the editor for the next issue of FLATLAND magazine. <http://www2.flatlandbooks.com/flatland/>

We plan to include two articles on the AA. Below are excerpts from one. If anyone wants the entire article, which I believe is excellent, please contact me.

I-BEAMS DETAILS

An I-beam has two flanges that are connected by the web. The first anomalous detail is found at the root portions of the I-beams. The root is where the web meets the flanges at a right angle. What I do not see at these locations on the I-beams is a radius. There would be a radius at that point (the root) to prevent cracks from forming. Any material that I know of, that has a crystalline structure, will develop cracks if two planes meet at right angles. I am assuming from the appearance of the break in the I-beams that the material has a crystalline structure.

The second detail is the thickness of the web in relation to the thickness of the flanges. I have not seen an I-beam that has a web that is as thick as these, as compared to the thickness of the flange faces. I have never seen anything that resembles the manufacturing technique used in the construction of these I-Beams. I know of no manufacturing process that could

produce the multitude of details found on the I-beams.

(here he gives detailed descriptions of the possible processes)

Conclusion: I do not see how the debris seen in the Santilli footage could be manufactured by any of the processes I've mentioned. If any of these processes could be made to work, or if this type of detail could be produced with some other type of process, then far more money could be made producing real products than would ever be made from an Alien Dissection hoax film.

FILM DETAILS

There is a small I-beam that has been broken. This break goes right through one of the symbols and is not straight. It would have been straight if it had not broken in the middle of one of the symbols. You can clearly see that the fracture line starts straight down the face of the web of the beam until it gets to the raised symbol. The fracture line then shifts just to the right of a raised portion of a symbol, skirts the raised portion of the symbol and then jumps back to the left and continues down to the next flange face. The path of least resistance creates these dynamics. When the fracture line encountered the raised symbol, which can be thought of as increased thickness, it shifts away from the thicker material. It is a very small detail, minute, but this is the type of detail that says this is a real manufactured I-beam. I cannot imagine someone planning to put this small detail in a hoax film.

There are a lot of melted looking pieces of debris on the table. The large blobs of debris material seen on the table look like puddles that formed when the debris material melted. The curious thing about some of the smaller melted pieces is the shape they took after they cooled. What catches my eye is the thickness of the puddles. The surface tension was strong enough to counter gravity making some of the smaller pieces thick.

To understand what I'm saying, think of small drops of water in a clean pan. If the drops are small you'll have a fairly round droplet. But as you increase the size of the droplet by adding more fluid, it starts to flatten out and turn into a puddle because gravity pulls on the center of the droplet and forces it down. A water droplet soon turns into a thin puddle. In order to keep the appearance of the debris droplets round and thick, the material would have to have a very high surface tension or be a really light or be really viscous. There are consistent appearance characteristics in the the way these droplets melted and cooled.

There are large puddles of melted looking debris. One appears to be a melted I-beam because it has a hemispherical ridge running through the center of it. This detail matches hemispherical ridges found on the flange face of all the other I-beams. In another this ridge detail is missing.

The raised symbols indicate some type of writing. Each symbol has a myriad of detail and appears to be machine perfect. The symbols are located on the web of the I-beams and are the same symbols on both sides except they are in reverse order. I cannot think of a harder detail to undertake from a time and money standpoint if this is a hoax. The symbols do not look phony to me.

The detail that puzzles me most is the lack of mass that the panels and I-beams exhibit when they are moved. No material I have handled or seen handled that would be this light, would exhibit the properties of rigidity, reflectivity and the ability to show fine detail. I get the impression from watching the film that these things are so light that the only air resistance impedes their movement.

One soldier handles the large I-beam by squeezing the flanges between his thumb and fingers; this tells me that this I-beam is very light. Here is a problem for the hoaxer. The bigger I-beam would have to be made out of some type of foam to make it as light as it appears. Foam that is as thin as that on the large I-beam flanges would flex if it was twisted, squeezed or handled

like the soldier does in the film. The material is so reflective, any bend would be easily noticed, especially if it were pinched between two fingers at the very edge of the flange faces. This debris appears to be extremely stiff.

The panels exhibit the same weight qualities as the big I-beams. One of the interesting things about the panels is that they are all different. If they are props then the prop maker had to make three different molds, two for the undamaged panels and one for the damaged panel.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The panels with indentations for six fingered hands are the most obvious link to the dissection footage and its six-fingered creature. While the dissection shows how the bodies are put together; the debris shows the workings of the entity's mind.

I am impressed by the reflectivity of all the debris and the panels. Why would they make something so reflective? I see two initial options to explain this reflectivity. The first is that the debris material naturally happened to have a high reflectivity. The second option would be that they wanted the debris to be very reflective, so they picked a highly reflective material to make the debris.

Lets think about the second option. The creature has very large eyes and pink skin and very dark contact lenses. I am assuming that these contacts are sun glasses for a world that is brighter than its home environment. These details indicate that this creature came from somewhere with less light than our planet. What requirements might a low light environment place on a technologically advancing species? By looking closely at the panels we find that there are twenty raised buttons per hand or forty raised buttons per panel. When the hands are placed in the hand positions of the panels, there are then fourteen raised buttons in constant contact with each hand. The raised buttons are situated so that eight buttons touch the base of the fingers and the palm of the hand only. These buttons are not there to be pushed because they are situated in the palms and at the base of the fingers. If they are not there to be pushed by the hand then they must be there to push against the hand.

When we look at the I-beams we see raised symbols and keyed type detail such as the raised hemispherical ridge that runs along the middle of one of the flange faces. These details tell me that the creatures are very tactile and use a form of Braille. The panels are not only keyboards, but also appear to be a tactile interface.

The debris footage looks as if it were shot in a tent. The tent is seen to bellow in and out. The tent pole with the gas mask hanging from it moves when the walls of the tent move. This detail would indicate the tent was setup outside and not on a sound stage.

The soldier holding the debris for the cameraman has large sweat stains around his armpits. This would tie in with the cameraman's story that states that the film was shot in the desert in the month of June.

The debris materials look manufactured because they have a radius at the ends of the flanges, machine produced raised symbols, fracture lines and highly uniform reflectivity. What these small details argue for is a unique material with special properties. The material appears to melt, but it does not appear to be burnt. I do not see any oxidation on the melted material. When the material breaks, it does not bend or shatter. I do not see anything that is bent. I see only fractures along a jagged line. One puddle of material has the same reflectivity as the unmelted material. How do I know? The reflection of a man's face can be seen in this puddle.

Conclusion

The "Santilli Footage" consists of three different films that include the debris footage, the tent footage and the dissection of the creature. Every detail that is put in a hoaxed film costs

money and increases the risk of exposure as a fraud. If this film were a hoax, there would be as little detail as possible. There is enough detail in the debris footage to convince me that it would be expensive to produce. If this film is a hoax, it is well researched, elaborately scripted and therefore, an expensive undertaking.

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Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 12:45:13 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>To the list and all kind responders:

>There's no burden of proof on anyone, just seventeen minutes of
>footage that we can all analyze at our leisure. It's available
>to all who wish to view it and best approached with an open
>mind. There are ample reasons to do so:

<snip>

The choice is not merely between the film footage is genuinely related to an alien crashed saucer and an alien body or it is a hoax created by or for Ray Santilli.

It could have been sitting on some shelf in Hollywood or elsewhere for a long long time. Ray then becomes somebody taking advantage of public interest and gullibility.

As I pointed out in the entire chapter devoted to AA in my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC, just about everything Ray told me in our first conversation turned out to be a lie.

I did later meet with him twice and also with his representatives. I did spend hours with Dr. Bruce Maccabee reviewing the footage. We each were interviewed at length by Kiviat's people. They used 30 seconds of my interview and none of Bruce's in the Fox show.

The film was shown in 40 countries. Money not truth is the name of the game. Enough already.

Stan Friedman

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 10:56:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 19:57:05 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 12:45:13 -0800
>Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 08:37:19 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Previously, Ed wrote:

>Nothing in the footage has been proven historically
>inconsistent.

This is not true. The improper use of containment suits is one of the most glaring examples. I brought this up before and you simply maintained that you couldn't conceive of how something so obvious could happen.

>The doctors seem to be real doctors.

This is not true. I've spent many hours in the operating room early in my career documenting operations and other surgical procedures on 16mm film. The techniques and methods presented in AA are "Hollywood" versions of what an audience might expect to find in an operating room; not what really exists.

>Not one of the special effects experts has been able to recreate the
>creature or anything resembling the creature or any part of the
>creature. Many have talked about how easy it would be, but no
>one has succeeded. Why haven't they? Because it would be very
>expensive and difficult and probably impossible.

This is not true. Name one special effects expert that has attempted to duplicate the alien and failed. Tell us where we can see the results. I work in special effects on a daily basis and would like to study the attempts you speak of. If you can't direct us to a web site, then how about a name and address so I can talk to these "effects experts" that have tried in vain to duplicate AA. Or is this another claim you've pulled out of thin air?

More to the point: Just because I and others in the effects field haven't spent our own time and money duplicating what is seen in AA doesn't mean that we can't do it. I simply do not need to waste a single dollar proving to you what is obvious to me.

>There is not one ounce of proof that Ray had the motive,
>opportunity, resources, talent or historical knowledge to pull
>this off

Nonsense. Money is a powerful incentive. But I have to agree with you that there is no proof that Ray has the talent or historical knowledge to pull this off successfully.

Moving on you wrote:

>(Bob's last communication to this list about the AA was
>still positive)

Really? Bob's last statement is as follows:

"I have seen no compelling evidence that there is anything extraterrestrial involved in this event at all."

Please explain how this is positive support that the alien and AA is real?

Bob merely maintains that the film is old copy film. He has not seen a frame of film (dupe or original) with the alien on it. Read into Bob's statements what you want, Ed. The bottom line is that Ray's expertise doesn't really come into play here because Ray won't let him see anything of value. As I said before; The Dead Sea Scroll is an important historical document. A copy is worthless. But Bob doesn't even get to see the copy. Instead he is given a blank piece of Xerox paper and told by Ray, "Well, it's just like the paper that the Dead Sea Scroll was copied on!". Where is the value in that?

And finally, you wrote:

>There is
>much confusion about the film and whether its duped (whatever
>that brings to mind) or just a video or whether any real film
>exists at all.

Ed, I really am not trying to be a smart ass. But the only person confused about the issue of whether a dupe or original exists is you. You constantly demand that everyone toe the line and provide evidence to back up their claims or opinions. This is not unreasonable of you to do so. So, I'll ask you some reasonable questions:

Other than seeing AA on video -

Have you ever seen the original film projected?

Have you ever seen a frame of the original film with the alien on it?

Have you ever seen the dupe of the film projected?

Have you ever seen a frame of the dupe film with the alien on it?

Have you ever met the cameraman face to face?

Have you ever talked to the cameraman at all?

How do you account for the lack of repeated frames that would be present if the film were transferred to video? (see Michael Lennick's excellent post on the subject)

And, of course, we'll all be waiting for you to provide the names of effects experts that have tried to duplicate the alien in AA and have failed.

Until we meet again,

Roger Evans

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 12:23:20 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:01:32 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 12:45:13 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>I hope you let this through. If you curtail discussion, we'll
>never reach a closure on the AA. Please let this take a natural
>course; it'll die when there's no more energy for it. I won't
>press the matter but let's keep this going for awhile. I
>believe there are others on the list who agree with me but
>aren't as hardheaded or sure of themselves as I am. I also
>realize that you agree with my critics. Have you read the
>debris material discussion? Thanks, Ed

<snip>

Ed,
Let's apply the 'KISS' principal (Keep It Simple...).

The crux of the matter:

ALL, and I mean ALL, of the discussions since the diffusion of
AA film come from the simple fact that Mr. Santilli has
systematically refused to have the film analyzed.

You can capitalize and underscore the preceding paragraph and
stick it to your wall. Better: have a neon shaped out of these
words, close the lights and read them. Even better: make a
diapo, shoot the diapo thru a strobe light and play some Pink
Floyd. Loud.

The AA film has become gospel for some people despite the fact
that Mr. Santilli is a false prophet. The advocates of the AA
film have pushed the cognitive dissonance so far as to make AA
and Santilli two separate issues. This leaves me auto-censored.

I suggest you take all the arguments for the Santilli film in
the past years and shake them very well. What do you get?

Crème Santilli.

Voilà.

You have been creamed my friend.

Let's keep it simple: ask Ray to, ah yes, "show me Ray".

This has not happened. It will not happen either. You know it.
Everybody knows it.

Everything else is virtuality.

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 18:04:15 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:03:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 22:02:29 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnies <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 22:54:34 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Armchair debunkers, while quite confident that the "Face" on
>>>Mars is a naturally occurring formation, have yet to defend
>>>their position with any sort of proper scientific rebuttal. The
>>>popular position on the matter is that the Face (and by
>>>inference the other anomalies in the region) is a "pile of
>>>rocks."

>>As far as the face is concerned we are all 'armchair
>>debunkers/believers' since none of us have actually been to
>>Mars. It makes no difference what part of the Earth you travel
>>to or who you talk to, you are still examining the same data.

>You ignore the professionals whose training equips them to deal
>with an inquiry like this: digital image specialists,
>geologists, etc.

I most certainly do not ignore the professionals since I am a
professional 2D/3D graphic artists myself. There have been many
occasions when I have been presented with original video footage
for analysis, sometimes with some surprising results I might
add.

I have studied all the data from Cydonia and my conclusion is:
you're wasting your time, it's just rocks.

May I ask what you do professionally?

>Your dichotomy between "debunkers" and
>"believers" is false (not to mention overused).

Well you are the one who said debunkers in the first place,
personally I wouldn't have used that word. I just quoted you
then put in the exact opposite, I suppose 'for and against'
would have been more appropriate.

>>I do not need a scientist to tell me I am looking at a mountain
>>and a scattering of rocks.

>A "mountain," huh? Interesting. Even geologists who think the
>Face can be explained prosaically identify it as a knobby mesa.
>The Face formation, regardless of its origin, is less a
>"scattering of rocks" than a single rock, or "knob." This
>effectively eliminates the "seeing faces everywhere" debunking
>line; when we look at the Face, we're not seeing disparate
>features and then "connecting the dots," as we do when we talk
>about the Man on the Moon.

Actually it's the 'Man in the Moon' and I'm glad you brought
that up because it is my 'professional' opinion that 'The man in

the Moon' is exactly what we are looking at.

>All of the facial features under analysis are right there, in
>one place, coexisting on the same unusual landform. The Face,
>whatever it is, is neither a "mountain" nor a "scattering of
>rocks." Perhaps you should consult an eye doctor...?

Perhaps we should all consult opticians, since none of us are
seeing what you see.

To be honest I really hope you are right, life on this boring
old ball of mud would suddenly become sooo interesting wouldn't
it.

Dave.

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Re: AA Film 'Experts'

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 19:07:50 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:05:38 -0500
Subject: Re: AA Film 'Experts'

>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 07:13:05 -0800
>From: Dan Geib <geibdan@qtm.net>
>Subject: Re: AA Film 'Experts'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 17:37:13 +0000
>>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>Subject: AA Film 'Experts'

>>Dear Colleagues,

>>I would once again respectfully like to ask for you kind
>>assistance. As many of you already know I am writing a new book
>>on the 'alien autopsy' film. Part of the book will deal with
>>professional commentary from people qualified in camerawork,
>>archival film, anf film and photpgraphic experts in general.

>>I already have copies of the excellent research conducted by
>>Kent Jeffrey and the contacts he made with three former military
>>cameramen, plus information from Clive Tobin, Bob Shell, Theresa
>>Carlson and Sam Sherman.

>>I would therefore like to ak if anyone knows of any other
>>professional in this field who has commented on the film. If
>>you do, could you please contact me direct at:
>>pmquest@dial.pipex.com

>>Please forward this onto other interested parties or newsgroups,
>>and thank you once again for your kind assistance.

>Phil,

>I wonder if your book will list UFO UpDates as contributing
>authors and technical advisors?

>;o)

>Dan

Dear Dan,

I think you are a litle premature here but I will be listing EBK
and UFO UpDates as one of those who have assisted us along with
many other people, some on this list, many that are not. As the
book will be published in Canada first I will ensure that EBK is
the first to receive a review copy.

All the best,

Philip.

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TMP News: News Briefing - January 22, 2000

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 13:02:51 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:11:34 -0500
Subject: TMP News: News Briefing - January 22, 2000

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<http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns222249>

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Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
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>I hope you let this through. If you curtail discussion, we'll
>never reach a closure on the AA. Please let this take a natural
>course; it'll die when there's no more energy for it.

Ed,

It just occurred to me that closure has been reached some time ago and that the only energy keeping this on comes from the ones who refuse to recognize this fact.

Please suggest a course of action that could help settle the matter, provided you have an open mind to accept a settlement.

I am just looking for two and a half feet of the original film with images on it. Two and a half feet would equal to a small step (for Ray) but a giant step for ufology.

Some will argue that the film is much too precious to "sacrifice" any of it. Let me remind you that the Turin Shroud, a Holy Relic that was supposed to come from Christ's grave, was submitted to dating evaluation a couple of years ago (late 80s I believe?). The scientists cut out something like a 10 inches by 2 inches piece of the material.

Conclusion: a 13th century fraud.

Guess what: many people, in knowledge of this fact, still worship the damn (?!) shroud.

Rings any bells?

Serge Salvaille

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1903 Sighting in Akron, Ohio

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 13:53:34 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:15:36 -0500
Subject: 1903 Sighting in Akron, Ohio

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.ohio.com/bj/news/docs/009185.htm>

HISTORY REVISITED: Strange light puzzled many in 1903 Akron

The term UFO had not yet been coined on Jan. 22, 1903, when the Akron Beacon Journal reported that a mysterious light -- a "ball of fire" hanging low in the night sky -- was terrifying residents in Munson's Hollow and keeping "timid people indoors after dark."

Munson's Hollow was in Akron's Old Forge area in the Little Cuyahoga River valley just north and east of downtown.

Police were called to investigate several sightings "the last few nights" of a bright object the size of a man's head that remained perfectly still until searchers got to within 50 yards of its location. Then it disappeared, only to reappear when searchers left.

"All believe that it is some supernatural body," the newspaper reported. But the police guessed it was the work of mischievous boys.

-- Russ Musarra

Akron Snapshots will appear each day this year in observance of the city's 175th anniversary.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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William J. Birnes Press Release

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 13:45:21 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:17:11 -0500
Subject: William J. Birnes Press Release

Greetings list -

From:

<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/01-22-2000/0001121161&EDATE=>

Government Cover-Ups Revealed By William J. Birnes

LEESBURG, Fla., Jan. 22 /PRNewswire/ -- The following was released today by author William J. Birnes:

Do you believe in government conspiracies? Did today's technology come from aliens? William J. Birnes, co-author of "The Day After Roswell," thinks so. William J. Birnes is a New York Times best-selling author who has written books on business, psychology, computer science and technology.

If you haven't read "The Day After Roswell" yet, it is Colonel Philip J. Corso's first-hand experience with Area 51. Col. Corso was an intelligence officer in Army Research and Development at the Pentagon, who directed the Army's reverse-engineering project using pieces from the crashed alien space craft. From this program the American industries of fiber optics, lasers, integrated circuit chips, and super-tenacity fibers was born.

Mr. Birnes put Col. Corso's riveting first-hand experience into writing, and since then has become publisher of UFO magazine, one of the most popular sci-fi magazines today.

Mr. Birnes will be open for a live discussion on Saturday, January 22 on the internet from 10 p.m. EST until 12 a.m. EST at <http://www.FlyingSaucers.com>'s chat room. FlyingSaucers.com is one of the most visited (no pun intended) sci-fi sites on the web.

Whether you are a skeptic, a true believer, or think of aliens and Santa Claus in the same fashion, you have asked yourself the same question everyone asks in their lifetime. Are we alone?

SOURCE William J. Birnes
Web Site: <http://www.flyingsaucers.com>

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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CPR-Canada News: Upcoming CBC Programs On '99

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 15:19:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:20:10 -0500
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Upcoming CBC Programs On '99

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<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

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MEDIA
Current and Upcoming Media Interviews, Programs and Articles

Upcoming CBC Programs On 1999 Canadian Crop Circles
And Cattle Mutilations

There are two upcoming CBC television programs, to be aired
back-to-back on Wednesday, January 26, 2000, dealing with two
very different kinds of unexplained Canadian phenomena.

The first, Country Canada (http://www.tv.cbc.ca/country_canada),
will cover some of the 1999 Canadian crop circles (a very
prolific year!), including the work of Dr. W. C. Levengood and
the BLT Research Team (<http://www.blresearchteam.net>). 7:30 pm
PT.

Also, The Fifth Estate examines recent cattle mutilations in
Canada, featuring the investigations of researcher Fern Belzil.
8:00 pm PT.

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NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

From: Dan Geib <geibdan@qtm.net>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:23:15 -0500
Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

Anyone else heard of this one ?

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

NASA finds evidence that the Bible is TRUE!!!

For all you scientists out there and for all the students who have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of the Bible...here's something that shows God's awesome creation and shows that He is still in control. Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth" in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore Maryland and a consultant in the space program, relates the following development: I think one of the most amazing things that God has for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt, Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1000 years from now. We have to know this so we won't send a satellite, up and have it bump into something later on its orbits. We have to lie out the orbits in terms of the life of the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down.

They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either with the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards. They called in the service department to check it out and they said, "What's wrong?" Well, they found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time. They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer.

Finally, a Christian man on the team said, "You know, one time I was in Sunday school and they talked about the sun standing still." While they didn't believe him, they didn't have an answer either, so they said, "Show us". He got a Bible and went back to the book of Joshua where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for any one with 'common sense.' There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, "Fear them not, I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee." Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy and if darkness fell they would overpower them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right-"The sun stood still and the moon stayed---and hasted not to go down about a whole day!"

The astronauts and scientists said, "There is the missing day!" They checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20

minutes-not a whole day. They read the Bible and there it was "about (approximately) a day". These little words in the Bible are important, but they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes you'll still be in trouble 1,000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits.

As the Christian employee thought about it, he remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went BACKWARDS. The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Book and read these words in 2 Kings. Hezekiah, on his death-bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said, "Do you want the sun to go ahead 10 degrees?" Hezekiah said "It is nothing for the sun to go ahead 10 degrees, but let the Shadow return backward 10 degrees." Isaiah spoke to the Lord and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees BACKWARD!

Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in Second Kings make the missing day in the universe! Isn't it amazing? Our God is rubbing their noses in His Truth! References: Joshua 10:8 and 12,13; 2 Kings 20:9-11 Forward this to as many people who would think this is equally as cool.

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Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: clearlight@t-online.de (Josh Goldstein)
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 01:11:00 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:25:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 11:00:29 -0800
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Jim, what you posted is thoughtful but allow me to thicken your "slim possibility" with a proposition.

>>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 23:10:02 -0600
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Tue, 18 Jan 2000 22:14:23 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@YorkU.CA>
>>>Subject: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Hi everyone.

>>>Below is an article forwarded to me by a colleague which I think >>>will be of particular interest to UFO UpDates subscribers.

>>>Nick Balaskas

>>>But a new book by two University of Washington scientists >>>contends that, contrary to popular thought, we just might be >>>alone and Earth might be unique, if not in the universe at least >>>in this celestial neighborhood.

<snip>

>I should add that the forementioned scientists used this concept >of quick & easy population of an entire galaxy to argue, >following Fermi and his "paradox," that therefore no advanced >alien life exists within our galaxy, since we are uncolonized. >This of course involved the unspoken assumption that "genuine" >UFOs either do not exist or are not piloted by ETs. (Carl Sagan >tried to counter their argument by saying that any attempted >colonization of a galaxy would involve, on the average, a >stop-over time period of 100,000 years after reaching one >hospitable planet before embarking out to another star system in >search of the next favorable planet to colonize; hence he >believed or hoped it would take a half billion years to colonize >the galaxy, not just 20 million years, and by this time stellar >positions would continually be too scrambled to be able to >colonize more than just a local group of stellar systems. Hence >SETI could proceed on that basis.)

Carl Sagan's counter argument was within a very limited context. For example, his "step time of 100,000 years" is only one of many possibilities. Who is to say that they may not have sent out seeding teams to many places that had potential at the same time or within a limited number of years. Was Sagan thinking they would hopscotch across the galaxy one by one? With 100,000 years between jumps. We are talking aliens who would be far advanced of us.

Their concepts, their entire cognition, would be way beyond our current conception. Of course they could bring a planetary soup of an entire biosphere they concocted for different planets with varying environments. Planets lacking some of the many essential elements necessary for our life on earth. Perhaps their instant planet soups would be derived from the DNA of lifeforms from their own planet or entirely new recipes concocted with many species' DNA harvested on exploratory trips to newly found planets of various environments. The lifeform DNA would be documented by the environment it thrived in and its cohabitation with other species. The planetary soup d'jour would consist of many flavors, perhaps from many planets. A custom recipe of the colony they wanted to create. Perhaps they would have advanced seeding, cloning or reproductive capabilities so that next it could be seeded with the highest form of life in massive amounts able to well occupy the planet. This galaxy could thrive then. The aforementioned is only one of countless imaginary theories of reproduction and colonization of aliens who are far in advance of human beings.

Carl Sagan performed great work. But he was somewhat of a paradox to me. How could such a brilliant man and gifted astronomer be a thoughtful toker of nature's weed, and instead of having any form of support for the investigation of UFOlogy be such an arch and diehard skeptic about everything in the field except SETI?

>It should also be added that from what was quoted from Ward &
>Brownlee, they failed to allow that those rare ETs who do evolve
>within our galaxy and have become far advanced over us may well
>have seeded other favorable planets within the galaxy with an
>appropriate mixture of lowly life forms, thereby greatly
>shortening the time required for further evolution on these
>planets towards intelligent life. It seems that "real"
>scientists have been defined as those who assume that
>intelligent life outside of the Earth cannot be more than a few
>centuries more advanced than us, or that science & technology
>cannot continue to develop much past our present level. To my
>mind, a true scientist would not tolerate either assumption, but
>would instead keep it in mind as an exceedingly slim
>possibility.

>Jim Deardorff

I don't remember who I am quoting but please remember that "In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible".

Josh Goldstein

Happy Trails

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip -

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 19:33:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:00:15 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip -

In my previous post to Ed, I made an error in the following paragraph:

>Bob merely maintains that the film is old copy film. He has not
>seen a frame of film (dupe or original) with the alien on it.
>Read into Bob's statements what you want, Ed. The bottom line is
>that Ray's expertise doesn't really come into play here because
>Ray won't let him see anything of value.

What I meant to write was

"_Bob's_ expertise doesn't really come into play here because
Ray won't let him see anything of value."

Sorry for the confusion EBK....

Roger Evans

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SPAIN BOMBARDED BY GIANT CHUNKS OF ICE

For the past ten days, Spain has been bombarded by giant chunks of ice. And the situation has scientists baffled.

On Tuesday, January 18, 2000, a large block of ice fell in the small city of Albalat de la Ribera in Valencia province.

On Monday, January 17, 2000, a block of ice fell in the middle of the seaport city of Cadiz, located 400 kilometers (240 miles) southwest of Madrid, the national capital.

"The block of ice fell on La Palma street, in the popular La Vina neighborhood (of Cadiz) around 3:30 p.m., according to a brief communique issued by the Policia Nacional. The object, being 3,750 cubic centimeters in volume, was collected by the police prior to its transfer to the local precinct headquarters to determine its weight."

To date, a dozen large ice chunks have fallen in Spain, three in Valencia alone. Two have fallen in Andalucia (southern Spain--J.T.), including one large chunk in the town of Tocina in Sevilla province.

In Cadiz, the police were summoned by Jose Manuel D., a pedestrian "who was walking down the street and witnessed the icefall."

"The chunks of ice of unknown origin--the three latest yesterday (Monday) in Valencia--have led the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC) (Superior Council of Scientific Investigations--J.T.) to create an interdisciplinary task force whose goal should be conducting a comparative analysis of the samples to determine if they have the same origin."

"Meteorologists from Spain's Instituto Nacional de Meteorologia" in Sevilla, Murcia and Valenncia "have agreed that the meteorological conditions were not propitious for the formation of such ice masses."

The Instituto thinks "the ice may have fallen from spacecraft or aircraft or may be the remains of cometary nuclei."

"Jesus Martinez Frias, a CSIC geologist who traveled to Valencia

to collect a fragment of the object that fell in that community, was able to take the most recent of them," i.e. the one that fell in Albalat de la Ribera.

Martinez Frias "will study the piece of ice at the Instituto del Frio de Madrid. He admits his astonishment. 'I'm the most startled one when it comes to this kind of phenomena. It's too early to engage in a priori evaluations but everything points to a cometary origin for these fragments.'"

One fragment was milky white, was estimated to have frozen at minus 220 degrees Centigrade and showed traces of quartz embedded within.

But not everybody buys the outer-space theory. "Javier Armentia, director of the Pamplona Planetarium, finds it hard to believe that they could be remnants from a comet's tail, also known as 'dirty snowballs.'"

"I'm convinced that parts of this phenomenon are little more than pranks. In other words, following the falls of one or two ice fragments, there was a wave effect, similar to what happens with UFOs," he opines that it "will be necessary to wait for the ice analyses to be completed" "to discover if they are "only made of tap water.'" (See the newspaper El Mundo of Madrid for January 19, 1999, "A scientific commission researches the mysterious ice shower." Many thanks to Scott Corrales, author of Chupacabras and Other Mysteries for the newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: Twelve ice falls in just over a week!? If you hear any rumbling in Albany, New York, don't worry--it's not an earthquake. It's just Charles Fort popping up in his pine box, ready to take notes!)

UFOs SIGHTED IN ITALY AND IN NEARBY SARDINIA

On Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at 5:10 p.m., a bright UFO appeared over Ischia province in Italy. The object first appeared over Forio in the north-northwest sky, just above trees and buildings. The UFO then flew over Casamicciola and then moved between Mondragone and Castelvolturno. At one point, the UFO hovered over a number of Italian military bases north of Lago (Lake) Patria, including the Italian air force academy, the Accademia Aeronautica Militare Italiana (AAMI)..

Later that evening, another or possibly the same luminous UFO appeared over Mount Barano.

A third sighting took place shortly thereafter, with the UFO between the mountain and Porto d'Ischia. Finally, it flew out over the sea just south of Porto d'Ischia.

On Tuesday, January 4, 2000, at 4:32 a.m., a young man working at the industrial park in Porto Torres, adjacent to the city of Sassari on the island of Sardinia, "observed to the northwest an intense luminous molten point of light that resembled the tail light of an airplane. For two minutes, the object flared up and then diminished to its previous intensity." (Grazie a Alfredo Lissoni, Giuseppe Colamine e Antonio Cuccu di Centro Ufologico Nazionale d'Italia per questi rapporti.)

THREE UFOs SPOTTED NEAR MOUNT WARRIGAL, AUSTRALIA

On Thursday, January 13, 2000, at 10:55 p.m., the eyewitness, Jason, and his uncle were "returning from a fishing trip when they noticed three pinkish-red objects travelling in vertical formation with the lowest object slightly behind the other two."

At first the UFOs "were apparently stationary, with the lowest object showing intermittent random pulsing. The distance between the objects was approximately four fingers at arm's length, and they held formation for the first 10 minutes" of the 20-minute encounter.

"During the next 10 minutes, the upper two objects faded, and the lowest lighted object started to 'skip' upwards and then return to its original position. This was done four times at approximately every 2.5 minutes."

"The speed of this object--as estimated by Jason who holds a private pilot's license--was approximately 200 feet per second.

The bottom light was approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. It was lost (from sight) when it moved behind a large cloud base." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison and Doug Moffett of Australian UFO Research Network for this report.)

UFO FLAP ENGULFS NORTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND

UFOs appeared over New Zealand's North Island twice in recent weeks--the first time on Boxing Day and again on January 10, 2000.

The first incident occurred on Boxing Day night, December 26, 1999, at 9:18 p.m. in Raglan, N.I., a small city 105 kilometers (63 miles) southwest of Auckland. "A green flare was seen on the west coast. The flare died before it hit the sea."

At 9:25 p.m., "a red flare alerted the Raglan Sea Rescue, which searched the area but failed to find anything."

At 9:29 p.m., in Port Waikato, N.I., located 75 kilometers (45 miles) southwest of Auckland, there was "a report of a low green flare" in the northwest over the Pacific Ocean.

At 9:36 p.m., in Warkworth, N.I., a small town 70 kilometers (42 miles) north of Auckland, "a resident reported multi-coloured lights in the sky heading in the direction of Pakiri Beach." The lights were last seen passing over the Dome (Mountain) Range.

At 10 p.m., residents in Army Bay, N.I. reported "orange sparkling coloured flares to the north side of the Whangaparoa Peninsula. The flare was reported to have ascended into the sky before it came down."

At 11:30 p.m., residents of Tinopai, N.I. saw "'huge lights' over the hills due north" of town.

On Monday, January 10, 2000, Mrs. J. went outside her home in Tauranga, Welcome Bay, N.I. "at 10 p.m. to look at the clear sky. Just after she had gone outside, she was aware of a fluorescent green light that was travelling from the east and to a spot fairly nearby in front of her, when it stopped. It was high up. The green object was larger than the stars which she beheld. The total time was approximately 1/2 hour (30 minutes). As it was a clear calm night, she was sure there was no wind." (See the newspaper the Times-News of Auckland, N.I., New Zealand for December 27, 1999. Many thanks to Murray Bott of MUFON New Zealand and to the Tauranga UFO Investigation Group for these reports.)

VIETNAMESE PRINCESS SAYS SHE REPRESENTS "THE HIDDEN MASTERS"

While sightings of the Virgin Mary have the Roman Catholics of Vietnam in an uproar (see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 2), a mysterious "princess" is creating a stir in the Buddhist community.

According to the South China Morning Post, the Communist government in Hanoi has cracked down on the Long Hai Di Lac (Vietnamese for Chinese Dragon Buddha Sect--J.T.) "Authorities in Hanoi have fined members of the group for gathering in public places after declaring their unregistered religion illegal. Action was taken after three members starved themselves to death, allegedly to save themselves from damnation when the world ends next year."

Long Hai Di Lac, which has about 200 members, got its start in the 1990s. Mysterious pamphlets were posted on the Giac Lam pagoda in Thanh-Pho Ho Chi Minh (better known to millions of Americans as Saigon--J.T.), the oldest Buddhist temple in Vietnam, first built in 1744. Then similar writings appeared on the Tam Quan gate at Ngoc Long pagoda in Hanoi.

They heralded the coming of Cong Chua Yeu Thuat, a twenty-something princess who had been appointed the representative of Cao Tang, one of the "Hidden Masters of Tong Yao." (Since it's not on the map, I guess it must be the Vietnamese Shambhala--J.T.)

As princesses go, Yeu Thuat is reputed to be a thoroughly modern one. Some say she was an apsara (celestial dancer) in Cambodia. Others claim she lives in the Tan Binh section of Saigon and

teaches martial arts. She is said to be very pretty, with long hair down to her waist which she wears in a ponytail and has appeared in Western blouses and slacks as well as the traditional Vietnamese ao dai..

For now, though, the Buddhist sect and its "secret princess" have gone underground, just like the Falun Gong in China. (See the South China Morning Post for November 2, 1999. Many thanks to Binh and Trinh, too.)

(Editor's Comment: Now there's a career path for the modern woman. From apsara dancer to mistress of the martial arts to emissary of the Hidden Masters. Feminism has come to Shambhala. I wonder what old Count Saint-Germain has to say about that.)

AQU TRACKS MYSTERIOUS CREATURE IN QUEBEC

The Association Quebecoise de Ufologie (AQU) is investigating the discovery of the footprints of an animal unknown to science that were found near Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada in 1997.

According to AQU president Gilles Millot, on November 14, 1997, Real Descoteaux and two other witnesses "decided to help a friend who wanted to clear a snowmobile track in the forest. After a few minutes of walking, the three witnesses saw a strange animal print in the snow. It was totally unknown to any of them. It looked like three fingers (digits--J.T.) with claws and was eight or nine inches long."

Continuing on alone, Descoteaux walked into a clearing beside a frozen swamp. "As he reached the clearing, he suddenly felt a great heat coming from the ground. The heat then stopped as soon as he stepped past the clearing, leaving only the cold air of November to fill the void."

Later a second witness joined Descoteaux in the clearing. "And then he felt the same sensation of heat coming from the ground at the exact same spot. When the third witness arrived at 5 p.m., he too described a sensation of heat in the clearing."

"Three days later, they returned, but the snow had melted and the footprint had disappeared." Descoteaux and the second witness decided to inspect the area, anyway. "After walking 100 feet down a small stream, he was amazed to find five or six footprints identical to the one they had discovered in the snow a few days earlier."

Descoteaux took many color photographs of the footprints and showed them to Quebec provincial wildlife specialists. Millot added, "These specialists could not identify the footprints and were extremely curious about them."

In August 1999, Descoteaux contacted Millot and invited the AQU to investigate the case.

On November 15, 1999, two years after the original discovery, AQU team members and Yvon LeClerc, an authority on fossil footprints, visited the site. LeClerc also closely studied the photographs taken in 1997 "but he, too, couldn't identify the footprints." (Merci beaucoup aux Gilles Millot y AQU pour ces nouvelles.)

CHANDRA DISCOVERS VAST OXYGEN CLOUD IN SPACE

The Chandra X-Ray Telescope was launched in July 1999 to study ancient astral events. During its time aloft, the \$1.5 billion orbiting observatory has made some surprising discoveries.

These discoveries were discussed on Friday, January 14, 2000 at the annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Atlanta.

"The ring-shaped remnants of one such supernova--labeled E0102-72--were studied on two occasions last fall by NASA's powerful new Chandra X-Ray Observatory."

"When it blew up, the giant star, 15 to 25 times more massive than our sun, was 200,000 light-years from Earth in the Small Magellanic Cloud, one of the galaxies closest to our own Milky Way." (One light-year equals six trillion miles--J.T.)

"The brilliant light from the starburst reached Earth about 1,000 years ago, and could have been visible to the naked eyes of people in Australia or South America."

Chandra "carries an instrument called a high-energy spectrometer that spreads out X-rays, much as a prism breaks up a beam of light into a rainbow of different wave-lengths. It recognizes each element, such as carbon, oxygen or iron by its unique wavelength."

"The Chandra images show that about half the gas expelled by the exploding star was oxygen--an unexpectedly high amount. Elements such as iron and magnesium also were manufactured but in lesser amounts."

"The oxygen from this supernova alone would weigh as much as 10 of our suns, and would be enough to supply 1,000 solar systems like our own, (astronomer Claude) Canizares said. The gas formed inside the star where nuclear fusion of primordial hydrogen gradually built up heavier elements, such as carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, sulfur and iron."

"Understanding supernovae helps us to learn about the processes that formed chemical elements like those which are found on Earth and are necessary for life," said Kathryn Flanagan, another MIT astronomer."

"We have just seen a star rip its belly open and show us what's inside," Canizares told reporters. After the oxygen was 'baked in the oven,' he added, it was 'made available to those of us who like to take a breath.'"

"The manufacture of oxygen and other elements in stars continues to this day. An enormous supernova exploded in 1987, and more are expected every 25 to 100 years. The last in our own galaxy was in 1602." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for January 15, 2000, "Oxygen detected near supernova," page 5A.)

from the UFO Files...

1948: LAST FLIGHT OF THE STAR TIGER

Fifty-two years ago, on Thursday, January 29, 1948, the Star Tiger, a luxury airliner belonging to British South American Airways rolled down the runway, taking off on her transatlantic flight to Havana, Cuba..

The Star Tiger was designated an "Avro, Tudor IV, Post War, pressurized cabin Luxury Airliner," with four propellor engines. The Tudor was a composite design, using the wings and engines of the Avro Lancaster bomber, flown by the RAF in World War II,..and a bulkier, roomier fuselage than the wartime bomber's.

"The Tudor IV had five emergency exits, carried three large dinghies, one fitted with a radio transmitter,, and life belts were stowed under the passenger seats and in the crew's compartment."

There were 25 passengers and six crew aboard the Star Tiger. At the controls was veteran BSAA pilot Capt. David Colby.

The first stage of the flight took the Star Tiger from London to Santa Maria in the Azores. From there, she headed southwest across the Atlantic. Next stop-- Hamilton, Bermuda.

But as Star Tiger headed across the ocean, she encountered "a 100-kilometer-per-hour wind" (60 miles per hour) from the Americas. The Tudor's airspeed slowed to a crawl.

Precisely at 1 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 1948, Capt. Colby picked up his microphone and sent a radio message to Bermuda. "Still approximately 440 miles northeast of Bermuda and bucking strong headwinds."

"Roger, Star Tiger. Keep us informed."

Everyone at the Hamilton tower watched the clock. Star Tiger had enough fuel in her tanks to last until 3:15 a.m. If she hadn't reached Bermuda by then, Capt. Colby would have to ditch the airliner in the ocean.

"When the Tudor IV was reported overdue, Hamilton tower tried to establish radio contact without success. Air-sea rescue headquarters was alerted."

Star Tiger "was sufficiently pressurized and hermetically sealed that, if undamaged, there would be time to allow everyone aboard to get set free in the rubber life rafts she carried."

"The temperature of the water in the search area was about 65 degrees, meaning that there was a good chance for those managing to get aboard a raft. Each life raft was equipped with a survival kit which included a "Gibson Girl," a small hand-cranked radio designed to be held between the knees. It operated on the 500 kilocycles band and was generally limited to a radius of 50 to a few hundred miles."

Running the search was Colonel Thomas D. Ferguson, commander of the U.S. Air Force base on Bermuda.

"Two USAF (B-17) Flying Fortresses from Bermuda's Kindley Field and another from MacDill Field, Florida were the first search craft underway." They were soon joined by two B-25 bombers and a C-47 transport plane from Mitchell Field, Long Island, N.Y.; three U.S. Coast Guard PBV-2 amphibian planes; and 14 planes from the Air Transport Command.

The U.S. Coast Guard also sent three cutters into the area--USS Mendota, USS Cherokee and USS Androscoggin. It was the biggest air-sea rescue operation of the 1940s.

And it turned up nothing. Neither the Star Tiger nor a debris field was found floating on the ocean's surface. The airliner had vanished.

Hours passed, and the weather worsened. Search pilots "reported that the weather was stormy, with waves up to 40 feet high."

Then came a strange message from a steamship in the area, the S.S. Troubadour. At the height of the storm, the crew had seen a strange light in the sky. "Sighted low-flying plane with lights blinking at 2:10 a.m., between Bermuda and the Delaware Bay entrance."

Officials decided that it must have been one of the six PanAmerican airliners flying that night. Even though the light was heading in the wrong direction--to the northwest.

Things got even stranger. "Hope for survivors was revived as amateur and professional radio operators from Halifax to Miami reported picking up several radio messages in code that spelled out the name 'Tiger.' Others reported hearing 'Star Tiger' spelled out. The code messages were picked up on an international channel for voice communication in an emergency; however, voice was not used."

U.S. Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force officers "reported that the signals were of an improvised code, in which someone laboriously tapped out one dot for A, two dots for B, and so on."

(Editor's Comment: It sounds like the code the Fox sisters used to communicate with the spirit world back in 1844.)

"The signals were heard late Tuesday night, February 3 (1948), and were not picked up during the day." This was four days after the Star Tiger's fuel tanks had run dry.

Sophisticated radio direction-finders were put unto play in the hopes of tracking the mysterious transmission. But it was not repeated. That radio channel went silent.

The wreckage of the Star Tiger was never found.

On September 28, 1948, the UK's Ministry of Civil Aviation issued its final report on the disappearance. In conclusion, it stated, "In the complete absence of any reliable evidence as to either the nature or the cause of the disaster to the Star Tiger, the court has not been able to do more than suggest possibilities, none of which reaches the level of even probability. What happened in this case will never be known."

There is one curious postscript to the story of the Star Tiger. Among the passengers aboard was Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham of the Royal Air Force. In World War II, he "commanded the 2nd Tactical Air Force of the Allies and was considered one of the world's foremost authorities on the use of tactical air power." As head of General Eisenhower's air operations in early 1945, Sir Arthur compiled all of the reports on the "foo fighters" (UFOs) seen by Allied forces in Europe. When the air marshal disappeared aboard the Star Tiger, the information about UFOs he carried around in his head vanished with him. (See the book *Limbo of the Lost* by John William Spencer, Bantam Books, New York, N.Y., 1973, pages 22 to 30.).

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:02:22 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:16:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

I've been reading this email list for several years. I find it very entertaining and sometimes even informative, but I've never felt the urge to get involved until I saw the treatment Mac Tonnies was getting for having the temerity to post his well-written and thoughtful messages about Cydonia. Enough is enough.

Mac Tonnies has kindly been invited to shut up by a couple people on this list presumably because they think the images they've seen from JPL have somehow proved the "Face" is just a pile of rocks. That conclusion is simply not correct.

Many have reached their irrevocable conclusions based solely upon two improperly processed "enhancements" that JPL flooded the media with immediately after the first Cydonia image was acquired in April '98. And they were unbelievably bad enhancements given that they were produced by scientists at JPL and not by some third graders messing around with their Daddy's computer.

The first "enhancement" was subjected to a high-pass filter that removed most of the tonal variation from the image and made the "Face" appear more like a depression in the ground (a "footprint" as CSICOP mistakenly described it) rather than the 400 meter high landform that it is *known* to be. That first enhancement also appears to have been embossed to make the texture look much rougher than it actually is, helping to give it that "pile of rocks" appearance.

In the second enhancement by Dr. Timothy Parker at JPL, the tonal variation is about as good as can be gotten from the raw image. It appears to be a "good" enhancement. It would have been if Dr. Parker hadn't taken one extra step, stretching the image out so that the craters are round, making it appear to be a view of the "Face" looking straight down from above. This stretch operation pushed the ridge corresponding to a "nose" off to one side, making it look like a sculpture done by Picasso. In reality, the "nose" ridge runs right down the center of the "Face", ending in what appear to be two "nostrils," which were not visible in the lower-resolution Viking images. Ironically, Carl Sagan had made a big deal out of a dropped pixel in the first Viking image of the "Face" that he thought people were mistaking for a nostril, even though nobody but him seems to have raised the question.

The simple stretching technique that Parker used works only on two dimensional surfaces. It does not work on 400-meter high landforms. Consider what would happen to a picture of a sky scraper taken with the camera line of sight at a 45 degree angle from the vertical (the MGS camera's viewing angle). Stretching the image won't give you a view of what the building would look like when seen from above; instead it will make the building appear to be lying on its side with its windows pointing up into space.

Whether the "Face" is natural or not remains an open question. There is much that supports the artificiality hypothesis in the the MGS image, although nothing conclusive. While I think the issue is still very much in doubt, there is no reason to be

discouraged, except by how NASA presented the image to the public.

Rather than seizing upon these pitiful "enhancements" as proof that the "Face" is natural, I would think people intersted in UFOs, above all people, would instead wonder why NASA (or more accurately, JPL) orchestrated this patently deceitful debunking campaign. Personally, I think it's the result of a long established government policy to discourage public interest in UFOs, and by extension, anything to do with the possible presence of intelligent extraterrestrials in this solar system, now or in the past. The original rationale, of course, was to prevent public panic and to keep false reports of UFOs from flooding the nation's air defense system during the Cold War (the Robertson Panel). This policy seems to still muddle on long after any rationale for it has disappeared.

Some UFO researchers may feel it's best to go along with the "scientific community's" position on Cydonia, since they have enough credibility problems without it. Some Cydonia researchers feel exactly the same way about the subject of UFOs, believe it or not. I think that it would be more constructive to recognize there is some common ground here. If the "Face" proves to be natural, that's fine with me, but I think that UFO researchers would hope that if it is proven so, it be done in the proper manner, not by a government-run propoganda campaign. After all, UFO researchers might get the same treatment themselves someday, if they haven't already.

Ian Fleming

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Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:34:01 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:17:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 18:04:15 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Perhaps we should all consult opticians, since none of us are
>seeing what you see.

If you are looking at the JPL "enhancements," the problem is not
your eyes. The people who created them might benefit from
consulting an optician, though.

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Seeing Is Believing - Or Is It

From: **Steven Miles Lewis** <elfis@austin.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:15:02 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:22:33 -0500
Subject: Seeing Is Believing - Or Is It

From: fort@onelist.com
Subject: [fort] Digest Number 262
Date: Sat, Jan 22, 2000, 4:03 AM

GEORGE JOHNSON ON SCIENCE:
UFOs: Seeing is believing - or is it?
By George Johnson

* What is a scientist to make of UFO sightings by reasonable people?

Have you ever sat on a roof on a cold December night looking up into the sky for flying reindeer? I have. Many readers have asked what happened that Christmas Eve when my daughter Caitlin and I set out to scientifically test the theory of Santa Claus. Well, the bells on the roof jingled. They jingled off and on all night, however, and however often I was sent to go look, I saw no reindeer.

[The remainder of this article can be found at:
<http://txtwriter.com/Onscience/Articles/UFOs.html>]

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Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 21:18:29 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:24:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 18:04:15 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>You ignore the professionals whose training equips them to deal
>>with an inquiry like this: digital image specialists,
>>geologists, etc.

>I most certainly do not ignore the professionals since I am a
>professional 2D/3D graphic artists myself. There have been many
>occasions when I have been presented with original video footage
>for analysis, sometimes with some surprising results I might
>add.

>I have studied all the data from Cydonia and my conclusion is:
>you're wasting your time, it's just rocks.

All of it? That's an impressive feat, if true, and I'm not
saying I doubt you. You've made the conclusion there's nothing
to it. I can't argue with this, either. But there are a lot of
people more qualified than either of us who don't think the
issue is settled. Thus my interest.

>May I ask what you do professionally?

My BA is in English. I've had one book (fiction) published.
Back in high school I won a NASA essay contest on Mars two years
in a row through the Space Science Student Involvement Program,
so I got to take my paper and multimedia presentation to Cape
Kennedy and Huntsville's Space and Rocket Center, where various
project scientists offered suggestions. The paper was all about
Cydonia, and while reactions were mixed (especially among the
various other regional winners!), my paper met with a surprising
degree of support.

I should add that nowhere in my paper did I "conclude" anything
about Cydonia other than that it deserved a closer look and was
a good site for a manned mission. My position hasn't changed.

No, I am not a scientist by training or profession. I've never
claimed to be a planetary geologist or a digital image
specialist. But I'm familiar enough with the territory to have
an opinion and be able to back it up, even if the other party
doesn't agree. What one does for a living has very little to do
with a potential extinct civilization on Mars unless what you do
is image processing of the Cydonia region.

Since you have reached a conclusion, I think it is fair to ask
to see your evidence. Any peer-reviewed papers? Anything about
Cydonia? If so, put them in the public arena for the edification
of us nut-cases.

Finally, let me present my position on this matter yet again
since no one seems to want to pay attention:

I am not claiming that the Face or anything else on Mars is
artificial, only that it is anomalous enough to deserve a closer
look.

I think anyone who can ignore formations such as the Cliff, Fort and not be at least a bit curious are arguing from an emotional standpoint, not a scientific one.

Mac

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UFO Sighting Report OZ File Winter 1961

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:36:53 +1100
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:41:49 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File Winter 1961

UFO Sighting Report OZ File Winter 1961 (Scared Cat)

Date: Winter 1961
Day: ?
Time seen: 9.45pm
Name: May (not real name)
Location: Tenterfield NSW (Country/Rural)
Given to Investigator: 'UFO Jo', AUFORN, Ipswich, QLD

Report:

Shape: Lights
Size: Large
Objects: Several
Colour: Green and White
Sound: None - Unusual Smell
Speed: ?
Duration: 10 minutes
Direction: ?
Witnesses: One + Cat

Report:

This event took place inside the house with the owner seeing nothing. 'May' is a widow living by herself with her cat. On this particular night 'May' was washing up, and without any warning her cat arched his back, fur standing up and began spitting and growling. 'May' could see no reason why her cat was acting this way, but he was frightened. The cat wanted to go outside, 'May' opened the door and he couldn't get out quick enough. A short while later 'May' called her cat in, but he intended to stay outside. Even trying to coax him didn't work. During the night 'May' was woken by an odd smell. Although it did not smell like smoke she quickly got out of bed in case a part of the house was alight. She found nothing. Yet the smell persisted. She went back to bed and found it hard to sleep. The following morning 'May' realised the smell reminded her of Sulphur (her late husband used it on his large green and white lights in the paddock behind her back fence. At the time she did not take much notice although could recollect a few months before she had seen the same lights but in a different area of the paddock just as the sun was going down.

AUFORN, QLD

Thank You 'UFO Jo' for this report

Regards
Kay McCulloch
Investigator, AUFORN QLD

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: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 16:17:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:47:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 18:04:15 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

> Hi All & Dave,

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>>professional 2D/3D graphic artists myself. There have been many
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>>add.

I have spent many a night around Dave's place studying UFO video tapes, and UFO movie files amongst others. And I have had the chance to see Dave at work with the Graphic side of things, I can only say amazing work. (I wish I had his set up) I wish he would post his web site address for all to see!

>I have studied all the data from Cydonia and my conclusion is:
>you're wasting your time, it's just rocks.

There is another word for it Dave, only I can't remember the spelling?

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Re: NIDS & Illinois Police UFO Sighting

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:19:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:50:35 -0500
Subject: Re: NIDS & Illinois Police UFO Sighting

>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 17:52:06 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: NIDS & Illinois Police UFO Sighting
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Source: SIGHTINGS

>><http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/nids.htm>

>>NIDS Ongoing Investigation Into
>>Major Illinois Police UFO Sighting

>>From Colm Kelleher <nids@anv.net>

>>Complete Ongoing NIDS Investigation At:

>><http://www.accessnv.com/nids>

>>1-18-2000

>>The National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) 24-hour hot
>>line (702-798-1700) received a report at 3:46 am Pacific time on
>>1/5/2000 from a police officer at Milstadt, Illinois. The
>>officer reported an unidentified flying object seen by a
>>business owner and several police officers at Lebanon,
>>Millstadt, Shiloh and Dupo, Illinois. The report to NIDS came
>>approximately two hours after the sighting.

>I would like to congratulate Colm Kellaheer and the NIDS
>investigating team on their quick response and excellent work in
>interviewing witness on the scene. I also congratulate them on
>publishing their results to date on their web site, where you can
>find the "raw" interview data.

>By reading the interview of the first witness (as opposed to the
>summary of the interview) I learned that he had seen an object
>with many red lights and other lights. This caused me to recall
>a strange case I investigated 18 years ago... a December 1981
>sighting near Coventry, Connecticut. which involved two
>independent groups of witnesses.

>One witness took a series of pictures of what appeared to be
>three objects traveling in a roughly triangular formation.

>The photos show wavy or jagged lines of light and sometimes dots
>of light in a wavy line.

>The continuous lines of light correspond to steady lights which
>were moving during the time the shutter was open. The dots of
>light generally indicate moving lights which flash briefly as
>they move.

>One particular image from these photos stands out: it shows a
>roughly triangular or Christmas Tree shaped collection of 32 red
>and white dots of light (9 red, 9 white and the rest being
>dimmer reddish or orange).

>It was this image which came into my mind as I read the

>description given by the first witness.

>I might also point out that this sighting began with the
>observation of three pairs of white lights observed as the
>objects approached the witnesses. That is, each object
>apparently had two side-by-side white lights at the front.

>As the objects went away from the witnesses they could see
>multiple colored lights. Calculation based on estimates of
>altitude and distance indicate that the objects were about a
>mile from the nearest witnesses and were traveling slowly (100
>mph or less). The only noise detected was a slight hum.

Colm & List members,

Do you think the Radio Towers mentioned by Witness 1 (Southern part of Highland), and the Radio Antennas mentioned by Witness 2 (at Summerfield) could play a significant part in this sighting or not? Have the owners/operators of this radio equipment been interviewed yet concerning any anomalous disturbances occurring on Jan 4. or 5th?

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: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:38:04 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:54:28 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800
>From: Dan Geib <geibdan@qtm.net>
>Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

>Anyone else heard of this one ?

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

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>NASA finds evidence that the Bible is TRUE!!!

>For all you scientists out there and for all the students who
>have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of
>the Bible...here's something that shows God's awesome creation
>and shows that He is still in control. Did you know that the
>space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth"
>in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis
>Engine Company in Baltimore Maryland and a consultant in the
>space program, relates the following development: I think one of
>the most amazing things that God has for us today happened
>recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt,
>Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and
>planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1000
>years from now. We have to know this so we won't send a
>satellite, up and have it bump into something later on its
>orbits. We have to lie out the orbits in terms of the life of
>the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing
>will not bog down.

>They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the
>centuries and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up
>a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong either
>with the information fed into it or with the results as compared
>to the standards. They called in the service department to
>check it out and they said, "What's wrong?" Well, they found
>there is a day missing in space in elapsed time. They scratched
>their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer.

>Finally, a Christian man on the team said, "You know, one time I

<snip>

>Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20
>minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in Second Kings make the
>missing day in the universe! Isn't it amazing? Our God is
>rubbing their noses in His Truth! References: Joshua 10:8 and
>12,13; 2 Kings 20:9-11 Forward this to as many people who would
>think this is equally as cool.

Dear Dan, Errol Bruce Knapp, Et*, and Listers the world 'round;
*(I hope you don't mind my calling you by your first name)

I enjoyed the story above. Hell, if I were to say I did not enjoy it, I might be spending eternity below, eh? Tee hee. Just a little Biblical humor, like my physical relationship with women.

Anyway, I wanted so much to comment on the above because, when I like, read it... I said to myself, "Oh my God, not again!" No, really! I said that, just like that. I said, "Oh my God, not again!" Exclamation points and all.

And then what I did was I opened a fresh bottle of Gripple and took out one of my most prized possessions, an Arturo Fuente Candella 54 ring seven inch beauty and I lit 'er up and started immediately to suck on the end of the thing. Suddenly I realized that I forgot to use the cigar cutter and cut a piece off the end. No wonder it was hard drawing. Of course, once I figured out my error, I stuck one end (the one I suck on) in a glass of B&B (I cheated, I switched the Gripple with some Benedictine and Brandy) and sat back, ruminating and cogitating on the sweet mystery of life, and how NASA's computer got us into this mess in the first place, and sucked and sucked and sucked and drank and drank and dunked and sucked until all the B&B was gone and so was that Arturo Fuente. All gone. It took about two hours. And I had to refill the glass numerous occasions whilst savoring the aroma and flavor of one of the Lord's really neat thingies, a good, aged, priceless cigar and a very expensive bottle of (hic, excuse me) B&B.

Now I can truly say, "I've heard it all!" And I can also say, with all due respect to God, the Universe, NASA, Dan Geib and Everything, "I read the Bible, I read the mail, I smoked a good ten dollar cigar, drank a \$75 bottle of brandy and the best part was finding out that I enjoyed the cigar the best of all whilst sober."

The rest, I needed to be smashed to think about.

Gesundt

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CPR-Canada News: Colin Andrews Diagnosed with Skin

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:57:06 -0500
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Colin Andrews Diagnosed with Skin

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<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

January 22, 2000

CPRI FOUNDER COLIN ANDREWS DIAGNOSED WITH SKIN CANCER

I have received a notice from Colin Andrews (founder of Circles Phenomenon Research International, of which CPR-Canada is an affiliate) that he has just been diagnosed with skin cancer.

He has given permission for this to be made public, and a copy of his statement follows.

Surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26.

It is thought by his doctor at this point that the condition is the result of years of sun exposure, and is not life threatening. May our prayers and thoughts be with him at this time.

Paul Anderson
Director
CPR-Canada

PUBLIC STATEMENT:

From: C.P.R. International- USA office.

Researcher Colin Andrews - Skin cancer

Yesterday the 14th January, international author and researcher, Colin Andrews was diagnosed by Dermatologist and Skin Surgeon, Dr. Donald R. Greene, M.D. as having an area of 'Squamous' skin cancer on his left leg.

The area concerned is rather large and therefor will be removed by Dr. Stefano Fusi, M.D., a plastic surgeon. This surgery will take place on Wednesday 26 January.

Analysis will be conducted at The Yale Medical Center in Connecticut and the results will be known soon after. It is thought at this stage the condition is not life threatening.

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Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 22:03:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 23:59:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 20:28:44 -0600
>From: John Ratcliff <jratcliff@worldnet.att.net>
>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>Life is as much a property of the Universe as any of the laws of
>physics . Intelligent life appears to have been a natural
>byproduct of evolution here, so there is no reason to presume it
>would not be the same on planetary systems throughout Universe.

John,

You've made so many mis-presumptions here that I won't even
begin to address them all. Maybe you ought to buy the book and
read it and get back to us.

Dennis

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From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 22:54:14 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:05:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 08:44:56 -0600
>From: Rogere Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Dennis Stacy
>>Date: Wed, 19 Jan 2000 23:10:02 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 02:02:36 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

<snip>

>Hi, Dennis.

>I'm not a scientist. However, all you really need to be is a
>good reader to note that Ward and Brownlee suggest that we
>"might" be alone in the universe; not that we definitely are. In
>addition, they would have to be the first to admit that their
>views are based on how life evolved on this planet, with its
>admittedly unique conditions. By necessity, their conclusions
>relate ONLY to "life as we know it".

You just don't get it. (And neither do others.) Of course their views are based on how evolution evolved, or transpired, on this planet over time. What needs to be looked at here is the evolution of planets over time, and solar systems over time, not to mention the Gaia-like interactions of both.

>They do not take into account "life as we do not know it."

Of course not, and why they should they, other than as an intellectual exercise?

But we're ahead of ourselves. You read the book, I'll read the book, and we can get back in touch.

>Certainly, our life chain is dependent on a variety of well
>timed and, apparently, fortuitous events and conditions. The
>human species is much like a high performance race car.

Not according to Gould and Dawkins, who see us as a by-product of a number of highly contingent (that is, unique and one-time) events that just happened to result in homo sapiens.

>It is very complex, fragile and requires a great deal of
>maintenance to get the best results and win the "human race"
>(sorry, I can't resist a bad pun).

You're on the verge of losing me here. Pun aside, what is it that you are trying to say, exactly?

>Surely, Ward and Brownlee must realize that there might be forms
>of life in the universe that are less fragile than humans. As I
>mentioned before, cockroaches seem to be damn near
>indestructible and microbes have survived entire voyages into
>space.

Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>With all due respect to Ward and Brownlee, I think it is
>presumptuous to use life on Earth as the measuring stick for the
>tolerance of life in the rest of the universe.

>Later,

>Roger Evans

Later, indeed. Read the Ward and Brownlee book, as I will, and
get back to us.

Dennis

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Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 22:28:55 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:02:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 11:00:29 -0800
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>It should also be added that from what was quoted from Ward &
>Brownlee, they failed to allow that those rare ETs who do evolve
>within our galaxy and have become far advanced over us may well
>have seeded other favorable planets within the galaxy with an
>appropriate mixture of lowly life forms, thereby greatly
>shortening the time required for further evolution on these
>planets towards intelligent life.

<snip>

>Jim Deardorff

Jim,

You're a scientist, or at least you used to be one before you
caught Meierism and went bonkers on us. Why don't you read the
Ward & Brownlee book first and then comment specifically on the
issues raised in same, rather than on what someone said about it
on a UFO thread?

Otherwise, we're simply treated to your personal beliefs (and
belief system) -- for which you have no evidence whatsoever. And
which, frankly, is getting pretty cranky.

Dennis

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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:37:11 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 08:43:50 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

Date: 04.12.1999
Day: Saturday
Time seen: 8.22pm
Name: Roslyn
Location: Bundaberg, Qld (Residential area)
Given to investigator: John Mapson, AUFORN Bundaberg, QLD

Report:

Shape: No shape
Size: Smaller than the moon
Objects: One
Colour: Bright orange light
Sound: None
Speed: 1 mile away (approx)
Duration: 1 minute
Direction: East to West in the Northern sky
Witnesses: Two

Report:

Glowing orange light (steady light) moving across sky at quite a quick speed. The object seemed to be moving up and down. the light would glow brightly and fade.

AUFORN, Bundaberg

Thank You John Mapson for this report

Regards
Kay McCulloch
Investigator, AUFORN QLD

Regards Diane Harrison

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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 18.10.1999

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:37:44 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 08:47:02 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 18.10.1999

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 18.10.1999

Date: 18.10.1999
Day: Saturday
Time seen: 4.30pm
Name: Anomonous
Location: Booyal, North Bundaberg, Qld (Country/Rural)
Given to investigator: John Mapson, AUFORN Bundaberg, QLD

Report:

Shape: Cigar shaped (clearly outlined)
Size: 4 feet in length
Objects: One
Colour: Light grey with blue and yellow lights
Sound: Vibration
Speed: Hovered above shed
Duration: estimated 30 minutes
Direction: Northerly direction just above horizon
Witnesses: Three

Report:

When my father was alive, we had a visit from an uncle who was fond of overstaying his welcome. Dad and I were talking in the little shed, I asked my uncle for a photo, he gave a dumb smile and obliged. A few seconds later I was knocked to the ground, my instant camera hit me over the ears and when I came too, they had taken a photo of themselves and their Spacecraft, the craft had blue and yellow lights and the outline of small windows (the photo showed the space craft and five smiling crew members holding hands - the photo was unfortunately lost after leaving the area). The entities were pure white with gorgeous sapphire blue eyes. There was a vibration felt above us. We enjoyed a peaceful mental telepathy. Ever since then we have always communicated, especially through my television. I was left slightly dizzy and still suffer from hot flushes.

AUFORN, Bundaberg

Thank You John Mapson for this report

Regards
Kay McCulloch
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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 01.07.1999

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:39:07 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 08:54:34 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 01.07.1999

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 01.07.1999

Date: 01.07.1999
Day: Thursday
Time seen: 9.40pm
Name: Kaylene
Location: Warwick Qld (Residential)
Given to investigator: Dianne Harrison, AUFORN, QLD

Report:

Shape: Like a star
Size: Star size
Objects: 5 objects
Colour: Bright orange
Sound: None
Speed: Medium pace
Duration: 30 minutes (approx)
Direction: South-West to North (high in sky; 45 degrees to horizon)
Witnesses: Two

Report:

Lights were bright orange. Two were travelling a distance apart, then the first seemed to slow down for the second to catch up. They travelled a bit further, then sat side by side for approximately 5 minutes, then slowly faded into space. As the first two were fading I glanced out the other way again to see another one by its self, this time it came about half the distance of the first two then faded. The next two did the same thing.

AUFORN, QLD

Thank You Dianne Harrison for this report

Regards
Kay McCulloch
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Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

From: Paul B. Thompson <MrApol@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 09:06:51 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 09:34:42 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800
>From: Dan Geib <geibdan@qtm.net>
>Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

>Anyone else heard of this one?

I heard this old canard back in the 1960s when I was in elementary school. It's so ridiculous as to not bear much examination.

How, pray tell, can NASA or anyone else "predict the position of the sun, moon, planets, etc" when these bodies follow the same general pattern they have for millions of years? It's tantamount to saying you're projecting the calendar forward 5,000 years and finding that Saturday March 10 of the year 2321 is "missing." Huh? Show some sense, people!

This is a bit of modern folklore. Ignorant, credulous, folklore.

Paul B. Thompson

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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:37:31 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 08:45:39 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 04.12.1999 (b)

Date: 04.12.1999
Day: Saturday
Time seen: 8.22pm
Name: Grant
Location: Bundaberg, Qld (Residential area)
Given to investigator: John Mapson, AUFORN Bundaberg, QLD

Report:

Shape: Just a bright light (steady, pulsating)
Size: 5 cent piece at arms length
Objects: One
Colour: Orange/white
Sound: None
Speed: 500 to 700 MPH (2,000 to 2,500 ft)
Duration: 30 seconds
Direction: East to West in the Northern sky
Witnesses: Two

Report:

Bright orange light travelling East to West in Northern sky. It appeared to be about 1000ft above the ground and travelling about the same speed as a passenger plane. Not moving in a straight line, but appeared to be slightly moving up and down as if hitting pockets of unstable air. the lights sometimes grew brighter and then dimmed off. It finally faded into the North-West sky.

AUFORN, Bundaberg

Thank You John Mapson for this report

Regards
Kay McCullock
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UFO Sighting Report OZ File Unknown 002- Bundaberg

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:38:38 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 08:53:25 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File Unknown 002- Bundaberg

UFO Sighting Report OZ File Unknown 002- Bundaberg

Date: Unknown
Day: Unknown
Time seen: Nighttime pm
Name: Peter
Location: Bundaberg, Qld - 'Gin Gin' Country
Given to investigator: John Mapson, AUFORN Bundaberg, QLD

Report:

Shape: Unknown (pm)
Size: Dodgem cars (pm)
Objects: 1 (pm)
Colour: Unknown
Sound: Unknown
Speed: 50 knots (pm)
Duration: Several minutes (pm)
Direction: Unknown (pm)
Witnesses: One

Report:

Nighttime:- two craft of unknown shape, but near the size of
dodgem [Bumper] cars passed overhead at 100 metres doing perhaps
50 knots.

AUFORN, Bundaberg

Thank You John Mapson for this report

Regards
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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 15.07.1999

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:38:48 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 08:56:09 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 15.07.1999

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 15.07.1999

Date: 15.07.1999
Day: Thursday
Time seen: 10.00
Name: Anomonous
Location: Bundaberg, Qld (Residential)
Given to investigator: John Mapson, AUFORN Bundaberg, QLD

Report:

Shape: Disc (clearly outlined)
Size: Cigarette lighter at arms length
Objects: One
Colour: Chrome (Silver)
Sound:
Speed: Slow (distance 4kms)
Duration: 5 minutes (approx)
Direction: Northerly direction
Witnesses: Two

Report:
Watched object at 45 degrees to the horizon heading in Northerly direction, slowly observed for at least 5 minutes. The following day, Military aircraft was sighted in the same area.

AUFORN, Bundaberg

Thank You John Mapson for this report

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From: Diane Harrison <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:39:31 +1100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 08:59:01 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 1980's

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 1980's (Rag Like Mass)

Date: 1980s (exact year unknown)  
Day: Unknown  
Time seen: 11am to 11.30am  
Name: Anonomous  
Location: Dumaresq River, Smithfield, Texas, Qld (Country/Rural)  
Given to Investigator: 'UFO Jo', AUFORN, Ipswich, QLD

Report:

Shape: "Rag Like Mass" not a geometrical shape  
Size: Length approx 4ft (just over a metre); Across 1 to 2ft  
(just under a metre)  
Objects: One  
Colour: Black, Brown & Grey mixed together  
Sound: None  
Speed: Hovering then vanished  
Duration: 2 to 3 minutes  
Direction: ?  
Witnesses: One + Dog

Report:

Going down to the river to pump water to the house, my dog, whom I had with me started growling. I was at the time, half way down the embankment. Because of his growling I thought there may have been someone going doen to the water's edge. There was no one in sight that I could see, either near or in the water. I had a clear view of the river in both directions.

By now my dog was barking and because of this I went back up the embarkment. I noticed that his hair was bristling and that he was watching, or hearing, or could sense something. His eyes and body followed what I could not see or hear.

Standing in the same spot and turning slowly round in a circle I kept an eye open, not only on my dog but also around me. The way the dog was acting was not normal for him. His barking had now becoem ferocious and his hair still bristlng.

At this point we were now facing the river. I knelt down by the dog to try and calm him and then looked across from where I was kneeling. I think my mouth dropped to the ground. In the centre of the river was this thing hanging or hovering above the water.

The colour of this 'thing' was soemwhere between a black, brown and grey mixed together. In length it was about 4ft (just over a metre) and 1 to 2 ft ( just under a meter) across. It was ointed at the top and ended with a point with what looked like several yards of thread hanging from it. Its overall appearance looked very much like a large piece of dirty old rag.

What ever it was did not cast a shadow on the water. The Sun made the water sparkle while flowing beneath this thing. For whatever the reason the Sun did not shine through this thing and neither could I see through it.

My dog was making himself hoarse from his now frantic barking. There was no doubt in my mind that I had a very scared dog. While looking at him and trying to calm him down I then looked up at the thing expecting to see 'it'. It had disappeared. Within a few seconds it had gone.

My dog continued to bark for several minutes more then calmed down. The outline of this 'thing' had a slightly blurred or smudged look about it. AUFORN, QLD

Thank You 'UFO Jo' for this report

Regards  
Kay McCulloch  
Investigator, AUFORN QLD

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## UFO Sighting Report OZ File Winter 1961

From: Diane Harrison <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:40:16 +1100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 09:00:33 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File Winter 1961

UFO Sighting Report OZ File Winter 1961 (Scared Cat)

Date: Winter 1961  
Day: ?  
Time seen: 9.45pm  
Name: May (not real name)  
Location: Tenterfield NSW (Country/Rural)  
Given to Investigator: 'UFO Jo', AUFORN, Ipswich, QLD

Report:

Shape: Lights  
Size: Large  
Objects: Several  
Colour: Green and White  
Sound: None - Unusual Smell  
Speed: ?  
Duration: 10 minutes  
Direction: ?  
Witnesses: One + Cat

Report:

This event took place inside the house with the owner seeing nothing. 'May' is a widow living by herself with her cat. On this particular night 'May' was washing up, and without any warning her cat arched his back, fur standing up and began spitting and growling. 'May' could see no reason why her cat was acting this way, but he was frightened. The cat wanted to go outside, 'May' opened the door and he couldn't get out quick enough. A short while later 'May' called her cat in, but he intended to stay outside. Even trying to coax him didn't work. During the night 'May' was woken by an odd smell. Although it did not smell like smoke she quickly got out of bed in case a part of the house was alight. She found nothing. Yet the smell persisted. She went back to bed and found it hard to sleep. The following morning 'May' realised the smell reminded her of Sulphur (her late husband used it on his large green and white lights in the paddock behind her back fence. At the time she did not take much notice although could recollect a few months before she had seen the same lights but in a different area of the paddock just as the sun was going down.

AUFORN, QLD

Thank You 'UFO Jo' for this report

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 03:03:21 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 09:08:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 21:18:29 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Mac Tonnie <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>saying I doubt you. You've made the conclusion there's nothing  
>>to it. I can't argue with this, either. But there are a lot of  
>>people more qualified than either of us who don't think the  
>>issue is settled. Thus my interest.

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>Mac

Hi Mac,

I just wanted to throw in my two cents. I admire your tenacity in the face of those who know better than you do. Quite frankly, anyone who says the words, "I have the truth" or any variation on the theme, makes me want to toss my cookies. It sickens me to have to even consider the possibility that someone knows for a certainty, the truth about such issues as involve UFOs, the abduction phenom, the "face" on Mars or for that matter, anything that involves "opinion."

There is way too much opinion being disguised by the culpably ignorant as fact. I try hard, very hard, to keep my trap shut, but I am afraid, alas, that I am a failure.

I congratulate you on not only hanging on to what you know, but more important, what you don't know. And fessing up to both.

That, I admire in a man. Take heart, someday, we'll all know the truth. I just hate having to:

A) Wait that long.

B) Subject myself to the final insult of the death of this body in order to achieve such knowledge.

Blessings and personal regards,

Jim Mortellaro, aka, J. Jaime Gesundt, Esq.

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From: **Diane Harrison** <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 22:24:16 +1100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 08:31:57 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00458 02.01.00

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00458 02.01.00

FOLLOWUP Russell Boundy FNQ 1800 Callin Code: 00458 02.01.00

Date: 02.01.00  
Day: Sunday  
Time reported: 12.50am  
Location: Tully  
Reporter: unknown?  
Report given to nearest rep. R. Boundy FNQ

No Message.

Report:  
A followup call was made to the phone number supplied.  
The two persons at that number had no knowledge of making the  
call in, the location of these persons is at Mackay, Queensland.  
No further action taken.

Thank you Russell Boundy for this report

Regards Diane Harrison

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## UFO Sighting Report OZ File QB0027 17.12.99

From: Diane Harrison <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 22:47:19 +1100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 08:36:48 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File QB0027 17.12.99

UFO Sighting Report QB0027 FNQ.File 17.12.99.

FOLLOWUP Holly Goriss UFORFNQ 1800 Callin Code: QB0027 17.12.99

Date: 17.12.99  
Day: Friday  
Time Seen: 02.44am  
Witness: one (female aged 16 years) name on file.  
Location: Babinda township , rural /residential.  
Investigated by Holly Goriss UFORFNQ.

Shape: oval  
Size: 30mm at arms length  
Objects: one  
Colour: dull white light  
Sound: no  
Speed: hovering and slow movements  
Duration: 3 and half mins( timed by clock)  
Direction: SE between 500m to two km distance  
Witnesses: one

Report (As stated by witness)

I was in my bedroom which faces the South East, I was feeling a little sick and needed some fresh air in my bedroom so I sat up and opened the window. there is a space between my bed and the window so I sat on the edge of my bed looking out the window. I looked to see how the weather was and it was beautiful and clear, I saw a bright star between and above two trees and it was beautiful. But something made me look across a bit to the right

I saw something move straight up, then stop and hover, then move sideways (horizontally) then hovered. ( At app.38 degrees elevation) I thought it was a helicopter or airplane but I could not hear any noise. it had a light around the side and was all white. The object looked like an oval shape, with a center band of brighter light in the middle, this center band was much brighter than the top and bottom sections. After it had hovered it went down again a bit and stopped for a few seconds( up to a minute) then it just disappeared, like one mminute it was there the next it disappeared.

The rest of my family were asleep and there are no other witnesses that I know of.

After that whole scene I just raced out to the kitchen and drew a diagram of what i saw, and wrote a note to my parents to let them know as soon as they woke up. My father told me to report it.

No air traffic movements were operating in the vicinity of the location at the time of the event.

Holly Goriss.  
UFORFNQ North Queensland.  
Regards to all.

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Thank you Holly Goriss for this report

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From: Dave Bowden <[grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 15:48:44 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 08:40:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 21:18:29 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)>  
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Sorry, no papers, just doing what I'm paid for.

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Actually I think the complete opposite, the people who see  
things in these as you quite rightly say "formations" are  
arguing from an emotional standpoint, not a scientific one.

Anyway, I think I've had enough of this Martian face stuff.

So I bid you a fond farewell.

Dave.

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## Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 19:17:31 -0800  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 08:45:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 01:11:00 +0100  
>From: clearlight@t-online.de (Josh Goldstein)  
>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 11:00:29 -0800  
>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>Jim, what you posted is thoughtful but allow me to thicken your  
>"slim possibility" with a proposition.

Josh, I need you to spell out the proposition, which somehow  
escaped my detection.

>>>>But a new book by two University of Washington scientists  
>>>>contends that, contrary to popular thought, we just might be  
>>>>alone and Earth might be unique, if not in the universe at least  
>>>>in this celestial neighborhood.

>>I should add that the forementioned scientists used this concept  
>>of quick & easy population of an entire galaxy to argue,  
>>following Fermi and his "paradox," that therefore no advanced  
>>alien life exists within our galaxy, since we are uncolonized.  
>>This of course involved the unspoken assumption that "genuine"  
>>UFOs either do not exist or are not piloted by ETs. (Carl Sagan  
>>tried to counter their argument by saying that any attempted  
>>colonization of a galaxy would involve, on the average, a  
>>stop-over time period of 100,000 years after reaching one  
>>hospitable planet before embarking out to another star system in  
>>search of the next favorable planet to colonize; hence he  
>>believed or hoped it would take a half billion years to colonize  
>>the galaxy, not just 20 million years, and by this time stellar  
>>positions would continually be too scrambled to be able to  
>>colonize more than just a local group of stellar systems. Hence  
>>SETI could proceed on that basis.)

>Carl Sagan's counter argument was within a very limited context.  
>For example, his "step time of 100,000 years" is only one of  
>many possibilities. Who is to say that they may not have sent  
>out seeding teams to many places that had potential at the same  
>time or within a limited number of years. Was Sagan thinking  
>they would hopscotch across the galaxy one by one? With 100,000  
>years between jumps. We are talking aliens who would be far  
>advanced of us.

<snip>

Yes, precisely so. The 100,000 year figure Sagan postulated was  
ridiculous. However, the idea wasn't to hopscotch one by one,  
but for each new planet colonized to hopscotch outwards, which  
then gives an expanding spherical shell of colonizing efforts.  
The usual figure utilized for the "pause" before a newly  
colonized planet continues colonization of its own is around  
1000 years.

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## Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 13:33:19 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 09:14:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800  
>From: Dan Geib <[geibdan@qtm.net](mailto:geibdan@qtm.net)>  
>Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Dan,

>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

>Anyone else heard of this one

>NASA finds evidence that the Bible is TRUE!!!

>For all you scientists out there and for all the students who  
>have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of  
>the Bible...here's something that shows God's awesome creation  
>and shows that He is still in control. Did you know that the  
>space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth"  
>in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis  
>Engine Company in Baltimore Maryland and a consultant in the  
>space program, relates the following development: I think one of  
>the most amazing things that God has for us today happened  
>recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt,  
>Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and  
>planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1000  
>years from now. We have to know this so we won't send a  
>satellite, up and have it bump into something later on its  
>orbits. We have to lie out the orbits in terms of the life of  
>the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing  
>will not bog down.

And blah blah blah.

This is a silly folktale which has circulated among Christian fundamentalists for years. Somewhere in my mountainous files I have a tape of a CSICOP conference held in California, where my friend Bill Ellis, a folklorist from Penn State, spoke. Among the other speakers were America's two most prominent folklorists, Alan Dundes and Jan Harold Brunvand. One or the other -- I don't recall which -- recounted his extensive investigation of the claim, which proved (big surprise) without any factual foundation.

Another, somewhat comparable story that has gone through the same circles avers that somewhere in the world, an oil-drilling crew plowed so deep that the cries of tortured souls in hell could be heard. If you believe that one, you'll probably believe the story about NASA's discovery of a missing day.

Jerry Clark

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From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 13:15:06 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 09:15:20 -0500  
Subject: TMP News: News Briefing - January 23, 2000

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## Cydonian Imperative: Common Arguments Against

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Common Arguments Against Artificiality at Cydonia

by Mac Tonnies

Carl Sagan's maxim "Intelligence on Earth reveals itself through the regularity of its structures" has become fuel for one of the main arguments against the possibility of an extinct civilization on Mars. Interestingly, there are signs of geometric regularity... only these don't take the form of freeways, overpasses and housing subdivisions.

Since nothing recognizably artificial jumps out at us from the MGS photos, skeptics maintain, the hints of structure visible in the Viking photographs (notably in the area dubbed "the City") were a false alarm.

This false alarm is, I think, premature. Terrestrial bias has kept researchers from dealing with the Cydonian anomalies objectively (after all, we are dealing with a hypothetical alien civilization).

As in radio-based SETI, we expect aliens to be more or less like ourselves in crucial respects. Radio SETI is predicated on the idea that intelligent extraterrestrials will

a.) have a monetary system essentially like our own, leading them away from building spacecraft (too expensive, argue SETI pundits) and instead building radio telescopes and transmitters.

[The movie "Contact," based on Sagan's novel, casts an ironically revealing light on this presumption: the aliens communicate with us through a painfully complex radio transmission that turns out to be...plans for a transdimensional spaceship! (Why didn't the aliens use the spaceship in the first place instead of beaming signals at us?)]

b.) want to be contacted.

(Of course, there's always the possibility we will eavesdrop on their electromagnetic pollution, voiding "b.")

In undisciplined planetary SETI, similar assumptions keep us blinkered. On the extreme left fringe of "Face on Mars" advocacy, roads, "hieroglyphics" and all manner of things were expected prior to the MGS overpasses. Such give-away features would prove that the Face, etc. was "real." Little or no thought went into the role erosion would have played, and planetary SETI was left in the absurd position of having to defend itself from critics who couldn't find the "roads" and "stripmalls."

The Face itself is a case in point. Superficially, it's less facelike because of the obvious erosion that's been at work on it. The brow appears to have slumped on the right side (a trait already evidenced by the Viking high sun-angle image) and there is an apparent sand dune near the lower right corner (visible as a bright kidney shape on the MGS image).

Skeptics immediately used blemishes like this to denounce the

Face as a "hill" or "pile of rocks" (admittedly, an easy thing to do using JPL's misleading "enhancements").

But do erosional features like these imply purely geological origin? Absolutely not. Any feature of the Face's size, left to Mars' climate (not to mention possibly meteoric rain) will inevitably take on a degraded look after so many thousands of years. The slumping we see concentrated on the Face's right half is entirely consistent with the Artificiality Hypothesis, which maintains that the Face is a giant rock carving.

This obviously doesn't "prove" that the Face is artificial; proving artificiality is not the point of any of the posts I've written. But the Face's superficial resemblance to adjacent natural-looking mesas (in its weathered texture, etc.) is clearly not a valid criterium for dismissing it as natural. A more developed and coherent criteria for possible artificiality is called for.

What of the "City Pyramid"? Again, this feature appears essentially as the Viking imagery predicted. It's faceted (and unexpectedly five-sided, giving it a rather uncanny resemblance to the D&M Pyramid father south) and graced with some strange linear grooves that appear worn and abraded. This feature's age is further demonstrated by the "apron" of sand that appears to have settled around it, obscuring some of the detail along the base.

We are left with very challenging epistemological issues: how to discern possible architecture built millennia ago by a civilization about which we know nothing? Looking for precedents on Earth has been a form of recourse, but such a tack is limited; no kilometer-sized structures were built in terrestrial antiquity.

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The problems mentioned briefly above are, I believe, sufficiently interesting as to make new photos worth our while. Some thoughts on what we should be looking for will be the subject of my next post.

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a newsletter devoted to the immediate implementation of manned Mars missions and the democratization of space science, emphasizing the strange formations found in the Cydonia Mensae region. This list is not affiliated with any particular Mars advocacy group.

To join or unsubscribe: email Mac Tonnies at [alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:alintelbot@aol.com). Comments and questions are also welcome.

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Useful websites (note that not all positions represented are shared with the Cydonian Imperative):

Artemis Society: <http://www.asi.org>  
Mars Society: <http://www.marssociety.com>  
The Martian Enigmas:  
<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>  
Bigelow Aerospace: <http://www.bigelow-aerospace.com>  
International Space Station:  
<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/index.html>  
SpaceDev: <http://www.spacedev.com>  
Mars: Mysteries of the Red Planet:  
<http://www.mufor.org/mars.html>  
Think Mars: <http://www.thinkmars.net>  
CNI News: <http://www.cninews.com>  
Cydonia 2000: <http://welcome.to/cydonia/>  
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## Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

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Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 22:09:48 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 09:18:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>From: Dan Geib <[geibdan@qtm.net](mailto:geibdan@qtm.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 20:23:15 -0500  
>Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.  
>Anyone else heard of this one ?

<snip>

>Did you know that thespace program is busy proving that  
>what has been called "myth" in the Bible is true?  
>Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company  
>in Baltimore Maryland and a consultant in the space  
>program

Harold Hill? The Music Man? Ha!

Bob Young

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## Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 22:30:42 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 09:21:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>From: Dennis Stacy  
>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 22:54:14 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 00:05:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe

>>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 08:44:56 -0600  
>>From: Rogere Evans  
>>Subject: Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had written:

>>I'm not a scientist. However, all you really need to be is a  
>>good reader to note that Ward and Brownlee suggest that we  
>>"might" be alone in the universe; not that we definitely are. In  
>>addition, they would have to be the first to admit that their  
>>views are based on how life evolved on this planet, with its  
>>admittedly unique conditions. By necessity, their conclusions  
>>relate ONLY to "life as we know it".

Dennis responded:

>You just don't get it. (And neither do others.)

<snip>

>Read the Ward and Brownlee book, as I will, and  
>get back to us.

Hi, Dennis.

Frankly, how would you know whether I "get it" or not?  
Admittedly, you haven't read Ward and Brownlee's book. Yet,  
somehow, you've already taken the position that my opposing  
views (and other's) are "wrong"?

I'm not terribly interested in debating someone that tells me  
I'm wrong about a book that they, themselves, haven't even read  
yet. Beyond that, how much of the book would I really need to  
read to understand the general implications which you, yourself,  
brought to this thread?

Last I looked the title was

"Advanced Life Said To Be Rare In Universe".

I simply disagree. I think that there are a multitude of  
possibilities for life that you or I simply can not imagine. As  
you pointed out, Ward and Brownlee have limited themselves to  
using Earth as the litmus for the development of other planets  
and life elsewhere.

Don't need to be a scientist to understand that.

Nor do I need to spend time reading a book that promotes an idea  
I don't buy into. However, I'll make a stab at how it ends:

Life on Earth is unique and advanced life is thought to be rare  
in the universe.

Let me know if I'm close. ;)

Best wishes,

Roger Evans

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## PRG Press Release - 1/24/00 - EXTRA Awards

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 01:42:08 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 09:26:02 -0500  
Subject: PRG Press Release - 1/24/00 - EXTRA Awards

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Press Release

January 24, 2000

Attn: Internet Editor/Reviewer/Webmaster

Washington, DC - Paradigm Research Group has given two awards of excellence to websites addressing extraterrestrial related phenomena. Receiving the awards in the research category are the home site for the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy ([www.CAUS.org](http://www.CAUS.org)) and UFOCity.com ([www.ufocity.com](http://www.ufocity.com)).

The award is designed around Joe Tucciarone's (<http://members.aol.com/INTERSTELL/art.html>) expansive painting Genesis and is called the Extraterrestrial Phenomena Research Award - EXTRA. The awards and reviews are located at: [www.paradigmclock.com/extra\\_award.html](http://www.paradigmclock.com/extra_award.html).

The purpose of the EXTRA is to raise the awareness of the media and public toward the quality and professionalism of websites devoted to extraterrestrial phenomena. The public perception is that the UFO presence on the Internet is silly, casual, and poor in quality. Nothing could be further from the truth. The effort put into these websites is often extraordinary. Every aspect of web publishing technology is utilized and the entire field of study is richly represented.

January 2000 EXTRA Winners for Research

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) - [www.caus.org](http://www.caus.org)  
Publisher: CAUS/Peter Gersten  
Webmaster: Keith Rowland

Motto: "Where there is secrecy, there is no truth; where there is no truth, there is no justice; where there is no justice there is no freedom."

Mission Statement: CAUS is an Arizona based, public interest organization formed upon four principles:

1. CAUS believes that this planet, and the people on it, are interacting and in contact with a non-human form of intelligence;
2. CAUS is against any and all secrecy surrounding, involving and relating to this contact;
3. CAUS believes that the people have an absolute and unconditional right to know about this contact; and
4. CAUS believes that it is through the judicial process that the truth will be set free and secrecy ended.

UFOCity.com - [www.ufocity.com](http://www.ufocity.com)  
Publisher: Binary Media Works, Inc.  
Editor: Peter Robbins  
Mission Statement:

- To provide a forum for the serious discussion of UFOs and related paranormal research without fear or ridicule or scorn.
- To allow a multitude of opinions to flourish in the belief that only through the open and public discussion of all aspects of this issue, can the truth be discerned.
- To support a popular movement to demand that the subject be accorded respect by our elected officials, journalists and members of the scientific community.
- To provide access to as much quality information as possible.

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UFOCity.com - Peter Robbins: [probbins@teamcpm.com](mailto:probbins@teamcpm.com)  
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## Re: 'Starfield Camo' Page Updated

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 03:52:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 09:27:59 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Starfield Camo' Page Updated

An index page providing several links for the January 5, 2000 report of a 'Starfield Camo' UFO in Illinois has been updated, and might provide some assistance to anyone researching the event.

The page is available at:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/missouri99.html>

Thanks,  
Kenny Young

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UFO Research

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

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## X-PPAC Press Release - 1/25/00

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[ExPPAC@aol.com](mailto:ExPPAC@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 04:48:36 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 09:47:27 -0500  
Subject: X-PPAC Press Release - 1/25/00

X-PPAC

Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee

Press Release

January 24, 2000

Washington, DC - Heather Anne Harder, Democratic candidate for President, will guest on Art Bell's Coast to Coast, Wednesday night, January 26, 10 pm PST.

With the withdrawal from the 2000 campaign of Elizabeth Dole, Dr. Harder becomes the leading woman on the ballot in the New Hampshire primary, February 1. An educator, entrepreneur, speaker, author and mother, Dr. Harder's progressive platform [[www.Harder2000.com](http://www.Harder2000.com)] is, in part, distinguished by a firm stance on the validity of the worldwide UFO/ET phenomena.

The Wednesday night Art Bell Show is entitled, "Disclosure 2000 - Is this the year?" It is the third in a series of shows which have run each January since 1998. In each program a number of guests address the politics of UFOs/disclosure - the process leading to formal acknowledgment by the U.S. government of an extraterrestrial presence in our world, now.

Also appearing on the program that evening are:

Stephen Bassett: lobbyist, founder of Paradigm Research Group, and Executive Director of X-PPAC [[www.x-ppac.org](http://www.x-ppac.org)]

Peter Gersten: attorney, co-founder and Director of CAUS - Citizens Against UFO Secrecy [[www.caus.org](http://www.caus.org)]

Richard Hoagland: activist, consultant, author, and Director of The Enterprise Mission. [[www.enterprisemission.com](http://www.enterprisemission.com)]

Past guests in the Disclosure Series have included: author and activist, Dr. Steven Greer; author, Jim Marrs; Apollo astronaut, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, researcher, Robert Dean; entrepreneur and researcher, Joseph Firmage; and author/publisher, William Birnes.

Coast to Coast is the largest late night radio talk show in the U.S. and is aired over 500 stations. Links to websites for the program guests are posted at [[www.artbell.com](http://www.artbell.com)].

X-PPAC is a project of the Paradigm Research Group [[www.paradigmclock.com](http://www.paradigmclock.com)].

Contact: 301-564-1820  
[ExPPAC@aol.com](mailto:ExPPAC@aol.com)



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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

From: Dave Bowden <[grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 19:29:52 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 07:18:28 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 16:17:21 +0000  
>From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 18:04:15 +0000  
>>>From: Dave Bowden <[grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Hi All & Dave,

>>>I most certainly do not ignore the professionals since I am a  
>>>professional 2D/3D graphic artists myself. There have been many  
>>>occasions when I have been presented with original video footage  
>>>for analysis, sometimes with some surprising results I might  
>>>add.

>I have spent many a night around Dave's place studying UFO video  
>tapes, and UFO movie files amongst others. And I have had the  
>chance to see Dave at work with the Graphic side of things, I  
>can only say amazing work. ( I wish I had his set up) I wish he  
>would post his web site address for all to see!

>>I have studied all the data from Cydonia and my conclusion is:  
>>you're wasting your time, it's just rocks.

>There is another word for it Dave, only I can't remember the  
>spelling?

Hi Roy,

I believe the word you are looking for is simulacra, created  
naturally in rock, clouds, tree stumps etc, perceived by humans  
as a face, a dolphin, a pelican or whatever.

Dave.

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## More On Alaska Fireball

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 16:03:57 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 07:20:29 -0500  
Subject: More On Alaska Fireball

Dear List:

This article can be found on space.com -- <http://www.space.com>  
[http://www.space.com/science/planetearth/nasa\\_yukon\\_000121.html](http://www.space.com/science/planetearth/nasa_yukon_000121.html)

NASA Plane Probes Yukon Skies for Meteor Particles

NASA dispatched an aircraft to the Yukon Territory on a one-day trip to collect atmospheric samples from a meteor that exploded earlier in the week over the remotely populated stretch of northwestern Canada.

The Airborne Sciences ER-2 made the round-trip flight on Friday from Dryden Flight Research Center in the Mojave Desert to the remote region of Canada, where it combed the skies for traces of the massive meteor that exploded on the morning of Jan. 18.

The meteor detonated at an altitude of 16 miles (25 kilometers) with the energy of two to three kilotons of TNT, rattling houses, knocking snow off roofs and shaking seismic monitoring stations in the region. The explosion produced twin sonic booms and a sizzling sound over Alaska and northwestern Canada, according to a NASA release.

The meteor vaporized the atmosphere as it streaked across the sky, flashing green and leaving behind a glowing vapor trail and foul odor.

The airplane collected samples of the meteor's debris cloud and vapor trail at an altitude of 65,000 feet (19.5 kilometers) with an instrument called the Aerosol Particulate Sampler. The device consists of two small paddles, coated in sticky silicone oil, that trap particles in the stratosphere when exposes to the airstream from their perch on the ER-2's left wingtip.

The paddles were then drawn inside and sealed hermetically. NASA will now ship them to Johnson Space Center for analysis.

Scientists are eager to study the samples in order to learn more about the meteor's origin and composition.

The plane, one of two such high-altitude research planes based at Dryden, also carried a black-and-white camera to probe the area for direct signs of any impact by meteorites associated with the explosion. Ideally, scientists could easily pick out any flattened areas of forest or craters in the area in the photographs.

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## Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

From: Roger R. Prokic <[rprokic@pobox.com](mailto:rprokic@pobox.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 15:29:00 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 07:22:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 09:06:51 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Paul B. Thompson <[MrApol@aol.com](mailto:MrApol@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800  
>>From: Dan Geib <[geibdan@qtm.net](mailto:geibdan@qtm.net)>  
>>Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

>>Anyone else heard of this one?

>I heard this old canard back in the 1960s when I was in  
>elementary school. It's so ridiculous as to not bear much  
>examination.

>How, pray tell, can NASA or anyone else "predict the position of  
>the sun, moon, planets, etc" when these bodies follow the same  
>general pattern they have for millions of years? It's tantamount  
>to saying you're projecting the calendar forward 5,000 years and  
>finding that Saturday March 10 of the year 2321 is "missing."  
>Huh? Show some sense, people!

>This is a bit of modern folklore. Ignorant, credulous, folklore.

Other errors in that post.

Astronauts are resident at Johnson Space Center only, not  
Goddard. NASA doesn't even do mission analysis for 20 years in  
the future, let alone 100 years or 1000 years.

Roger

- \* Rocket Scientist
- \* Ex-NASA shuttle team
- \* Design engineer of 4 electronics boxes scattered on Mars
- \* Gripple Drinker
- \* photographer of alien autopsy
- \* architect of Cydonia Mall of Mars

Roger R. Prokic  
Principal RF Systems Engineer  
Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.  
Boulder, Colorado USA  
--[ sent from a Palm Vx & MultiMail Pro v3.1 ]--

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Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 18:25:34 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 07:25:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 13:33:19 -0600  
>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Dan,

>>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

>>Anyone else heard of this one

>>NASA finds evidence that the Bible is TRUE!!!

>>For all you scientists out there and for all the students who  
>>have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of  
>>the Bible...here's something that shows God's awesome creation  
>>and shows that He is still in control. Did you know that the  
>>space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth"  
>>in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis  
>>Engine Company in Baltimore Maryland and a consultant in the  
>>space program, relates the following development: I think one of  
>>the most amazing things that God has for us today happened  
>>recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt,  
>>Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and  
>>planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1000  
>>years from now. We have to know this so we won't send a  
>>satellite, up and have it bump into something later on its  
>>orbits. We have to lie out the orbits in terms of the life of  
>>the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing  
>>will not bog down.

>And blah blah blah.

>This is a silly folktale which has circulated among Christian  
>fundamentalists for years. Somewhere in my mountainous files I  
>have a tape of a CSICOP conference held in California, where my  
>friend Bill Ellis, a folklorist from Penn State, spoke. Among  
>the other speakers were America's two most prominent  
>folklorists, Alan Dundes and Jan Harold Brunvand. One or the  
>other -- I don't recall which -- recounted his extensive  
>investigation of the claim, which proved (big surprise) without  
>any factual foundation.

>Another, somewhat comparable story that has gone through the  
>same circles avers that somewhere in the world, an oil- drilling  
>crew plowed so deep that the cries of tortured souls in hell  
>could be heard. If you believe that one, you'll probably  
>believe the story about NASA's discovery of a missing day.

>Jerry Clark

Hmmm... well I have an opinion. Jerry Fallwell and Jerry Clark!

Coincidence? Or conspiracy? You decide.

Gesundt on Religion

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## Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 18:25:34 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 07:27:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 13:33:19 -0600  
>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800  
>>From: Dan Geib <[geibdan@qtm.net](mailto:geibdan@qtm.net)>  
>>Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Dan,

>>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

>>Anyone else heard of this one

>>NASA finds evidence that the Bible is TRUE!!!

>>For all you scientists out there and for all the students who  
>>have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of  
>>the Bible...here's something that shows God's awesome creation  
>>and shows that He is still in control. Did you know that the  
>>space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth"  
>>in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis  
>>Engine Company in Baltimore Maryland and a consultant in the  
>>space program, relates the following development: I think one of  
>>the most amazing things that God has for us today happened  
>>recently to our astronauts and space scientists at Green Belt,  
>>Maryland. They were checking the position of the sun, moon, and  
>>planets out in space where they would be 100 years and 1000  
>>years from now. We have to know this so we won't send a  
>>satellite, up and have it bump into something later on its  
>>orbits. We have to lie out the orbits in terms of the life of  
>>the satellite, and where the planets will be so the whole thing  
>>will not bog down.

>And blah blah blah.

>This is a silly folktale which has circulated among Christian  
>fundamentalists for years. Somewhere in my mountainous files I  
>have a tape of a CSICOP conference held in California, where my  
>friend Bill Ellis, a folklorist from Penn State, spoke. Among  
>the other speakers were America's two most prominent  
>folklorists, Alan Dundes and Jan Harold Brunvand. One or the  
>other -- I don't recall which -- recounted his extensive  
>investigation of the claim, which proved (big surprise) without  
>any factual foundation.

>Another, somewhat comparable story that has gone through the  
>same circles avers that somewhere in the world, an oil- drilling  
>crew plowed so deep that the cries of tortured souls in hell  
>could be heard. If you believe that one, you'll probably  
>believe the story about NASA's discovery of a missing day.

>Jerry Clark

Hmmm... well I have an opinion. Jerry Fallwell and Jerry Clark!

Coincidence? Or conspiracy? You decide.

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## Cydonian Imperative: Thoughts on Extraterrestrial

From: [Alintelbot@aol.com](mailto:Alintelbot@aol.com)  
Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 19:07:57 -0500 (EST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 10:07:47 -0500  
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Thoughts on Extraterrestrial

Thoughts on Extraterrestrial Archaeology

by Mac Tonnies

Granted that the chances of finding "freeways" and "shopping malls" at Cydonia and elsewhere on Mars are based on terrestrial chauvinism, what should we be looking for?

We find ourselves confronted with an utterly new discipline: extraterrestrial archaeology. Since we're dealing with possible structures conceived by apparent aliens, it may appear that anything we look at in the Mars photographs is a candidate feature for artificiality. I argue that this isn't the case, and that the flurry of brash dismissals and eager endorsements that followed the 1998 Mars Global Surveyor overflights are indicative of this present state.

While we should always be prepared for the unexpected, there are a few telltale signs that, if discovered, will strengthen the case for intentional construction. Interestingly, some sites have already been discovered that seem to conform to such practical (and aesthetic) criteria (i.e. the depression and proposed dolphinoid reflecting pool visible from the Fort and Main City Pyramid and various crater rim formations suggestive of mining operations).

Unfortunately, we must rely on circumstantial evidence for the date of these candidate structures. Mark Carlotto, in the revised edition of The Martian Enigmas, suggests that the Face and City were constructed app. 30,000 years ago, based on solstice evidence. Prior to Carlotto, Richard Hoagland calculated a date of 500,000 years.

In either case, based on what we know about the planet's geologic history, Mars was essentially a "dead" world. The possibility of limited amounts of liquid water are still the subject of much debate.

(I think it's important to note that Cydonia was recognized as one of the best sites for potential extant water since 1976, when Viking project scientists seriously considered sending one of the Viking landers there. (This option was dropped as Cydonia was too bumpy, and might have complicated a landing.)

The observed conditions would have placed certain physical and ecological constraints on any civilization living on Mars at the time, whether it was indigenous (the "Cydonian Hypothesis") or from elsewhere in the galaxy. Assuming that the "Martians" were biological creatures with needs not unlike our own, what would we expect them to build in order to maintain their presence on an inhospitable world? This is a question of increasing relevance as plans to send our own crewed mission to Mars become more mature and practical (as illustrated in Zubrin's The Case for Mars).

Specifically, the Martians would have needed to protect themselves from the elements and maximize resources such as heat, water and air. This is the exact purpose of the "Mars Direct"-style habitats now under consideration by NASA.

While plans for manned bases envision a crew of relatively few, a large population such as a Martian civilization would naturally have required much larger habitats. Is this what we are observing in massive formations such as the D&M Pyramid and various formations in the City area? This idea was originally proposed in Richard Hoagland's speculative book The Monuments of Mars, in which he cites architect Paolo Soleri (a proponent of megascale engineering intended to minimize urban sprawl and minimize waste). Some of Soleri's designs for enclosed cities are pyramidal and kilometers in width.

The Main City Pyramid and the D&M formation, with their hints of structural detail and identical faceted shape, may be enclosures of this sort. This theory gains momentum from the appearance of the Fort, an unexplained angular formation adjacent to the Main City Pyramid (and sharing its alignment) that appears to have collapsed inward.

In an earlier post, I referred to the following unexplained formations as evidence that the "Martians" were forced to subsurface activity in order to maintain life support:

#### Exhibit A: The Cliff

The Cliff feature is at least as ambiguous as the Fort, in that there is no known geological mechanism to explain either its morphology or location. Like the Crater Pyramid and Coathanger/Dolphin (see below), this elongated feature is perched next to a crater. Ejecta extends about a kilometer past the Cliff. As the Cliff appears unscathed, one is forced to conclude that the Cliff was formed after the meteor impact that caused the crater (if the Cliff had been present beforehand, the impact would have obliterated it).

Even more interestingly, the Cliff is situated next to apparent "excavated terrain," possibly from which the Cliff was built. Again, this swath of chewed-looking terrain is inconsistent with any geological explanation.

Finally, and perhaps most excitingly of all, this bizarre feature looks quite facelike, with eyes, a narrow central ridge serving as a nose, cheekbones, mouth and chin. This resemblance is accentuated when the Cliff is viewed from the south. Coincidentally (?), there is another unexplained formation south of the Cliff (the Tholus) that would have provided an unimpeded view of the Cliff for its hypothetical architects.

It should be noted that the Face, City Pyramid, Fort and Cliff share identical alignments and are roughly the same size. The "splash" nature of the Cliff's adjacent crater is also further evidence that the Cydonia region was once wet, or perhaps even partially underwater (and thus more hospitable for life).

#### Exhibit B: The Tholus

Located directly south of the aforementioned Cliff, the Tholus is a grooved, blunt "ziggurat" with a dark opening evident on its side. This feature is unprecedented and has no known analog in other Martian dome-shaped formations. Its ramp-like structures and hypothesized entrance, coupled with its unique angular relationship with the Cliff, argue for a non-natural explanation.

The Tholus is accompanied by a smaller, but similarly grooved companion feature. I would argue that the odds of two such unique formations existing naturally in such close proximity would be quite low.

#### Exhibit C: The Crater Pyramid

The Crater Pyramid is a wedge-shaped structure situated on the rim of a crater (a by now familiar association). Like the Cliff (and Coathanger/ Dolphin, discussed below), this feature must predate the cratering event, as it would have been leveled by the impact. Along with being the tallest formation in a hundred-kilometer radius, the Crater Pyramid displays symmetry and angles associated with artificial structures. Its enigma is strengthened by the presence of the Tunnel Complex, located on a nearby crater (see #9).

Exhibit D: The Tunnel Complex

This feature consists of a thin, ruler-straight formation intersected by a number of smaller furrows. It lies in close proximity to the Crater Pyramid, and its lack of damage argues strongly in favor of later construction. Perhaps the Crater Pyramid and Tunnel Complex, along with the Cliff, are evidence of an ancient mining project (possibly to harvest ice or permafrost from the meteor-blasted soil).

Exhibits E and F: Bowl Complexes 1 and 2

These compelling formations, located by Mark Carlotto using a non-fractality computer algorithm, are demonstrably unique. Each consists of a raised, bowl-shaped enclosure (unlike any noted crater depressions) and a single pyramid. These pyramids have been shown to share their alignment with the more well-known pyramidal features at Cydonia, despite being relatively far from the "City" complex. This fact alone tends to deflate the theory that the Cydonian "pyramids" are actually naturally occurring faceted mountains.

(Another notable pyramid is the "NK Pyramid," discovered by high school students while accessing Viking data; it is rather ironic that the first possible hard evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence is being discovered by nonprofessionals. It is also a painfully obvious demonstration of Kuhn's theory of the structure of scientific revolution, in which new paradigms triumph not because the status quo is "won over," but because those upholding the status quo die off, making room for a generation of unbiased inquiry.)

As with the Crater Pyramid and Tunnel Complex, there is no obvious purpose for these features. The "bowls" resemble radio telescopes or open-air theaters more than anything else. The internal geometry evidenced by both Bowl Complexes is quite astonishing, with angles and regularity not seen in the surrounding terrain.

However, the Bowl Complexes have something in common besides their intrinsic shape: they are both situated near craters, suggesting a possible need for material associated with impact ejecta (water ice?)

In conclusion, the formations hypothesized to be the work of alien architects are not merely weird-looking in themselves, but reflect a reinforcing sense of purpose that transcends mere geomorphology.

They form a body of evidence for artificiality that has gone conveniently unnoticed by the skeptics. It is my personal position that they haven't been explained prosaically because they can't be, at least at existing resolutions.

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Useful websites (note that not all positions represented are shared with the Cydonian Imperative):

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- Mars Society: <http://www.marssociety.com>
- The Martian Enigmas:  
<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>
- Bigelow Aerospace: <http://www.bigelow-aerospace.com>
- International Space Station:  
<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/index.html>
- SpaceDev: <http://www.spacedev.com>
- Mars: Mysteries of the Red Planet:

<http://www.mufo.org/mars.html>

Think Mars: <http://www.thinkmars.net>

CNI News: <http://www.cninews.com>

Cydonia 2000: <http://welcome.to/cydonia/>

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Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 20:44:15 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 10:11:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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The latest scientific evidence further strengthens the case that the Shroud of Turin originated in the Middle East and could be the actual burial cloth of Christ. Maybe continued investigation into some of the many still unanswered questions regarding the alien autopsy film will lead us to very different conclusions regarding its authenticity too.

Nick Balaskas

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From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 00:10:53 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 10:13:17 -0500  
Subject: TMP News: News Briefing - January 25, 2000

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Science and Technology

Building Tomorrow's Space Battleships with Today's Tech  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/spacebattleships.html>

Three Giant Black Holes Near Earth  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/blackholes.html>

Lifespan of 200 Expected  
<http://www.usatoday.com/life/health/genetics/lhgec034.htm>

BIOSPHERE  
Environment

Climate Change and Environmental Surprises Ahead  
<http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jan2000/2000L-01-19-06.htm>

EXOTICA  
Unexplained Phenomena and Fortean

X-PPAC Press Release: "Disclosure 2000 - Is This the Year?"  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/disclosure2000.html>

Houston Chronicle Article on Illinois "Starfield Camouflage UFO"  
<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/story.hts/nation/433097>

UFO Leaves "Snow Circle" in Washington State  
<http://www.angelfire.com/zine/UFORCE/page20.html>

UFO Contact at Trout Lake, Washington?



<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/troutlake.html>

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Government Secrecy and Black Projects

Chemtrail Spraying in Full Swing  
<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/chemswing.htm>

Chemtrails Make the News  
<http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/chemnews.htm>

Chemtrails: Biowarfare Chemicals Said Being Tested on Americans  
<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/quineapigs.htm>

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## Re: 'Starfield Camo' Page Updated

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 01:52:54 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 10:16:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'Starfield Camo' Page Updated

>Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 03:52:21 -0500  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>Subject: 'Starfield Camo' Page Updated  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>An index page providing several links for the January 5, 2000  
>report of a 'Starfield Camo' UFO in Illinois has been updated,  
>and might provide some assistance to anyone researching the  
>event.

>The page is available at:

><http://home.fuse.net/ufo/missouri99.html>

Dear Kenny and list:

I noted with satisfaction that both you and Peter Davenport rebutted the needless rhetoric and distortions introduced by Joe Nickell of CSICOP in this matter.

I also see that two separate policemen saw a nearly instantaneous displacement of several miles in a matter of perhaps 3 seconds. That was my original question.

The two policemen (as Peter noted) were Craig Stevens of the Millstadt PD and "Ed" Barton of the Lebanon PD. That's more than enough.

I am adding the 05JAN2000 Lebanon/Millstadt (and other nearby places), IL sighting to my database.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Please, post as wide as possible.

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The only access to a UFOR discussion forum is via  
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The access code is UFOR.

Will ask KLAATU, at EARTHOPS, for the favor of using again his server.

Will try to re create the lists in Topica or better, have a mailer program.

Thank you all for the favor of your membership during all this 11 years.

Francisco  
UFOR List Editor

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Do you have any reference to support that? Nah, forget about it.  
I just checked the state of the research on the Internet and the  
matter is not settled. Oddly enough, you have a "skeptical"  
approach to the Shroud and a "pro, believer" approach to it - or  
so they say. Reminds me of a few things :)

>your comparison of the alien autopsy film to the Shroud of Turin  
>actually supports continued research on Ray Santilli's films  
>rather than closure.

No, no. I brought up the Shroud example only to illustrate the  
fact that facts are no match against beliefs.

<snip>

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>investigation into some of the many still unanswered questions  
>regarding the alien autopsy film will lead us to very different  
>conclusions regarding its authenticity too.

A surprising leap of logic from a scientific mind. Please  
explain to me how the nature of a character like Ray Santilli  
can give any credibility to the AA film?

How can you make Santilli and the AA film two separate issues?

Serge

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:04:17 -0500  
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To: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
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Roger,

>This is not true. The improper use of containment suits is one  
>of the most glaring examples.

Its not clear to me where you got this information. I think it  
qualifies as more hearsay, similar to the information supplied  
by the three cameramen trotted out by Kent Jeffrey in his hit  
piece. Lots of talk but no substance. (this is another  
question: who do we believe and why)

Non-military doctors, which I maintain these are, might have  
worn their suits any way they pleased. Were you in the military?  
SOP was hardly ever followed, just given lip service. There was  
wide variation. Ever heard of SNAFU? Besides I also believe  
that these suits might have been worn to keep folks from  
identifying them but not for the purpose you outlined but to  
keep their identities secret for national security reasons.

Anyway thats why I think the wearing of the hazard suits, though  
interesting doesn't qualify for a historical anomaly. But if  
the hoaxers were as careless as they would seem to be if you are  
correct, then they should have made a few more mistakes. Where  
are they? There is a mass of historical traps but none, I  
repeat, none have surfaced.

>I've spent many hours in the operating room  
>early in my career documenting operations and other surgical  
>procedures on 16mm film. The techniques and methods presented in  
>AA are "Hollywood" versions of what an audience might expect to  
>find in an operating room; not what really exists.

I totally disagree. I was an orderly for three years during  
college and then again after I left the service, most of that in  
ER or surgery. Not only did I see hundreds of doctors in action  
but I also assisted them on a daily basis and they explained  
what they were doing and why. Both these doctors are surgeons,  
probably not pathologists. This is a dissection, not an autopsy  
but the way the doctors touch the creature and hold their  
scalpels cannot be taught in acting class. This was the first  
thing I noticed when viewing the film and I thought they were  
very convincing. I realize this is subjective but so are your  
observations.

There are doctors who have seen the AA and they agree with me on  
this point.

>This is not true. Name one special effects expert that has  
>attempted to duplicate the alien and failed. Tell us where we  
>can see the results. I work in special effects on a daily basis  
>and would like to study the attempts you speak of. If you can't  
>direct us to a web site, then how about a name and address so I  
>can talk to these "effects experts" that have tried in vain to

>duplicate AA. Or is this another claim you've pulled out of thin  
>air?

You should read more carefully. I never stated some had attempted and failed. As far as I know, none of these guys, who talk a good game have even tried. Why? Because they couldn't succeed. Talk is cheap; doing takes money and time. The AA was no simple undertaking if it's hoaxed.

>More to the point: Just because I and others in the effects  
>field haven't spent out own time and money duplicating what is  
>seen in AA doesn't mean that we can't do it. I simply do not  
>need to waste a single dollar proving to you what is obvious to  
>me.

More hot air! Make a hand or a foot, something to show you care;  
not just big talk and nothing else.

>But I have to agree  
>with you that there is no proof that Ray has the talent or  
>historical knowledge to pull this off successfully.

See we can agree to some things. Since this is the case, how  
did he do it?

>"I have seen no compelling evidence that there is anything  
>extraterrestrial involved in this event at all."  
>Please explain how this is positive support that the alien and AA is  
>real?

Yes he said that but the post as a whole was positive. He certainly didn't say it was a video and nothing else. I don't necessarily believe that the creature is an ET either. But we can never get to the stage where we can discuss the nature of the creature or the debris because you insist that it is all a fake and there's no point in discussing a hoax. That's why I continue to write about this subject. It has not been given a fair hearing, nor have all the possibilities been hashed out.

>Bob merely maintains that the film is old copy film. He has not  
>seen a frame of film (dupe or original) with the alien on it.

<snip>

>Instead he  
>is given a blank piece of Xerox paper and told by Ray, "Well,  
>it's just like the paper that the Dead Sea Scroll was copied  
>on!". Where is the value in that?

I don't get it; can't you read. How many times do I have to post this. Is Bob lying here or what? 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 only person confused about the issue of whether a dupe or original  
>exists is you. You constantly demand that everyone toe the line  
>and provide evidence to back up their claims or opinions.

Why don't you tell me why you find this so significant. If it is copied, then it was copied in 1947 or thereabouts and since all agree that there simply wasn't the technology to hoax the AA at that time, then it must be legitimate. Isn't that what TDC stated clearly on their web site. As I have said and will say again, the nature of the film ie copied, not copied, original duped and so forth is very confusing to most folks, not just me. And you all continue to muddy the waters more by the way you argue your case. If it is a copy, how does that work into the whole story and why is that so damaging. If Ray was fooled into buying a copy, so what? Did the cameraman hoax Ray? How did he put this all together? Just give me some scenario that accounts for how this all came down, some place where we can start to unravel this mystery.

No, I have never seen the original film projected.

I have never seen a frame of the original film with the alien on it.

I have never seen the dupe of the film projected.

I have never seen a frame of the dupe film with the alien on it.

I have never met the cameraman face to face.

I have never talked to the cameraman at all.

Where did that get us?

>How do you account for the lack of repeated frames that would be  
>present if the film were transferred to video? (see Michael Lennick's excellent post on the subject)

I'm the first to admit that I am not a technical person; I'm a historian, but are you saying here that there was not any film at all and there was just a video made and then made to look like it was shot in 16mm. (like the tent footage) Why don't you show us how that might be done; just a few seconds if its so easy. Did you bother to read the discussion of the debris?

Explain it away.

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## Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

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Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 08:29:52 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:20:30 -0500  
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>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 11:42:28 -0400  
>To: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>It could have been sitting on some shelf in Hollywood or  
>elsewhere for a long long time. Ray then becomes somebody taking  
>advantage of public interest and gullibility.

Stan,

Where is your evidence for this? I have mentioned this to you before...I defend and admire your research but you are doing to Ray exactly what others have done and continue to do to you. You have no proof for your statements. Yes the AA could have been made on the moon but let's stick with what seems probable or plausible. Even if it had been sitting on a shelf somewhere for years, it seems logical that we would be able to account for the manufacturing process that created the debris. How do you explain the debris and its unfamiliar characteristics? When you read the debris analysis (don't tell me you didn't bother) didn't you see similarities between it and the Roswell debris ie. lack of mass, durability, not flammable? If you can't explain the debris in some intelligent manner, then don't you think its reasonable to take another look at the AA?

>As I pointed out in the entire chapter devoted to AA in my book  
>TOP SECRET/MAJIC, just about everything Ray told me in our first  
>conversation turned out to be a lie.

Everyone doesn't have access to your wonderful and informative books, so why not list these "lies" for all to read since you've used them many times as your reason for nixing the AA. (You make them sound so ominous)

Also you need to explain to the list that you offered Ray \$100,000 for the footage and he turned you down. (I know it was for someone else but you should mention it, none the less) Not that this disqualifies you from the discussion since I agree that money can be the name of the game.

Ed

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## Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:27:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?

>Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 15:29:00 -0700  
>From: Roger R. Prokic <[rprokic@pobox.com](mailto:rprokic@pobox.com)>  
>Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 23 Jan 2000 09:06:51 -0500 (EST)  
>>From: Paul B. Thompson <[MrApol@aol.com](mailto:MrApol@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 17:22:25 -0800  
>>>From: Dan Geib <[geibdan@qtm.net](mailto:geibdan@qtm.net)>  
>>>Subject: NASA Finds Evidence That The Bible Is True?  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>I just received this. I am trying to find a source to verify.

>>>Anyone else heard of this one?

>>I heard this old canard back in the 1960s when I was in  
>>elementary school. It's so ridiculous as to not bear much  
>>examination.

>>How, pray tell, can NASA or anyone else "predict the position of  
>>the sun, moon, planets, etc" when these bodies follow the same  
>>general pattern they have for millions of years? It's tantamount  
>>to saying you're projecting the calendar forward 5,000 years and  
>>finding that Saturday March 10 of the year 2321 is "missing."  
>>Huh? Show some sense, people!

>>This is a bit of modern folklore. Ignorant, credulous, folklore.  
>>Other errors in that post.  
>>Astronauts are resident at Johnson Space Center only, not  
>>Goddard. NASA doesn't even do mission analysis for 20 years in  
>>the future, let alone 100 years or 1000 years.

>Roger

And of course the biggest error... satellites we launch aren't  
going to bump into any planets. The satellites are in near-earth  
orbits, while the planets are millions of miles away.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

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Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:39:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality

>Date: Mon, 24 Jan 2000 19:29:52 +0000  
>From: Dave Bowden <[grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 16:17:21 +0000  
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>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Criteria for Artificiality  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Hi All & Dave,

>>>>I most certainly do not ignore the professionals since I am a  
>>>>professional 2D/3D graphic artists myself. There have been many  
>>>>occasions when I have been presented with original video footage  
>>>>for analysis, sometimes with some surprising results I might  
>>>>add.

>>I have spent many a night around Dave's place studying UFO video  
>>tapes, and UFO movie files amongst others. And I have had the  
>>chance to see Dave at work with the Graphic side of things, I  
>>can only say amazing work. ( I wish I had his set up) I wish he  
>>would post his web site address for all to see!

>>>I have studied all the data from Cydonia and my conclusion is:  
>>>you're wasting your time, it's just rocks.

>>There is another word for it Dave, only I can't remember the  
>>spelling?

>Hi Roy,

>I believe the word you are looking for is simulacra, created  
>naturally in rock, clouds, tree stumps etc, perceived by humans  
>as a face, a dolphin, a pelican or whatever.

Hi, Dave, Dr. Knapp, Et and all the ships at sea.

Dah dit dah dit  
dah dah dit dah

Because the bastards threw out CW doesn't mean I hafta!

The word "Similacrum" was used way back in the sixties by NASA  
to refer to an artificial light source which was designed to  
"look like" specific stars. The lights were used to test the  
ability of star tracking devices to "acquire" and track a star  
of specific magnitude and color temperature.

I just thought I would pass that along. By the way, the CW  
stands for code work [Nope! Carrier Wave --ebk, ex-telegraphist]  
and is the name we l'homme anciennes (uh, old farts) use for  
international Morse Code. All the ships at sea now use voice and

data modes of communication and no longer use the Morse Code. What I said in Morse was CQ. It's a dirty word, don't repeat it to your friends, please.

Even the Federal Communications Commission, in their infinite wisdom (that's supposed to be funny) reduced the code requirement for amateur radio operators here in the states from requiring licensed hams to be able to copy up to 25 words per minute. Now, everyone has to be able to copy at least 5 wpm. Hell, I can copy up to forty in my head. But only on Gripple.

What does this mean? What's it got to do with Upadatsa (I'm Italian) stuff? Nuttin. Nuttin at all. Just like falling ice and Pelican quanno.

Anyone out there still use 160 meter CW? I didn't think so. "I make shoes for everyone, even you. And I still go barefoot."

Doccatore J. Jaime Gesundt

"One more Ph.D. for the road  
One more Ph.D. 'for I go  
To the valley below

Dit dah dit dah dit --ebk

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## Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists

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Subject: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH  
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Recent UFO sightings in area lack credibility to scientists  
By Heather Ratcliffe Of The Post-Dispatch

Stacy McKenna rubbed her eyes. Once. Twice.

Was she really watching three UFOs hovering over south St. Louis during rush hour traffic?

"I just kept rubbing my eyes because I thought if I rubbed them hard enough, they would go away," said McKenna, 28, a college student and waitress.

The objects she saw about 5:45 p.m. Jan. 10 were shaped like triangles with white lights at each point, she said.

"At first they were just two bouncing, glowing lights. Then another one dropped out of the sky," she said. "It was so huge, I screamed because I thought I was going to hit it."

McKenna and dozens of St. Louis-area residents have seen what they thought was an alien spacecraft since the first UFO report Jan. 5 by a Highland man and four police officers in the Metro East area.

McKenna spent two days rationalizing the sighting, which occurred on Utah Street as she headed toward Interstate 55. She talked to friends, surfed the Internet for pictures and visited the same spot at the same time she first saw the UFOs.

Finally, she called the newspaper to report her encounter.

"I didn't believe in UFOs before," she said. "But I'm certainly intrigued now."

Experts say movies and television shows such as "X-Files" have created a culture in which people are quicker to suppose some unusual object in the sky is an alien craft.

In that atmosphere, witnesses may feel more comfortable reporting what they saw -- or think they saw. And when they do, officials may not be as quick to dismiss them as crazy.

McKenna may have seen an extraterrestrial aircraft. But scientists say it was more likely an episode of a "social-psychological phenomenon," in which people believe they see a UFO because they are looking for one.

"I've often said that if anyone will spend one hour looking in the sky on a clear night, he or she will see a UFO," said Phillip Klass, founder of the Committee of the Scientific Investigations of Claims of the Paranormal, in Washington.

"Most UFO reports, especially lights in the night sky, turn out to be honest misidentifications," he said.

Reporting a UFO

Stephen Winnacott, an English teacher at East St. Louis High School, said he saw a strange aircraft at about 6:45 a.m. that same morning of the police officers' reports on Jan. 5.

"It was triangular shaped with lights all on one side," he said.

Winnacott told his wife and children, but didn't think much about it until he read an article in the Post-Dispatch.

"All its takes is one sighting report, and within days you will have thousands more," said Robert Baker, a professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Kentucky. "Everybody starts looking up in the sky and seeing things, too."

This pattern is called a "social-psychological phenomenon," said Baker, who has interviewed thousands of witnesses who claimed to have seen UFOs.

When people spot something strange in the sky, they first try to make sense of it, scientists said.

"It's a giant leap of faith that people take when they see lights in the sky to say it's a craft from another planet," said James McGaha, an astronomer and former Air Force pilot in Tucson, Ariz., who investigates UFO reports.

Witnesses apply what they heard about UFOs in the past and soon their perceptions become reality. Then their stories usually sharpen with time and the truth gets lost, Baker said.

Winnacott, along with a handful of other witnesses who reported UFOs this month, said he didn't really believe aliens have visited Earth.

"Before this experience, I was skeptical," Winnacott said. "But now that I have seen something unexplainable, I will put more credibility in other UFO reports."

"People believe me"

Barry Beyerstein, a professor of psychological biology at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia, said, "In the past, people who saw things were less likely to report it because of fear of the repercussions. That stigma has largely dissipated."

Winnacott said he never felt apprehensive about telling his story.

"People believe me," he said.

Commercial airline pilots have taken their planes off course to avoid hitting things that later turned out to be the planet Venus or stars, experts said.

"Smart, honest, good people can still be seriously wrong about seeing a UFO," said Beyerstein, who has researched sightings for decades.

The power of suggestion may play a role: If somebody says a bright light is a UFO, others will measure it against that expectation and the perception may become their reality.

UFO researchers said they don't count on witnesses to describe sightings accurately.

"People are notoriously bad at recollecting what they saw," McGaha said. "You can't put any credibility into their reports -- even police -- because they are not trained to observe anything in the sky or an astronomic anomaly," he said.

"I've been with Air Force pilots who thought they were seeing a UFO. But it was actually the moon," McGaha said. "I've seen people look at Venus and say they could see portholes on a spaceship."

Observers struggle, unknowingly, with distance, time and size, he said.

Unless you know how large an object is supposed to be, you



cannot figure its distance; unless you know its distance, you cannot determine its size, McGaha said. People reporting UFOs have neither point of reference.

"Time compression also occurs during extreme experiences," he said. "People can see things for 20 seconds, but think 10 minutes have passed."

In a study of about 1,000 UFO sightings in the 1970s, the Center for UFO Studies concluded that about 90 percent of the reports were actually stars, planets, planes, meteors or the moon.

What did they see?

"Like a two-story house..."

At about 4:11 a.m. Jan. 5, a St. Clair County police dispatcher sent a call out to the Lebanon officer on duty.

"Lebanon, this a call from Highland PD in reference to a truck driver who just stopped in. He said there was a flying object in the area of Lebanon. It was like a two-story house. It had white lights and red blinking lights, and it was last seen southwest over Lebanon. Could you check the area?"

About two minutes later, Officer Ed Barton sent a message back:

"... Be advised there is a very bright white light east of town. It looks like it's just east of Summerfield, and it keeps changing colors. I'll go over there and see if it looks like an aircraft. It doesn't look like an aircraft, though. .o.o. It's not the moon, and it's not a star."

Over about a seven-minute time span, three other police officers -- from Dupon, Millstadt and Shiloh -- saw the object. None can explain what he saw.

Klass, often called the dean of UFO research, said the object, described as flying slowly and silently, was probably a hoax or some kind of a balloon with intense lights or flares.

"I would suspect this report is bogus," Klass said.

A National Weather Service spokesman said it has no weather balloons that would reach the Metro East area.

Officials at Scott Air Force Base, which is near the sightings, said nothing like what was sighted is based at the airfield. The military also does not fly any low-level training or testing routes in the area, the spokesman said.

The sky that morning was partly cloudy and there was an unusual condition in which a layer of warm air sits on top of cold air at the surface. Meteorologists said that can reflect light in odd-looking ways.

Venus is also very bright in the eastern sky this time of year, said McGaha.

Klass said, "For 50 years, we've gotten reports such as this, but not a single piece of credible evidence to support these claims."

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"There is a very bright white light east of town..."

Excerpts from a seven-minute recording of the St. Clair County police dispatcher talking to officers, beginning about 4:11 a.m. Jan. 5.

Dispatcher: Lebanon, this a call from Highland PD in reference to a truck driver who just stopped in. He said there was a flying object in the area of Lebanon. It was like a two-story house. It had white lights and red blinking lights, and it was last seen southwest over Lebanon. Could you check the area?

Lebanon officer: Did they say the truck driver was DUI or anything? 10-4, I'm out... Just a quick

question. If I happened to find it, what am I supposed to do with it? If I see it, I'm not saying a word...

Also be advised the last thing that went over Lebanon -- this was approximately five minutes ago -- was a military cargo plane. It looked like a C-5.

... Be advised there is a very bright white light east of town. It looks like it's just east of Summerfield, and it keeps changing colors. I'll go over there and see if it looks like an aircraft. It doesn't look like an aircraft, though... It's not the moon, and it's not a star.

If you would, will you contact Scott Air Force Base and see if they have anything flying in this area please?

Whether it's a plane or not, it's heading westbound now. It should be really close to Scott now. . . . As a matter of fact, if the Shiloh officer looks up, they can probably see it by now.

Shiloh officer: I see something, but I don't know what the heck it is.... It's probably heading to Lambert (Field).

(Radio chatter)

Millstadt officer: I've got that object in sight also.

Dispatcher: Are you serious?

Millstadt officer: It's huge.

Dispatcher: ... Does it look like a -- What does it look like to you?

Millstadt officer: It's kind of V-shaped. It looks like it's possibly headed toward Lambert.

Dispatcher: 10-4. That's what Shiloh said when it was heading towards Fairview Heights.

(One of the officers hums theme song to "Twilight Zone" over his radio.)

Millstadt officer: Really.

Millstadt officer: Does Dupo have a Polaroid?

Dispatcher: That, I don't know.

Dupo officer: 6004, this is 3923 on County (radio channel) 2.

Millstadt officer: 6004, go ahead.

Dupo officer: I'm not sure what you're seeing. It appears to be pretty high in the area. When I could first see it with binoculars, you could see it was different colors. Now it appears to be white.

Millstadt officer: Is it very large?

Dupo officer: It's hard to tell. It's pretty far off in the distance.

Millstadt officer: This object was above me about 500 feet. And it was huge.

Dupo officer: This thing appears.... it's probably 20 or 30,000. It about where planes usually are. It's not low at all.

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## The Eyes Have It

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Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:55:40 -0500  
Subject: The Eyes Have It

Dear all,

Since the list is quiet at the moment and the topic of conversation seems to consist of the AA, Martian face and the occasional Pelican I thought I would take the opportunity to share something with you all.

As I'm sure you have gathered by now I am a graphic artist, I work sometimes in 2D but mostly in 3D.

Recently I was called upon to recreate in 3D the typical alien (just the head) which seemed like a pretty straight forward thing since these guys don't have much in the way of facial features.

The 3D model was to look like the description most people give, that's ok, we've all seen them on T-shirts and keyrings etc, I'm game.

Anyway, cutting to the chase, after working on this I found these things to be impossible creatures.

Once I had created the head with eyes I needed to insert the eyeballs. In 3D it is always easier to create a ball which fits within the head. An eyeball that size would not only be too big to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross each other at the bridge of the nose).

I tried making the head bigger and bringing the eyes much further apart to incorporate the eyeball size, the result looked very unlike the description most people give and would still leave little room for a brain.

Next time someone draws a sketch of an alien that supposedly abducted them, look at the eyes.

Imagine looking down on the creature so you can see the contour of the eye and follow it round and you'll see what I mean.

Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of interest.

Dave

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## Skeptics Question Midwest Sightings

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Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 19:38:16 -0800 (PST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:59:57 -0500  
Subject: Skeptics Question Midwest Sightings

Greetings list -

Couldn't help but laugh a bit while reading this article. The "experts" in this article sure do a great job of pulling out all the stops. This could be a candidate for debunking article of the year.

From: <http://insidedenver.com/shns/story.cfm?pk=UFO-SIGHTING-01-25-00&cat=AN>

Midwest UFO sightings lack credibility to scientists  
By HEATHER RATCLIFFE  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
January 25, 2000

Stacy McKenna rubbed her eyes. Was she really watching three UFOs hovering over south St. Louis during rush hour traffic?

"I just kept rubbing my eyes because I thought if I rubbed them hard enough, they would go away," said McKenna, 28, a college student and waitress.

The objects she saw about 5:45 p.m. CST on Jan. 10 were shaped like triangles with white lights at each point, she said.

"At first they were just two bouncing, glowing lights. Then another one dropped out of the sky," she said. "It was so huge, I screamed because I thought I was going to hit it."

McKenna and dozens of St. Louis-area residents have seen what they thought was an alien spacecraft since the first UFO report Jan. 5 by a Highland, Ill., man and four police officers.

McKenna spent two days rationalizing the sighting, which occurred as she headed toward Interstate 55. She talked to friends, surfed the Internet for pictures and visited the same spot at the same time she first saw the UFOs.

Finally, she called the St. Louis Post-Dispatch to report her encounter.

"I didn't believe in UFOs before," she said. "But I'm certainly intrigued now."

Experts say movies and television shows such as "X-Files" have created a culture in which people are quicker to suppose some unusual object in the sky is an alien craft.

In that atmosphere, witnesses may feel more comfortable reporting what they saw - or think they saw. And when they do, officials may not be as quick to dismiss them as crazy.

McKenna may have seen an extraterrestrial aircraft. But scientists say it was more likely an episode of a "social-psychological phenomenon," in which people believe they see a UFO because they are looking for one.

"I've often said that if anyone will spend one hour looking in the sky on a clear night, he or she will see a UFO," said Phillip Klass, founder of the Committee of the Scientific Investigations of Claims of the Paranormal, in Washington, D.C.

"Most UFO reports, especially lights in the night sky, turn out to be honest misidentifications," he said.

Stephen Winnacott, an English teacher at East St. Louis (Ill.) High School, said he saw a strange aircraft at about 6:45 a.m. that same morning of the police officers' reports on Jan. 5. "It was triangular shaped with lights all on one side," he said.

Winnacott told his wife and children, but didn't think much about it until he read an article about it.

"All its takes is one sighting report, and within days you will have thousands more," said Robert Baker, a professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Kentucky. "Everybody starts looking up in the sky and seeing things, too."

This pattern is called a "social-psychological phenomenon," said Baker, who has interviewed thousands of witnesses who claimed to have seen UFOs.

When people spot something strange in the sky, they first try to make sense of it, scientists said.

"It's a giant leap of faith that people take when they see lights in the sky to say it's a craft from another planet," said James McGaha, an astronomer and former Air Force pilot in Tucson, Ariz., who investigates UFO reports.

Witnesses apply what they heard about UFOs in the past and soon their perceptions become reality. Then their stories usually sharpen with time and the truth gets lost, Baker said.

Winnacott, along with a handful of other witnesses who reported UFOs this month, said he didn't really believe aliens have visited Earth.

"Before this experience, I was skeptical," Winnacott said. "But now that I have seen something unexplainable, I will put more credibility in other UFO reports."

Barry Beyerstein, a professor of psychological biology at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia, said, "In the past, people who saw things were less likely to report it because of fear of the repercussions. That stigma has largely dissipated."

Winnacott said he never felt apprehensive about telling his story. "People believe me," he said.

Commercial airline pilots have taken their planes off course to avoid hitting things that later turned out to be the planet Venus or stars, experts said.

"Smart, honest, good people can still be seriously wrong about seeing a UFO," said Beyerstein, who has researched sightings for decades.

The power of suggestion may play a role: If somebody says a bright light is a UFO, others will measure it against that expectation and the perception may become their reality.

UFO researchers said they don't count on witnesses to describe sightings accurately.

"People are notoriously bad at recollecting what they saw," McGaha said. "You can't put any credibility into their reports - even police - because they are not trained to observe anything in the sky or an astronomic anomaly," he said.

"I've been with Air Force pilots who thought they were seeing a UFO. But it was actually the moon," McGaha said. "I've seen people look at Venus and say they could see portholes on a spaceship."

Observers struggle, unknowingly, with distance, time and size, he said. Unless you know how large an object is supposed to be, you cannot figure its distance; unless you know its distance, you cannot determine its size, McGaha said. People reporting UFOs have neither point of reference.

"Time compression also occurs during extreme experiences," he said. "People can see things for 20 seconds, but think 10 minutes have passed."

In a study of about 1,000 UFO sightings in the 1970s, the Center for UFO Studies concluded that about 90 percent of the reports were actually stars, planets, planes, meteors or the moon.

At about 4:11 a.m. Jan. 5, a St. Clair, Ill., County police dispatcher sent a call out to the Lebanon, Ill., officer on duty.

"Lebanon, this a call from Highland PD in reference to a truck driver who just stopped in. He said there was a flying object in the area of Lebanon. It was like a two-story house. It had white lights and red blinking lights, and it was last seen southwest over Lebanon. Could you check the area?"

About two minutes later, Officer Ed Barton sent a message back:

"... Be advised there is a very bright white light east of town. It looks like it's just east of Summerfield, and it keeps changing colors. I'll go over there and see if it looks like an aircraft. It doesn't look like an aircraft, though. ... It's not the moon, and it's not a star."

Over about a seven-minute time span, three other police officers from Dupon, Millstadt and Shiloh saw the object. None can explain what he saw.

Klass, often called the dean of UFO research, said the object, described as flying slowly and silently, was probably a hoax or some kind of a balloon with intense lights or flares. "I would suspect this report is bogus," Klass said.

A National Weather Service spokesman said it has no weather balloons that would reach the area.

Officials at Scott Air Force Base, which is near the sightings, said nothing like what was sighted is based at the airfield. The military also does not fly any low-level training or testing routes in the area, the spokesman said.

The sky that morning was partly cloudy and there was an unusual condition in which a layer of warm air sits on top of cold air at the surface. Meteorologists said that can reflect light in odd-looking ways.

Venus is also very bright in the eastern sky this time of year, said McGaha.

Klass said, "For 50 years, we've gotten reports such as this, but not a single piece of credible evidence to support these claims."

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
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## Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

From: Diane Harrison <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 10:29:12 +1100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 06:34:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 19:54:48 -0500 (EST)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 16:13:05 +0800  
>>From: Sharon Kardol <[sharon@hotmix.com.au](mailto:sharon@hotmix.com.au)>  
>>Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Maybe it was alien ice cubes, to go with Gripple, which they  
>drink a lot of. And of course, alien ice cubes are made in  
>special alien molds. And they come out really hard.

>>Then there is the exponential increase in recent days - 20  
>>chunks of ice found on Tuesday alone. At least half a dozen were  
>>quickly proven to be practical jokes - including a seven-pound  
>>block with perfectly sharp edges.

>I told you about that already. But I still find it really  
>difficult to imagine how them dudes got the ice there. I mean,  
>did they rent a small aircraft with a large fridge in it? And  
>then push the hard ice out the side door? Or maybe it really  
>was pelicans and they pooped and tinkled whilst really high. In  
>the air I mean. And the stuff froze on the way down. Huh?

>The moral of this story, the moral of this tome, is that one  
>should never be, where one does not belong. Meaning, methinks,  
>that pelican poop, pelican tinkle, ice from the sky, the answer  
>to the question of God the Universe and Everything, matters not  
>one dot. Unless you guys are really hard up for a dose of  
>something to say on the subject of UFOs and related stuff.

>Hell, I would almost prefer to hear from Dennis Stacey than this  
>stuff.

>Well.... almost anyway.

Hi Jim

I found this artical but it would appear these guys dont agree  
with each other never the less its interesting:>)

Regards Diane

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U. Washington Physicist says little comets are black snow on
screen <http://www.trufax.org/level2/level2.shtml>

Giant snowballs in space? No, says researcher, they're simply
black snow on the TV screen

Contact: David Brand, UW News and Information. Phone:
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San Francisco -- When University of Iowa space physicist Louis
Frank presented his evidence last May, he had much of the science
community shivering with anticipation. He claimed to have

discovered 20- to 40-ton cosmic snowballs, the size of houses, pelting the Earth at the rate of 30,000 a day. What's more, Frank presented images he had captured of the giant snowballs.

But the snowballs may not exist. University of Washington geophysicist George Parks has analyzed Frank's ultraviolet (UV) camera images and has concluded that the white snow in space is no more than black "snow" on the television screen.

After a close analysis of one hour of data supplied by Frank, Parks says he and his collaborators are certain that Frank has been looking at "instrument noise." It is very similar, says Parks, "to the static you hear on your hi-fi."

Frank and Parks will debate the real vs. phantom snowballs here today at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco (Dec. 9 at 4 p.m.).

Frank first proposed his theory of the cosmic snowballs -- actually small comets -- in 1986, but the idea was widely discredited. Then, earlier this year, he presented evidence from the Polar satellite, which carries an instrument that can produce both UV and visible light images. Frank compared the same spots on both types of image and concluded that these were clear evidence of the existence of the comets.

Parks says that at first he was "agnostic" towards Frank's data. But when he saw the far more detailed images from the Polar camera he became suspicious. It was simply unlikely, he says, that the clusters of spots on the images could have been caused by snowballs in space. Parks began an analysis of his own images taken with the Ultraviolet Imager (UVI) on the NASA Polar satellite. There he found the same dark spots that Frank had found on his images.

He grew even more uneasy about Frank's analysis when he found that the UVI had recorded the same dark spots while pointed at a UV light in the laboratory.

When Parks began a minute examination of the images, made by breaking the clusters of spots down into tiny picture point, or pixels, he found statistical evidence that he was seeing not real events, but what he calls an "instrument artifact."

After Parks had detailed his analysis in an article for Geophysical Research Letters, Frank released one hour of data that overlapped with Parks' UVI images. Parks has made a comparison of the two and now believes, even more emphatically, that Frank has been attempting to interpret background noise.

What is causing the spots on the images? Park blames the very complexity of the cameras themselves, which consist of a number of parts, including optics, an image intensifier that includes a device for multiplying electrons, a TV screen and a light-gathering charge-coupled device. Parks suspects that the dark spots change character as the camera's high voltage is varied.

Parks claims that Frank has taken complex images and selected only one tiny area as evidence of the comets' existence. "He never shows the full image because it always looks corrupted by noise," he says.

Is Parks then denying the existence of cosmic snowballs? "The burden is on Frank, he's got to prove they exist," Parks says. "He is seeing things that are scientifically not permitted. It would, for example, be easy for me to say these dark spots are UFOs, but it would be up to me to prove it."

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Regards Diane Harrison

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Co Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@fc.net>
Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:45:33 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 06:41:20 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>Once I had created the head with eyes I needed to insert the
>eyeballs. In 3D it is always easier to create a ball which fits
>within the head. An eyeball that size would not only be too big
>to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross
>each other at the bridge of the nose).

>I tried making the head bigger and bringing the eyes much
>further apart to incorporate the eyeball size, the result looked
>very unlike the description most people give and would still
>leave little room for a brain.

>Next time someone draws a sketch of an alien that supposedly
>abducted them, look at the eyes.

>Imagine looking down on the creature so you can see the contour
>of the eye and follow it round and you'll see what I mean.

>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>interest.

I have one which I don't necessarily endorse. But I have read
it in more than one abductee comment, either printed or
appearing here: the huge "eyes" are really lens coverings,
like, say, built-in sunglasses or night-vision optics. These
"lenses" are thin; the true eyes underneath are smaller than the
lenses.

So I've read anyway.

For what its worth ...

-Brian

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:53:26 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 06:51:38 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>From: Ed Gehrman
>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 08:26:11 -0800
>Fwd Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:04:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 10:56:34 -0600
>To: Roger Evans
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I had written:

>>This is not true. The improper use of containment suits is one
>>of the most glaring examples.

Ed replies:

>Its not clear to me where you got this information. I think it
>qualifies as more hearsay

<snip>

>Non-military doctors, which I maintain these are, might have
>>worn their suits any way they pleased. Were you in the military?
>SOP was hardly ever followed, just given lip service. There was
>wide variation. Ever heard of SNAFU?

Gee, Ed. Make up your mind. On the one hand you maintain that I'm dead wrong because the containment suit issue is nothing but "hearsay"; on the other hand, you go to great lengths to try and justify the improper usage that you just said didn't exist!

Moving on I wrote:

>>I've spent many hours in the operating room
>>early in my career documenting operations and other surgical
>>procedures on 16mm film. The techniques and methods presented in
>>AA are "Hollywood" versions of what an audience might expect to
>>find in an operating room; not what really exists.

Ed replied:

>I totally disagree. I was an orderly for three years during
>college and then again after I left the service, most of that in
>ER or surgery. Not only did I see hundreds of doctors in action
>but I also assisted them on a daily basis and they explained
>what they were doing and why.

More nonsense from Ed. Orderly's are not used the operating room under any condition. Operating rooms are restricted to vital personal only. And just how much "dissection" did you see while working in the ER, Ed?

Continuing, Ed offered:

>Both these doctors are surgeons,
>probably not pathologists.

They are neither, Ed. They are actors, and not very convincing

ones.

Moving on, Ed wrote:

>There are doctors who have seen the AA and they agree with me on
>this point.

I would ask for names of these doctors but I know you'll dodge the question like you did on the following topic concerning effects. I had written:

>>Name one special effects expert that has
>>attempted to duplicate the alien and failed. Tell us where we
>>can see the results. I work in special effects on a daily basis
>>and would like to study the attempts you speak of. If you can't
>>direct us to a web site, then how about a name and address so I
>>can talk to these "effects experts" that have tried in vain to
>>duplicate AA. Or is this another claim you've pulled out of thin
>>air?

Your incredible reply is as follows:

>You should read more carefully. I never stated some had
>attempted and failed.

Ed, this is getting embarrassing. Following is an exact excerpt of what you wrote:

>>Not one of the special effects experts has been able to recreate the
>>creature or anything resembling the creature or any part of the
>>creature. Many have talked about how easy it would be, but no
>>one has succeeded.

And you claim to be an historian?

Don't you even bother to check the archives before you write this stuff?

Continuing, I declared:

>>More to the point: Just because I and others in the effects
>>field haven't spent out own time and money duplicating what is
>>seen in AA doesn't mean that we can't do it. I simply do not
>>need to waste a single dollar proving to you what is obvious to
>>me.

Ed's reply:

>More hot air! Make a hand or a foot, something to show you care;
>not just big talk and nothing else.

Hey, Ed! I've got an even easier idea! Why don't you give us some evidence to back up your claims about the special effects and the doctors and the containment suits! How about a name and address; something to show you care; not just big talk and nothing else.

Ultimately I wrote:

>>But I have to agree
>>with you that there is no proof that Ray has the talent or
>>historical knowledge to pull this off successfully.

Your reply:

>See we can agree to some things. Since this is the case, how
>_did_ he do it?

Irony is lost on you, Ed. I said he didn't do it "successfully"..... ;)

Continuing, Bob Shell had written:

>>"I have seen no compelling evidence that there is anything
>>extraterrestrial involved in this event at all."

To which I asked:

>>Please explain how this is positive support that the alien and
>>AA is real?

Now your position is:

>I don't necessarily believe that the creature is an ET either.

Then what's the point of all this if it's not?

And finally, I asked:

>>How do you account for the lack of repeated frames that would be
>>present if the film were transferred to video? (see Michael
>>Lennick's excellent post on the subject)

Ed replied:

>I'm the first to admit that I am not a technical person; I'm a
>historian, but are you saying here that there was not any film
>at all and there was just a video made and then made to look
>like it was shot in 16mm. (like the tent footage) Why don't you
>show us how that might be done; just a few seconds if its so
>easy.

Okay, Ed. It works like this:

Video (in the US) is shot at 30 frames per second. (actually,
it's more like 29.94, I believe, but we'll round it to 30,
okay?)

Motion picture film (in the US) is usually shot at 24 frames per
second.

When 24fps film is transferred to video, 6 additional frames
must be "manufactured" so that 1 second of film screen time will
equal 1 second of video screen time. Therefore, every 4th frame
is doubled during transfer to make up the missing 6 frames; i.e.
1,2,3,4,4,5,6,7,8,8,etc,etc.

Therefore, any film shot at 24 frames per second and transferred
via a modern "flying spot scanner" such as a Rank Cintel or
Philips will show this anomaly. Such a video studied one frame
at a time will reveal a doubled fourth frame. Always.

However, if film were shot at 30 frames per second and
transferred to video, then there would be no frame doubling
present. However, the end result would still look like film
because of the lack of interlacing within each frame. In other
words, even though video is also shot at 30 frames per second,
each frame is made of two consecutive fields. Field one contains
the odd lines and field two contains the even lines. Video gets
its unique look when something being shot moves between the
scanning of field one and field two.

This is known in the business as a "motion artifact".

In effect, video has 60 'half-pictures' zooming by every second.
This is why video looks so silky smooth and "live", unlike film.

However, a "film look" can be achieved by simply "deinterlacing"
the video image and removing half the fields (usually the even
fields). Then, a duplicate of the odd field is used to fill in
the gap made by the missing even field. Resolution is
sacrificed, however, all "motion artifacts" are removed in the
process. The end result is identical to that of film shot and
transferred at 30 frames per second, but with slightly less
resolution. (like that would matter in AA!).

If this sounds complicated and expensive, it's not. Videonics
makes a device called the MX-1 that does this conversion in real
time. The unit only costs about \$850.00 new. Post houses have
offered similar processes for years; long before AA.

You might be interested to know this process is used extensively
in the music video industry on a daily basis.

Now, what is it that Ray does for a living?

Finally, you wrote:

>Explain it away.

Why bother. You won't listen.

For the record, after all this time and all the posts, you still have not addressed a single issue presented regarding AA. No matter what anyone presents, you simply say you don't believe it or that it's hearsay or that you don't understand how it could be. Your obsession over AA and your overzealous defense of Ray, in my opinion, borders on the religious. I grow tired of explaining the obvious.

I have nothing else to say to you on this topic.

AA is a fraud. The End.

(that's it for me, EBK)

later,
Roger Evans

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>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 14:42:13 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>Subject: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
>Tuesday, January 25, 2000 | 6:22 a.m.
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>Investigations of Claims of the Paranormal, in Washington.

This is so much hogwash: "...social-psychological phenomenon,"
in which people believe they see a UFO because they are looking
for one....

I have been searching for UFOs for over 45 years and have only
had one sighting... in Sept. 1967.

I spend hours upon hours on the road, in all types of weather,
all times of the day and night, in virtually every type of
geography here in this country.

Back roads at 2 - 3 a.m. Mountains, day and night, etc., etc.,
etc.

I go to "skywatches" for the specific reason to "see a UFO." I
don't see anything which I can't in all good conscience
identify as astronomical, aeronautical, or weather related
phenomena.

So for Phil Klass, or any of his associates to make such a
statement is ludicrous and misleading.

>"All its takes is one sighting report, and within days you will
>have thousands more," said Robert Baker, a professor emeritus of
>psychology at the University of Kentucky. "Everybody starts
>looking up in the sky and seeing things, too."

>This pattern is called a "social-psychological phenomenon," said
>Baker, who has interviewed thousands of witnesses who claimed to
>have seen UFOs.

Well, Dr Robert Baker has not interviewed me! I have talked
to professors who show a total lack of respect for the
observations of those who have professed a sighting.

CSICOP are totally closed minded. Will not go out and
investigate the area where the event took place, or talk to
other people in the area. They simply set in their chairs and
pontificate!

I would tell them to get off their duff and get into the fields,
and backroads where the sightings take place. You are not apt
to have to many UFO sightings setting in an office in some
University, or Corporation, as a rule.

I may not have the academic credentials of Dr. Baker, but I do
have dirt sense! I have talked to the neighbors and those
professing the sightings.

Is this all you intellectuals have to do? Sit on your duff and
play at sounding like "Experts in ufology?"

I don't know why you waste our time posting these type of
reports in newspapers. They can't do anything constructive for
ufology.

Another thing. Why aren't all of you who profess these
sightings documenting them with video and 35 mm film shots?
Isn't it amazing how all of these sightings are either made by
those who don't have a camera of some kind available, or take
pictures of "lights" in the sky, which have no definition or
background by which to measure their density?

In todays climate, there is no excuse for not having a camera
with you at virtually any time. In your car, in your bag or
purse.

Police cars equipped with old technology video cameras. They
should all have night vision capabilities, for obvious reasons,
not including UFO sightings.

Just for your information...I carry a 35 mm camera, binoculars,
micro-cassette recorder/player, electromagnetic field detector,
compass and geiger counter in my car all the time, and many times
I also carry a stereo, High-8mm camcorder and tripod!

Always carry a tripod! Enough of these shaky little lights in
the black night sky.

Give me a break! Sheesh...

REgards, Mike

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 00:24:15 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 07:02:00 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

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>Anyway, cutting to the chase, after working on this I found
>these things to be impossible creatures.

Keep in mind that these aren't necessarily "creatures." I've been entertaining some of the more bizarre theories, such as Budden's "electrostaging" hypothesis, which would make the "aliens" neurologically produced "inverted homonculi."

>Once I had created the head with eyes I needed to insert the
>eyeballs. In 3D it is always easier to create a ball which fits
>within the head. An eyeball that size would not only be too big
>to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross
>each other at the bridge of the nose).

Assuming that these bug-like people are real, who says their eyes are spherical? They could be more along the lines of ocular portals.

>I tried making the head bigger and bringing the eyes much
>further apart to incorporate the eyeball size, the result looked
>very unlike the description most people give and would still
>leave little room for a brain.

Interesting approach. One of the impressions I've received from the ubiquitous abduction literature is that these aliens may be more mechanical than artificial. If they have some sort of hive mind, as some witness testimony indicates, there might not be a need for cranial space like there is in humans.

Plus, witnesses tend to emphasize the most dominating features in their sketches. Most of these people are untrained artists. Should we accept their reconstructions literally?

(One of Whitley Strieber's remarks in 'Communion' is that the archetypal alien head on the cover isn't as big as what he observed. And since I seem to have been under attack lately, let me stress that this isn't a whole-hearted endorsement for Strieber...or any other "abductee.")

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>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>interest.

"Impossible creatures"? Not really. Possibly just weird creatures. They're supposed to be aliens, right?

Re: The Eyes Have It

--Mac Tonnies

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>Greetings list -

>Couldn't help but laugh a bit while reading this article. The
>"experts" in this article sure do a great job of pulling out all
>the stops. This could be a candidate for debunking article of
>the year.

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><http://insidedenver.com/shns/story.cfm?pk=UFO-SIGHTING-01-25-00&cat=AN>

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>researchers said they don't count on witnesses to describe
>sightings accurately.

Gee, we should apply this in the criminal justice system! Would quickly resolve the problems of overcrowding!

>Klass, often called the dean of UFO research, said the object,
>described as flying slowly and silently, was probably a hoax or
>some kind of a balloon with intense lights or flares. "I would
>suspect this report is bogus," Klass said.

If I thought the rest was bad enough, this para really got to me! WHO calls Klass the 'dean' of UFO research?

No one I know of! Never heard that said before!

And why is it that no one, at least few reporters if any, challenge Klass to provide scientific proof that something is bogus?

First thought was that the reporter was trying to show the sightings were not real. But thought a few seconds more- no, the reporter has deliberately used juxtapositioning between the 'experts' and the people who actually viewed the as yet unidentified objects, to a really very obvious end - he makes the 'experts' look bad! One fault though, is that few of the experts are actually commenting on this particular sighting. Only Klass appears to be directing his comments at the specific sighting.

The one problem I always had in my days as a reporter, was being expected to do a 'reaction' piece. Some big story or government decision comes off the wire at 8 am, and has maybe been included in the 9 am newscasts on tv and radio, but in a shortened form, and I was supposed to have local reaction from local people who were either the local 'experts' or even just people affected by the story, completed for morning deadline at 8:30 am. It just ain't possible!!! And whatever you get isn't credible! You can't expect any 'expert' who often has only heard the story from you the reporter, to comment on something he/she has no details of, has not had a chance to check out themselves and only a few fragments about at best. Its not fair journalism.

And the story is a waste of time. But try and convince editor's of that!!! This story reads like the 'experts' had no idea what the reporter was talking about when called for an opinion or reaction!

Who says there is no sense of humour among ufonauts!

Lesley Cluff

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>interest.

The problem is you're making two assumptions which might not be accurate! First, are we sure the surface of the 'eye' is actually curved like our is? I have read nothing that suggests it is. In fact, it sticks in my mind that it has been described as flat.

And two, you are assuming that the creature would have eye 'balls' like us. We know from the way cameras work, that an image can be glimpsed accurately without a ball like device to register the picture on. I've never seen curved film.

Is it not possible the eye structure is either conical with perhaps a curved back or even maybe flat back. In either case, the eyes can then fit side by side quite comfortably!

And don't forget those who have suggested it seemed to them that perhaps the covering of the eye was artificial, and the real eye is behind it. Rather like built in sunglasses!?

Am looking forward to comments on this one! I guess its a safe assumption that no evidence from the AA film will be allowed to be used in this discussion? ;-)) Although I do recall hoping to see exactly what the eye would look like and I don't recall getting an answer to my question. Only saw it once though.

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Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 07:17:35 -0500
Subject: AL <squared> TV

...What you haven't heard, won't otherwise hear, and in the hearing might shake you by your stacking swivels. An ethical duo in a half hour show, soaring, cleaving, and liking it. Look for the link a few bars down on my splash page.

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Mars Polar Lander Mission Status - January 25, 2000

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Mission managers have decided to send another set of commands to Mars to investigate the possibility that a signal detected by a radio dish at California's Stanford University came from Mars Polar Lander.

The commands were sent at 10 a.m. PST today. They will instruct the lander, if it is operating, to send a signal directly to Earth to the antenna at Stanford on Wednesday, January 26, at approximately 1 p.m. PST. The Stanford receiving station will listen again during the window on Wednesday to see if it picks up a signal that could originate from Mars. The results of this test will not be immediate and it will take the team several days to process the data.

Mission managers sent commands several times in December and January instructing Polar Lander to send a radio signal to the 45-meter (150-foot) antenna at Stanford. Although no signal was detected in real-time, the team in charge of the Stanford antenna says that after additional processing of the data they may have detected a signal that could have come from Mars during tests on December 18 and January 4. Because the signal was so weak, it took several weeks for the Stanford team to process their data and reach this conclusion.

"This week's test is a real long-shot, and I wouldn't want to get anyone too excited about it," said Richard Cook, Polar Lander project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA. "The signal that the Stanford team detected is definitely artificial, but there are any one of a number of places it could have originated on or near Earth. Still, we need to conduct this test to rule out the possibility that the signal could be coming from Polar Lander."

If in fact the signal were from Polar Lander, two failures would have had to occur. First, the lander's X-band radio that it would use to transmit directly to Earth would have to be broken. Second, there would have to be a problem somewhere in the relay with Mars Global Surveyor that prevented the signal from being picked up and relayed by the orbiter. It is unlikely that a broken transmitter on the lander could be fixed, and unclear whether a problem with the relay could be resolved.

Although the Stanford data from the previous tests took several weeks to process, the team expects to have results within several days now that they know what they are looking for.

Even if the signal were coming from the lander, there is little hope that any science could be returned. However, it would give

the team a few more clues in trying to eliminate possible failure modes.

Mars Polar Lander is managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA's Office of Space Science, Washington, DC. Lockheed Martin Astronautics Inc., Denver, CO, is the agency's industrial partner for development and operation of the spacecraft. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: "Steven W. Kaeser" <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 08:20:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 09:07:17 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 08:26:11 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>I don't get it; can't you read. How many times do I have to post
>this. Is Bob lying here or what? 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."

Ed-

You appear to have such a good memory for this matter and yet you ignore the information that doesn't fit the argument you want to support. Bob made this statement based on information that he had been given by Ray, and has since developed doubts about many facets of that. You might want to contact him. He believed that the film was Cine Kodak Super XX because he was shown film boxes that the film allegedly came in, which was his sole means of identification.

Since that statement, which you have posted several times (which I have also referenced in earlier posts), Bob has indicated that he is no longer 95% sure of anything in relation to the "film". So why are we still clinging to that piece of evidence? He wasn't "lying", but was drawing a conclusion based on information that he had at hand, and since then he has changed his opinion.

No, this doesn't mean that he now dismisses the AA "film" as a hoax, but let's try to keep the discussion on an even keel if we can.

When the fact that the sample pieces of film are actually dupes is brought up you respond:

>Why don't you tell me why you find this so significant. If it
>is copied, then it was copied in 1947 or thereabouts and since
>all agree that there simply wasn't the technology to hoax the AA
>at that time, then it must be legitimate. Isn't that what TDC
>stated clearly on their web site. As I have said and will say
>again, the nature of the film ie copied, not copied, original
>duped and so forth is very confusing to most folks, not just me.
>And you all continue to muddy the waters more by the way you
>argue your case. If it is a copy, how does that work into the
>whole story and why is that so damaging. If Ray was fooled into
>buying a copy, so what? Did the cameraman hoax Ray? How did he
>put this all together? Just give me some scenario that accounts
>for how this all came down, some place where we can start to
>unravel this mystery.

The importance is that Ray's initial statements indicated that

this was original film, and the fact that the pieces that he has forwarded to validate the AA "film" were obvious dupes. Perhaps more significantly, the initial investigation by Saino indicated that the copier used to make the duplication was not available until the mid 50's, which puts a real crimp in the Cameraman's story. Bob has indicated that he believes an earlier copier would leave the same markings, but admitted that Saino's research was both valid and important in our effort to seek the truth. Bob now has two snippets of film supplied by Ray, and has no reason to believe that either have any relation to the AA "film" (except that they all come from Ray).

>>How do you account for the lack of repeated frames that would be present if the film were transferred to video? (see Michael Lennick's excellent post on the subject)

>I'm the first to admit that I am not a technical person; I'm a historian, but are you saying here that there was not any film at all and there was just a video made and then made to look like it was shot in 16mm. (like the tent footage) Why don't you show us how that might be done; just a few seconds if its so easy. Did you bother to read the discussion of the debris?

>Explain it away.

If you aren't prepared to hold a "technical" discussion, then how are you going to discuss specifics? I'm certainly not that technical either, but I have at least paid attention when others have posted their arguments and try to understand them. Several researchers have taken the "film" apart piece by piece and analyzed it to the ground, and you could probably find an argument to support the fact that it's a film transfer if you tried hard enough. But to what end?

A South American television station produced an AA segment that was almost identical to the original (at least on the surface), and with current technology we could produce a video that would appear to be a transfer from film (not to mention the addition of "artefacts" in the video that would appear as a result of a PAL to NTSC transfer). But what has all this proven?

That you believe that the AA "film" matter should be resolved is commendable. But researchers have limited time and resources, and since there is nothing left to truly investigate in relation to Santilli's "film", I think you'll find that most have moved on to more productive pursuits.

Steve

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>Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 06:56:59 -0500
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>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 14:42:13 -0500
>>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
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>>Tuesday, January 25, 2000 | 6:22 a.m.

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>>"I've often said that if anyone will spend one hour looking in
>>the sky on a clear night, he or she will see a UFO," said
>>Phillip Klass, founder of the Committee of the Scientific
>>Investigations of Claims of the Paranormal, in Washington.

>This is so much hogwash: "...social-psychological phenomenon,"
>in which people believe they see a UFO because they are looking
>for one....

>I have been searching for UFOs for over 45 years and have only
>had one sighting... in Sept. 1967.

>I spend hours upon hours on the road, in all types of weather,
>all times of the day and night, in virtually every type of
>geography here in this country.

>Back roads at 2 - 3 a.m. Mountains, day and night, etc., etc.,
>etc.

>I go to "skywatches" for the specific reason to "see a UFO." I
>don't see anything which I can't in all good conscience
>identify as astronomical, aeronautical, or weather related
>phenomena.

Michael:

Have you ever been at one of those skywatches when others
thought they saw a UFO but you did not? To what did you
attribute this? Your standards or powers of critical thinking
may just be higher than that of many others.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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This unintentionally hilarious piece reads like a CSICOP press release. If I had to put money on it, I'd bet that the reporter is a subscriber to Skeptical Inquirer; she certainly seems to know who the leading debunkers are. She doesn't seem to have a clue, however, about responsible ufologists who could have given her a more balanced assessment. That's assuming, naturally, that she wanted one, a proposition for which there is no evidence whatever.

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Good question: till now I, too, have never heard Klass called the "dean of UFO research," much less "often." (I've heard him called a few other things, sometimes often.) Oh well, if you're a debunker, factual detail doesn't matter. Reminds me of a sneering reference debunker Robert Sheaffer made years ago to Allen Hynek, calling him the "self-styled Galileo of ufology." Reading Sheaffer, you'd think that Hynek was comparing himself to Galileo, a vile falsehood if ever there was one. In fact, it was Newsweek that had compared Allen, who was a modest, unassuming man who would never have thought of himself so grandiosely, to Galileo.

Jerry Clark

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TMP News: News Briefing - January 26, 2000

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Below is my response to this article by Heather Ratcliffe.

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"In over 30 years of UFO investigation I have not studied a single sighting for which I could not find a prosaic explanation." -Paraphrase of a statement by Philip J. Klass

Could some UFOs actually be manifestations of Other Intelligences (OIs) or Non-Human Intelligences (NHIs) such as extraterrestrials (ETs), visiting the earth and interacting with human beings? Or are all reports of such sightings simply mistakes, hoaxes, or dreams of the hopeful believers? It all comes down to explanation. If there were no sightings which are richly detailed, credible, and yet unexplainable, the UFO subject would be based totally on theoretical expectations, as is the so-called Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). SETI is based on the theory that we could detect electromagnetic radiation, such as radio waves or light, that is radiated toward us, intentionally or unintentionally, by extraterrestrial civilizations.

If all sightings had reasonable explanations, then theoretical speculations about ET intelligences visiting the earth might be interesting but of little practical consequence. Ufology, if there were such a thing in the absence of unexplainable sightings, would consist of studying witnesses who, evidently, failed to identify explainable (identifiable) phenomena or who simply made up "tall stories" about ET visitation. "Ufological science," if it existed under these circumstances, would consist of psychology, psychiatry and perhaps sociology.

There are skeptics who believe that this is exactly what ufology

should consist of.

Noted UFO skeptic Philip J. Klass has provided perhaps the most straightforward statement of the skeptic's position on UFO sightings in his book UFOs: the Public Deceived (Prometheus Books, Buffalo, NY, 1983, pg. 297), wherein he writes that the "Occam's Razor" alternative to unexplained UFO sightings, is this: "...roughly 98% of sightings are simply misidentifications of prosaic, if sometimes unfamiliar, objects by honest persons..(and) ... the balance, roughly 2%, are self-delusions or hoaxes by persons who like to spin tall tales and become instant celebrities." In other words, UFO reports are the results of misidentifications, delusions, and hoaxes, period! There is not one case for which there is no "prosaic explanation." As evidence of this Mr. Klass has offered prosaic explanations for a number of famous sightings. Of course, Mr. Klass has not attempted to explain each of the hundreds of thousands of sighting reports which have been made over the last half century. However, he has proposed explanations for a representative sample of reports which are classified as "good" by most ufologists and, on this basis, he has generalized his statement to apply to the bulk of the UFO sighting reports.

Mr. Klass' statement is that he has provided "prosaic" explanations for all the reports he has studied. A reader of Mr. Klass' analysis would likely assume that each prosaic explanation is, in fact, the actual explanation for a particular sighting. At least, that is what the typically logical, but uneducated (in the deep lore of ufology) and trusting reader would infer from Klass' statement. It is also what the generally skeptical scientific community and the news media would infer from Klass' statement. Unfortunately, his statement is wrong.

Klass would have the reader believe that he has correctly explained all the sightings he has investigated. If he were correct then his argument about misidentifications, hoaxes, and delusions making up 100% of UFO sightings would be unassailable, at least for the sightings which he has investigated. (One can always imagine that some sighting(s) not investigated by Klass is (are) unexplainable, but that's not the point of this discussion.) However, in some cases he has offered prosaic explanations which are demonstrably wrong. In other cases he has proposed explanations which may not be provably wrong but which are, at the very least, unconvincing. (Note that in the absence of confirmatory information, it may not be possible to decide whether an explanation is correct, but it is possible to decide whether or not an explanation is convincing.) Hence Klass' claim is literally correct: he has offered prosaic explanations for the sightings he has investigated. But the logical inference that these are the correct explanations is wrong: there are sightings which he has investigated but has not explained. From the scientific point of view, it is not sufficient to propose explanations that are incorrect.

To say that at least some of Klass' prosaic explanations, even explanations for well publicized sightings, are wrong is a strong statement. However, an even stronger statement can be made: Klass' analysis has demonstrated that at least some of the cases he has investigated have no prosaic explanations. Why is this? Because Klass, having analyzed these cases carefully, has proposed the only potential explanations that remain after all other explanations have been rejected. That is, there are no other potential prosaic explanations that make any sense. Hence, when his proposed explanations are proven wrong there are no remaining candidate explanations and the sighting becomes that of a TRue UFO (TRUFO), which might be evidence of OI/NHI/ET.

The Case of the Damaged Police Car

The first example of a case for which Klass' proposed prosaic explanation is wrong, or, at best, unconvincing, is the rather traumatic experience of police officer Val Johnson of Warren, Minnesota. (See the above reference, page 223). Shortly after 1:30 a.m., August 27, 1980, as he was cruising the countryside in his police car in an area of low population, he noticed a bright light that he could see through the trees of a small wooded area. Thinking it might be a landed airplane carrying illegal drugs from Canada, he accelerated along a road toward

the area of the light. Suddenly this light moved rapidly toward his car. He heard a noise of breaking glass and lost consciousness. When he regained consciousness, he was leaning forward with his head against the top of the steering wheel. There was a red mark on his forehead which suggests that he might have bumped his head on the wheel hard enough to render him unconscious (he said he was not wearing his seatbelt at the time). After regaining consciousness he called the police station. It was 2:19 a.m.. He had been unconscious for about 40 minutes. He reported that something had "attacked" his car.

When another officer arrived on the scene a few minutes after Johnson's report, he found Johnson's car nearly 90 degrees to the road (blocking the road) and skid marks nearly 100 ft long. Johnson was found in a distraught condition, in a state of shock. He said he recalled seeing the bright light rushing toward his police car and he recalled hearing breaking glass. The next thing he recalled was realizing he was sitting with his head on the steering wheel. He did not recall skidding to a stop. He complained about pain in his eyes and was taken to a doctor who could find no eye damage. He did not complain of a headache.

Of particular importance is damage to the police car. One of the two glass headlight covers on the driver's side had been broken; there was a large crack in the windshield on the driver's side; a plastic cover on the light bar on top of the car had a hole in it; there was a dent in the top of the hood, and two of the three spring-mounted antennas were bent 60 or more degrees, with the bend occurring over a short distance (i.e., sharp bends). Examination of the antenna surfaces using a microscope showed that the insect matter ("bug tar") that coated the antennas was "stretched" at the bend, but there was no other disturbance of the insect matter. Evidently the antennas had not been scraped or rubbed when they were bent. Also, the electric clock in the car and Johnson's mechanical wristwatch both read fourteen minutes slow, although Johnson was certain he had set both before he had begun his nightly patrol.

The damage to the car was physical evidence that something strange had taken place. Careful studies of the damage were made by the police department and by scientists working with the Center for UFO Studies. They could find no evidence or reason to believe that Johnson had damaged his own car. They could find no prosaic explanation for the sighting. Klass also investigated the sighting. He spoke to several people who knew Johnson and asked about his interest in UFOs. According to his friends he seemed no more interested in UFOs than in numerous other subjects. They could provide no reason to believe he would intentionally damage his car to create a UFO incident. He might "hide your coffee cup," one gentleman told Klass, but "as far as we know, he's never told any untruths."

Klass concluded his discussion of the Officer Johnson UFO sighting by offering two alternatives. He wrote:

"The hard physical evidence leaves only two possible explanations for this case. One is that Johnson's car was attacked by malicious UFO-nauts, who reached out and hit one headlight with a hammerlike device, then hit the hood and windshield, then very gently bent the two radio antennas, being careful not to break them, then reached inside the patrol car to set back the hands of the watch on Johnson's arm and the clock on the car's dashboard. These UFO-nauts would then have taken off Johnson's glasses, aimed an intense ultraviolet light into his eyes, and replaced his glasses, while being careful not to shine ultraviolet on his face.

Or the incident is a hoax. There are simply no other possible explanations."

Klass' amusing version of the "UFO/ET hypothesis" should not detract from the importance of his statement that, "There are simply no other possible explanations." In other words, if it was not a hoax then there is no prosaic explanation for this sighting. Perhaps Klass realized that the hoax hypothesis was unconvincing at best and intentionally tried to make the UFO alternative seem silly. (One envisions "little green men" or "grey entities" molesting the police car and officer Johnson, perhaps laughing gleefully as they hammered his car!)

The police department did not accuse officer Johnson of damaging the police car. Yet, Klass' book, published about 3 years after the incident, clearly implies that this event had to be a hoax since it was clearly not a misidentification or a delusion (recall that, according to Klass, roughly 98% are misidentifications and the remainder are hoaxes or delusions). Several years after the publication of the book I challenged Klass to send a letter to the police chief of Warren, Minnesota, along with a copy of his book chapter so that the police chief would realize that he should charge Johnson with damaging the car. So far as I know, Klass never did send such a letter and officer Johnson has never been charged with damaging the police car.

UFO In The Snake River Canyon

Klass is not the first to offer prosaic explanations. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who, in his later years, became a strong proponent of UFO investigation (founder of the Center for UFO Studies in 1973), began his "UFO career" in 1948 as a strong skeptic/debunker. His explanations of a number of UFO sightings helped to set the tone of governmental UFO investigation in the early years. One of his most unconvincing explanations was that offered for the sighting by Mr. A. C. Urie and his two sons on August 13, 1947. They lived in the Snake River Canyon at Twin Falls, Idaho. According to the FBI investigative report of this case, at about 1:00 p.m. Mr. Urie "sent his boys to the (Salmon) river to get some rope from his boat. When he thought they were overdue he went outside to his tool shed to look for them. He noticed them about 300 feet away looking in the sky and he glanced up to see what he called the flying disc." This strange object was flying at high speed along the canyon which is about 400 feet deep and 1,200 feet across at that point. It was about seventy-five feet above the floor of the canyon (and so more than 300 feet below the edge of the canyon) and moving up and down as it flew. It seemed to be following the contours of the hilly ground beneath it. Urie, who said he was at about the same level as the UFO, so that he had a side view, estimated it was about twenty feet long, ten feet wide and ten feet high, with what appeared to be exhaust ports on the sides. It was almost hat shaped with a flat bottom and a dome on top. Its pale blue color made Urie think that it would be very difficult to see against the sky, although he had no trouble seeing it silhouetted against the opposite wall of the canyon. On each side there was a tubular shaped fiery glow, like some sort of exhaust. He said that when it went over trees they didn't sway back and forth, but rather the treetops twisted around, which suggests that the air under the object was being swirled into a vortex. He and his sons had an excellent view of the object for a few seconds before it disappeared over the trees about a mile away. He thought it was going 1,000 miles an hour.

Hynek offered the following "prosaic explanation," which became part of the official Air Force record on the sighting (see the files of Project Blue Book): an atmospheric eddy. Why this explanation? The object appeared pale bluish in color, like the sky, and the trees were moving around as if a swirling wind went over them. Hynek explained the blue color as a "reflection" of the blue sky in the hypothetical atmospheric eddy. He offered no explanation of how this eddy could appear to have the strange "hat" shape, be traveling at about 1,000 miles per hour, how there could be a fiery glow at one location on the side of the "eddy" or why the eddy would appear as a solid rather than transparent object.

With a little thought he could have realized that no atmospheric eddy could reflect or bend light (as in a mirage) coming down from the sky enough to redirect it toward the witnesses. An eddy is a density inhomogeneity in the atmosphere which, in principle, might bend light by a very small fraction of a degree. However, for Hynek's explanation to work, the light would have to be bent five degrees or more, far beyond anything the atmosphere could do. Hynek's explanation is another failed prosaic explanation. Even Hynek realized this and repudiated his explanation years later (see The Hynek UFO Report, Dell Pub. Co, NY, 1977).

The "First" Sighting

The June 24, 1947 sighting by private pilot Kenneth Arnold was not really the first recorded UFO sighting. However, it was

the first sighting to be publicly reported and it attracted worldwide interest. It also attracted more than its share of explanations. One of the scientists with an excessive urge to explain was Dr. Howard Menzel. In his first book, *Flying Saucers* (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass, 1953), Menzel offered a blanket explanation for sightings that occurred within the first five years of modern UFO sightings (1947-1952): misidentified atmospheric phenomena including the effects of the atmosphere on sunlight, unusual clouds caused by particular wind patterns, and mirage effects (light ray bending in the atmosphere). He suggested several different atmospheric and cloud effects to account for the Kenneth Arnold's sighting. In later books (*The World of Flying Saucers*, Menzel and Boyd, Doubleday and Company, Garden City, NY, 1963; *The UFO Enigma, The Definitive Explanation of the UFO Phenomenon*, Menzel and Taves, Doubleday and Company, Garden City, NY, 1977) he offered other atmosphere-related explanations and one non-atmospheric explanation (water drops on the windshield of the airplane).

Mr. Arnold, a businessman and private pilot with over 4,000 hours of flying experience, had reported seeing nine semicircular, thin (compared to the length), shiny objects in a line flying southward past the western flank of Mt. Rainier and "swerved in and out" of a chain of mountain peaks south of Rainier. The objects were therefore about twenty miles east of him (he was about twenty miles west and ten miles south of Mt. Rainier and flying east at the time). He timed their flight from Rainier, southward, to Mt. Adams, a distance of about fifty miles. They crossed this distance in 102 seconds. Hence, the direct interpretation of Arnold's sighting is that these objects were traveling at about 1,700 mph. (This was about four months before Yeager exceeded the speed of sound in a test aircraft, in October, 1947). In reporting the speed calculation, Arnold arbitrarily reduced the speed considerably to account for possible errors in his measurements. He publicly stated that the objects were traveling at about 1,200 mph. Arnold reported that he first saw the objects as they flashed or reflected the bright afternoon sunlight when they were north of Mt. Rainier and last saw them (by their flashes) as they passed Mt. Adams. The total sighting duration was two and a half to three minutes.

Dr. Hynek was the first scientist to try to explain Arnold's sighting. Hynek used some details of the observation and an assumption about Arnold's visual acuity to calculate an approximate size of the objects. He obtained a large size (two thousand feet long, one hundred feet thick). He could not accept this size as reasonable so he decided to ignore Arnold's claim that the objects went in and out of the mountain peaks south of Mt. Rainier. By ignoring this statement (essentially implying Arnold had made a mistake in the observation) Hynek was able to assume that the objects were much closer. Hynek decided that Arnold saw large airplanes and he then estimated that the distance was only about six miles. This shorter distance reduced the calculated speed to about 400 mph. Since this speed was within the capability of military aircraft Hynek identified the objects as "aircraft," thereby also ignoring Arnold's description of the objects. Recent analysis of the Arnold sighting shows that Hynek made an incorrect assumption about Arnold's visual acuity. Had he made the correct assumption he would have obtained a much smaller size (under one hundred ft long and ten or so feet thick) and then, perhaps, would not have rejected Arnold's distance estimate, in which case he would have had to accept the speed estimate. Had he accepted the speed estimate the history of the UFO subject might have been different.

Hynek's work was done secretly for the Air Force in 1948 under "Project Sign"(1948). (This was the first of three projects for UFO sighting analysis. The other two were Project Grudge [1949-1952] and Project Blue Book [1952-1969]). About four years later Dr. Menzel tackled Arnold's sighting. In his first book, *Flying Saucers*, Menzel summarized the sighting and then criticized the Air Force for accepting Hynek's explanation and went on to propose a much more "obvious" solution. Menzel wrote, "(Arnold) clocked the speed at about 1,200 miles an hour, although this figure seems inconsistent with the length of time that he estimated them to be in view. From his previous statement they could scarcely have traveled more than 25 miles during the three minutes that he watched. This gives about 500 miles an hour, which is still a figure large enough

to be startling." Note that Menzel did not tell the reader that Arnold had timed the flight of the objects between two points. Instead, Menzel invented a travel distance of twenty-five miles, and implied that this distance was covered in three minutes (180 seconds). Hence he was able to assign a much lower, although "startling," speed of 500 mph.

Menzel went on to "solve" the mystery of Arnold's sighting: "Although what Arnold saw has remained a mystery until this day (1953), I simply cannot understand why the simplest and most obvious explanation of all has been overlooked... the association of the saucers with the hogback (of the mountain range south of Mt. Rainier)... serves to fix their distance and approximate size and roughly confirms Arnold's estimate of the speed." (Note that Menzel, unlike Hynek, accepted Arnold's distance estimate). Menzel then went on to suggest that Arnold saw "billowing blasts of snow, ballooning up from the tops of the ridges" caused by highly turbulent air along the mountain range. According to Menzel, "These rapidly shifting, tilting clouds of snow would reflect the sun like a mirror...and the rocking surfaces would make the chain sweep along something like a wave, with only a momentary reflection from crest to crest."

This first explanation by a scientist with the reputation of Dr. Menzel may seem slightly convincing, but only until one realizes that (a) blowing clouds of snow cannot reflect light rays from the sun (60 deg elevation angle) into a horizontal direction toward Arnold's airplane and thereby create the very bright flashes that Arnold reported in the same way that a polished metal surface or mirror would, (b) there are no 1,200 mph or even 500 mph winds on the surface of the earth to transport clouds of snow (fortunately!), (c) there are no winds that would carry clouds of snow all the way from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams (Arnold saw the objects pass Mt. Adams before they were lost to his view), (d) Arnold flew eastward along a path that took him south of Mt. Rainier minutes later and surely his plane would have been strongly buffeted (and perhaps destroyed!) by such high winds, but he reported, instead, very calm conditions, (e) an atmospheric oscillation wave can't bend or reflect light over an angle of nearly 60 degrees, which would be necessary to make it appear as if the sun had been reflected by objects nearly at Arnold's altitude, and (f) an atmospheric oscillation wave with a "phase velocity" of 1,200 mph is unlikely, but in any case, when traveling southward its crests would be oriented east-west, so if it reflected any sunlight at all (highly unlikely), the reflection would be in the north-south direction and not westward toward Arnold's plane. Furthermore, even if such amazing atmospheric phenomena had occurred, it is difficult to imagine how Arnold could have failed to realize that he was just seeing light reflected from snow blowing from the top of Mt. Rainier, especially since, only minutes later, he flew along a path that took him about twelve miles south of Mt. Rainier as he continued his trip east to Yakima, Washington.

In case the first explanation wasn't sufficiently convincing, Menzel offered "another possibility": he suggested that perhaps there was a thin layer of fog, haze or dust just above or just below Arnold's altitude which was caused to move violently by air circulation and which reflected the sunlight. Menzel claimed that such layers can "reflect the sun in almost mirror fashion." Menzel offered no substantiation for this claim. Perhaps he was thinking in terms of a "forward reflection" from an atmospheric layer when the Sun is so low on the horizon (and nearly along the line of sight to the reflection) that the light rays make a "grazing angle" with the layer. If so, then that explanation as applied to the Arnold sighting makes no sense, since the Sun was at an elevation of 60 degrees and southwest of Arnold, who was looking east. Furthermore, layers form under stable conditions and violent air circulation would tend to break them up so there would be no "reflections" of sunlight. Again, one wonders how Arnold could have failed to notice that he was just seeing strange effects of the atmosphere.

Ten years after his first book, Dr. Menzel offered his third, fourth and fifth explanations in his second book, (The World of Flying Saucers): mountain top mirages, "orographic clouds" and "wave clouds in motion." To support the third explanation, he presented a photograph of mountain top mirages taken by a

photographer many years earlier, and proposed by the photographer as the explanation for Arnold's sighting. (This is the "official" Air Force explanation. It appears in the files of Projects Sign/Grudge/Blue Book along with Hynek's explanation. These files are available to be reviewed on microfilm at the National Archives.) The mirages appear as vague images above the tops of the mountains. (Actually the mirage is an inverted image of the top of the mountain.) These mirages can be seen under proper atmospheric conditions (requiring a stable atmosphere) when the line of sight from the observer to the mountain top is tilted by less than one half a degree above or below horizontal. Unintentionally (or intentionally?) Menzel failed to report in his book the following information in Arnold's report: as the objects traveled southward, he saw them silhouetted against the side of Mt. Rainier which is 14,400 feet high, much higher than the altitude of the saucers. Since mountain top mirages occur above the mountain peaks, these objects were far below any mirage of Mt. Rainier. Of course, mountain top mirages stay above the tops of the mountains, so the mirage theory cannot explain the lateral high speed movement of the objects reported by Arnold. Nor can a mirage explain the bright flashes of light from the objects.

Menzel's fourth explanation was that Arnold saw orographic clouds, which can assume circular shapes and often form in the lees (i.e., downwind of) mountain peaks. The clouds would, of course, be large but, as Menzel notes in his book, they "appear to stand more or less motionless." The lack of motion, as well as the lack of bright reflections, rules them out, so why did he even mention them? Also, Arnold would have realized they were just clouds as he flew past Mt. Rainier only minutes later.

Menzel's fifth explanation, wave clouds, is comparable to his first suggestion of "billowing blasts" of snow, except that this time he proposed clouds of water vapor instead of snow. In his second book, this explanation was supported by a photograph of such a cloud taken by a newspaper photographer. However, this explanation, too, fails to account for the very bright reflections reported by Arnold, for distinct semi-circular shapes, and for the high lateral speed. Again, Arnold surely would have recognized a cloud as he flew past Mt. Rainier.

In his third and last UFO book, *The UFO Enigma, The Definitive Explanation of UFO Phenomenon*, written in the early 1970's, (just before Menzel died), he again discussed Arnold's sighting and offered his sixth (and last) explanation: Arnold saw water drops on the window of his aircraft.

To support this explanation, Menzel appealed to his own sighting of "UFOs" that turned out to be water drops that had condensed on the outside of the window of an aircraft in which he was flying. They moved slowly backwards from the front of the window. They were so close to his eyes as he looked out the window that they were out of focus and he thought they were distant objects moving at a great speed until, after a few seconds, he refocused his eyes and discovered what they were. In comparing his "sighting" with Arnold's, Menzel writes: "I cannot, of course, say definitely that what Arnold saw were merely raindrops on the window of this plane. He would doubtless insist that there was no rain at the altitude at which he was flying. But many queer things happen at different levels in the earth's atmosphere."

Although no one would argue with Menzel's claim that "queer things" happen at different levels of the atmosphere, this fact is irrelevant. Had Menzel bothered to carefully read Arnold's letter to the Air Force, he would have seen Arnold's statement that he turned his plane sideways and viewed the objects through an open window to be sure that he was getting no reflections from window glass. (Fortunately, Menzel did not propose water drops on Arnold's eyes!)

The "bottom line" is that neither Hynek nor Menzel proposed reasonable explanations for Arnold's sighting, but that didn't stop the Air Force from accepting one of the explanations (mirage).

In 1947, shortly after Arnold's sighting and during the massive

wave of sightings that occurred between late June and the middle of July, numerous explanations for the sightings of Arnold and other witnesses were proposed. The first explanation was that proposed by Arnold himself, namely that saucers were some new secret aircraft of the United States Army Air Force (the Air Force was still part of the Army). However, very quickly (within days) after Arnold's sighting the U.S. government publicly denied having any secret aircraft that could account for saucer sightings. This denial was also privately made to J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by General George Schulgen of the Army Air Force. (The denial is in the FBI's file on flying discs, the "real X file.") On the other hand, the Air Force began to be worried over the possibility that the Soviet Union had developed flying saucers to threaten the United States, but this worry was not conveyed to the public.

Howard Blakeslee, the Associated Press Science Editor, wrote an article that suggested "quirks of eyesight" could explain the saucer mystery. He pointed out that anything looks round if it is too far away to see details. "This law covers small things seen nearby and large ones at great distances." He described his own sightings of "flying saucers" which were bright reflections from distant aircraft. "Planes at great distances tend to look round when light is reflected from their sides," he wrote. He rejected the daytime meteor hypothesis (see below) and the hypothesis that upper altitude ice crystals formed "little round clouds." According to Blakeslee, "Nothing published in science or atomic studies gives the slightest clue to flying saucers unless the objects are aircraft."

Although I cannot now cite the reference, it is this author's recollection that someone claimed that flying saucers were actually "motes in the eye" which are small particles such as blood cells which float in the fluid within each person's eyeball. Motes are only visible when they move to an area between the lens and the fovea; when they move out of this area they "disappear." These particles, when viewed against a bright sky, can appear to be dark objects far away and thus may be mistaken for large objects at a great distance. Of course, they move whenever the eye does and this can impart "unearthly speeds" to the apparently distant, large objects. (Note: one can be temporarily fooled by motes, but a simple test is to turn the eye and stare in another direction. If the "object" moves with the eye, then it was a mote.)

Dan Nelson, an attorney in Oklahoma City, published his explanation in the "Daily Oklahoman" newspaper, July 29, 1947. On July 30 the FBI contacted him to learn more about his solution to the mystery. (Yes, the FBI did investigate sightings in 1947, so, in a small sense the "X" files are real!) According to Nelson all sightings from inside vehicles, including airplanes, that had windows were reflections of sunlight from shiny objects onto the windows. The light reflected from these shiny objects was then re-reflected toward the eye of the observer who was looking through a window and could thus see the reflection silhouetted against the background as if there were a shiny object "out there", far outside the vehicle. Naturally reflections such as this could do unnatural things such as pace a vehicle or suddenly accelerate, make fast turns and even suddenly disappear. According to Nelson, the vibration of a car, for example, would give the objects "an appearance of rotating" and "reflections (in the windows) caused them to appear flat or saucer shaped." Moreover, "...any number of objects might be seen according to the direction that the car is traveling and the number of bright objects being reflected onto the window. He further stated that these objects might be seen in an ordinary window in a house according to the lighting conditions..." Mr. Nelson told the FBI that he had not actually talked to saucer witnesses but "he believed that these reflections plus the excitement and hysteria caused by other reports has been the basis for most flying saucer reports." (Classic armchair theorist!!) Obviously Nelson's explanation could not apply to Arnold's sighting, but Nelson didn't know that since Arnold's full report was not published until many years later.

Recently some skeptics have proposed that Arnold saw a flight of geese or pelicans heading southward at high altitude (about 9,000 feet). These birds were proposed because they are large and can fly quite rapidly, perhaps up to fifty miles per hour.

Of course they would have been quite close to Arnold for him to see them (an eighty foot long object at twenty miles has the same apparent [angular] size as a four foot long object at one mile). Of course, these birds would not cause bright mirror-like reflections of the Sun but, as skeptics often do, they tried to convince people that Arnold incorrectly reported the bright "flashing" of these objects (perhaps assuming that Arnold got it wrong or simply lied about it). They also overlooked the implications of Arnold's claim that he turned his plane and rolled down his window to look at the objects with no intervening glass. Since he was sitting on the left side of the plane it is logical to assume, although Arnold did not explicitly say so, that he turned the plane to the right and rolled down the left hand window to look eastward toward the objects. At this time he would have been flying southward, roughly parallel to the flight path of the objects for a short time. Arnold did not report his air speed. However, because of the type of aircraft he was flying his speed would definitely have been above a stall speed of about eighty mph and probably above 100 mph. In any case he would have realized immediately that he was gaining on these objects. He would have realized that they were relatively slow compared to his speed and certainly he wouldn't have estimated the speed at anything like 1,700 miles per hour, or even 100 miles per hour. In other words, had they been birds, even if unrecognized by Arnold, he would have had no reason to think that he was seeing radically new aircraft with extreme flight capabilities, so his whole report would have to be a fabrication.

In June, 1997, just in time for the Fiftieth Anniversary of Arnold's sighting, San Francisco Examiner science writer Key Davidson published another explanation: meteors. The details of the explanation are given in a small monthly publication by Philip Klass which he calls the Skeptics UFO Newsletter (SKUFON; issue #46 of July 1997). (One wonders why it took fifty years for this explanation to be proposed. Could it be that previous skeptics considered this to be just too "outrageous?") Mr. Klass has been writing articles and books purporting to explain UFO sightings over the last thirty years, yet he has not previously "explained" the Arnold sighting. (His first book, UFOs Identified, was published in 1968.)

According to Mr. Klass, writing in SKUFON, the new explanation was published by Mr. Davidson after some research that was "sparked by a conversation" with Mr. Klass. The exact nature of this conversation was not reported, but one may imagine Klass suggested that Davidson ought to check on the possibility that Arnold saw meteors. According to Klass, after some research Davidson discovered that "the number of meteor falls reaches a peak around 3:00 p.m." in June in the northern hemisphere. Arnold's sighting occurred at 3:00 p.m., June 24, 1947. Thus, according to Klass' article, the large number of meteors detected in June lends support to the meteor hypothesis. (The astute reader will note the careful, "lawyerly" use of words: "lends support to" which is not the same as "proves" or "is evidence for.")

Klass' SKUFON article mentions Arnold's statement that the objects seemed bright and shiny as if reflecting the Sun. By way of comparison and explanation, Klass cites a 6:00 p.m., June, 5, 1969 pilot sighting, which he claims turned out to be several meteors, in order to point out that meteors, when seen in the daytime, can look as if they are shiny metal. These pilots saw the bright objects seeming to come toward them (i.e., they were looking along the trajectory of the objects) and thought they were looking at shiny metallic objects. The pilots thought the objects were close, when in fact they were over a hundred miles away.

Klass also points out that pilots can make errors (as if we didn't know that!). The implication is that if the 1969 pilots could mistake daytime meteors for UFOs, then perhaps Arnold did also. However, the Arnold sighting was quite different from the 1969 sighting.

Arnold reported seeing repeated bright flashes at varying time intervals from nine objects traveling one after another, along a roughly horizontal trajectory. Their altitude was about 6,000 feet (since they traveled at the level of the mountain peaks south of Mt. Rainier). He realized that the flashes

occurred as the objects tilted steeply to the left and right as they flew along a southward path. Arnold concluded that the flashes were a result of reflections of light from the Sun which was high in the sky to the west (behind him). The objects flew southward past Mt. Rainier and, when they weren't tilted, he saw them as thin dark lines silhouetted against the snow on the sides of Mt. Rainier. When they were tilted but not aligned with the Sun, so as to make a bright flash, he saw them as semi-circular at the front with convex, somewhat pointed rear ends (one object seemed to have a double concave crescent shape at the rear).

By way of contrast, meteors which are traveling fast enough to glow (or, actually, to cause the air around them to glow) do not dim to the point of being "not bright" and then brighten again, repeatedly. This is because, as Klass correctly points out, what causes the light is the high velocity of the meteor passing through atmosphere. The meteor is traveling so fast that it "instantaneously" heats the air as it passes through. (Note: Klass gives a meteor speed as 10,000 mph or 2.8 mi/sec. However, this is lower than that of any body entering the earth's atmosphere from space. Free fall to the earth from a great distance would produce a speed of about 7.4 mi/sec at the earth's surface in the absence of atmosphere. Orbital speed, which is lower than meteoric speed, but still large enough to cause a plasma in the upper atmosphere, is about 5 mi/sec.) This heating is a very rapid process caused by the meteor compressing the air ahead of it and raising the temperature (kinetic energy of the air molecules) to the point where the air becomes ionized (a plasma). In returning to the un-ionized state (free electrons reuniting with the atoms/molecules) the atoms/molecules give off light, which appears to envelop the meteor (one does not see the meteor itself, but rather the envelope of heated air). The natural tendency of a meteor is to slow down as it meets with resistance, while forcing itself at high speed through the atmosphere. If it slows to a speed low enough so that it no longer creates a plasma, it will become dark (not giving off light) and will not again appear bright, since there is no way for it to regain its lost speed. At the high altitudes of meteors (50 miles and higher), the atmosphere is quite thin and easily heated to the plasma state by the speed of the meteor. Furthermore, the air resistance is quite low, so the meteor can travel a great distance before being slowed to "sub-plasma" speed. However, as the altitude decreases, the atmospheric density, increases and it takes ever more energy from the meteor to maintain a glowing plasma. It is doubtful that any meteor would be still glowing at an altitude of 6,000 feet, but if it were, it would be quite large and eventually would be slowed to the point of hitting the earth. The suggestion that one, or several, meteors could travel many miles horizontally at a speed high enough to glow while at an altitude of 6,000 ft is not supported by any known physics of meteors.

Klass points out that Arnold estimated he saw the objects for two and a half to three minutes. This includes about half to three quarters of a minute before they passed Mt. Rainier and another nearly two minutes after they passed Rainier. This would be "extra long" for a meteor. Most meteors most burn out (at high altitude) in a second or so, although large meteors, called fireballs, can be seen from one location on the earth for many seconds up to a minute. Since meteor durations are limited to a minute or less, Klass argues that Arnold's time estimate was probably wrong. He points out that "witnesses are notoriously unreliable in estimating the time duration of unexpected events" and cites the March 3, 1968 reentry of the Zond Soviet space rocket as an example in which witness errors resulted in sighting duration estimates as low as fifteen seconds and as high as five minutes.

There is an important difference between Klass' example of witness error and the Arnold sighting: Arnold used a clock!

Klass acknowledges that Arnold used his dashboard clock to time the passage of the objects between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, but Klass does not mention the time duration reported by Arnold. Instead, he writes as follows: "SUN questions whether Arnold...who was focusing his attention on the unusual objects while also occupied flying his aircraft... would have taken his eyes off the objects to carefully observe his cockpit

clock." In other words, Klass questions the accuracy of the witness' claims about his own actions. If the actions seem illogical to Klass, then the actions are suspect and, of course, any data resulting from the actions are suspect. (Note: if Arnold had not looked at his clock but simply reported an estimated time the skeptics would probably raise the question, why didn't he look at his clock?)

So, why did Arnold do such an "illogical" thing as look at his dashboard clock as the objects were disappearing? Even though Klass used Arnold's letter to the Air Force as a reference, he does not tell his readers that Arnold wrote that he intentionally measured the speed: "I had two definite points I could clock them by" (he was referring to Mt. Rainier about twenty miles east-northeast of him and Mt. Adams about forty miles south-southeast of him). He reported that he could see that the objects were flying southward so he looked at his dashboard clock as the first object passed the south flank of Mt. Rainier. He then watched the objects as they continued southward. During this time the objects passed over a ridge that is about five miles long. According to Arnold "the first one was passing the south crest of the ridge" as the last one "was entering the northern crest." Hence, they covered a total distance of about five miles. By the time they were passing Mt. Adams they were so far away he could only see their flashes. At this point there was no reason to continue watching carefully because they were fading out in the distance. Therefore he wasn't missing anything by taking his eyes off the objects to look at the clock. The second hand on his clock showed that 102 seconds had passed. (Note: he was able to pay attention to the objects even though flying the plane because, as he reported, the atmosphere was calm and clear and there were no aircraft in his vicinity; the closest aircraft was roughly fifteen miles north and heading away from him.)

The calculated speed based on Arnold's measured time between Rainier and Adams is by itself sufficient to reject the meteor explanation (is this why Klass did not report the calculated speed?). The objects traveled about fifty miles in 102 seconds, corresponding to a speed of about 1,700 mph, far below any meteoric speed and certainly not enough to make the atmosphere glow.

By way of comparison, if one were to hypothesize a meteor in a level trajectory traveling at essentially orbital speed but at an altitude of 6,000 ft, it would have required only roughly ten seconds to travel from Mt. Rainier to Mt. Adams. Even at Klass' underestimated speed of 10,000 mph the flight time between the peaks would be only about seventeen seconds. One would hope that Arnold, using his dashboard clock, could tell the difference between 102 seconds and ten (or seventeen) seconds.

Aside from the difficulty in imagining that Arnold could mistake ten seconds for 102 seconds, the mere suggestion that a meteor, or nine such meteors, could travel at a meteoric speed at an altitude of 6,000 feet while glowing brightly is far outside the accepted meteor phenomenology. Meteors cool as they penetrate the lower atmosphere, or rather the speed decreases to the point that they are no longer ionizing the dense air. Hence the basic concept that Arnold saw bright meteors traveling past Mt. Rainier must be rejected.

Consider now the number of explanations that have been offered for the Arnold sighting: secret US aircraft (Arnold and other witnesses), secret Soviet aircraft (US Air Force Intelligence), quirks of eyesight (Blakeslee), motes in the eye, reflections in glass (Nelson), mirage (Hynek), blasts of snow (Menzel), haze reflection (Menzel), mirage (Menzel), orographic clouds (Menzel), wave clouds in motion (Menzel), water drops on the windshield (Menzel), birds/geese/pelicans (recent skeptics), and meteors (Klass/Davidson). With this dozen or so available explanations, surely the Arnold sighting has been explained.

NOT!

The complete Arnold sighting and an in-depth discussion of the failed prosaic explanations are available from this author via email (brumac@compuserve.com).

From studying the approach of the skeptics to explaining just the Arnold sighting, one learns Maccabee's First Rule of Debunking: any published explanation is better than none. The Second Rule is, if the first explanation seems unconvincing or just plain doesn't work, publish another. The Corollary to the Second Rule is (you guessed it!) if that doesn't work try yet another.

The procedure of proposing explanations is part of the scientific approach to explaining UFO sightings. However, simply proposing explanations is not sufficient. It is the "first half" of the method. The other "half" of the method is to test each proposed explanation against the information from the sighting and to decide whether or not it is, at least, convincing (you may not be able to determine whether or not an explanation is correct, but it is possible to determine whether or not it is convincing). Unfortunately Menzel, Klass and other skeptics generally have not carried out this second half of the scientific method. Menzel simply proposed explanations, one after another, as if it were logical to believe that the more prosaic explanations one could offer for a sighting, the more likely it is that the sighting could be (or has been) explained by one of the explanations. This, of course, makes little sense. Each sighting has one and only one explanation. Thus the analyst should pick the best or most convincing explanation out of a collection of potential explanations (by using the complete scientific method on each sighting and rejecting the unconvincing ones) and then publish that explanation and only that explanation. As a "rule of thumb" to help the reader decide whether or not a sighting has been explained, I would suggest that the larger the number of proposed, unconvincing explanations, the less likely it is that the sighting has been explained.

The Fantastic Flight of JAL1628

Klass followed the scientific procedure when he published his analysis of the Val Johnson case discussed above. Klass clearly stated that the only prosaic explanation was a hoax by officer Johnson, all others having been rejected by the testimony and the hard evidence. He then left it up to the reader to decide whether or not he had made a convincing case for it being a hoax. However, he did not follow the scientific method in his attempt to justify the meteor hypothesis for the Arnold sighting, nor in his analysis of the following sighting that occurred in 1986.

Japan Airlines Captain Kenju Terauchi had been mildly interested in UFOs for years, but didn't get to see one close-up until November 16, 1986. He and two other crew members were flying a 747 Jumbo jet (designated JAL1628) that was transporting a load of wine from Paris to Tokyo (and they didn't have one drop to drink...nor one drink to drop!), when suddenly, while over northeastern Alaska, they were confronted with a startling event: the appearance of two objects or "crafts" right in front of their aircraft. These objects suddenly appeared and maintained a fixed distance, estimated at 1,000 feet, ahead of their aircraft for about ten minutes (they were flying at 35,000 feet at about 600 mph). The captain reported that he felt the sudden occurrence of heat on his face. Each object had two parallel vertical rows of yellowish lights that appeared like exhausts emitting flames. Each object rocked from side to side, and the rocking of the two objects was synchronized. Initially the objects were one above the other, but after several minutes they suddenly moved to a side-by-side orientation. They were not recognized as any known aircraft by the crew, which reported the event to the Anchorage, Alaska, Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC). The ARTCC tracked the airplane on radar and tried to detect the objects but was unable to do so. About ten minutes after their initial appearance, these "crafts" suddenly disappeared from ahead of the airplane. Within seconds of the disappearance, the captain noticed a strange light, like a long narrow fluorescent glow, at the left side of the airplane, quite a distance away. He turned on his airplane weather radar and noticed a large radar return about eight miles away in the direction of the faint glow. As the plane flew southward, this light drifted behind the aircraft. Suddenly, a lot more of it became visible (by self-glow or by silhouette) and the captain referred to it as a "gigantic spaceship." This caused the captain to request a decrease in altitude to get away from it.

At the same time the ARTCC requested that the plane make a circle to see what was behind it. Nothing was seen, but a radar target was detected momentarily behind the aircraft. Subsequently the aircraft was flying southward toward Anchorage when the captain last saw the "gigantic spaceship" far to his left and behind him, that is, roughly north of the aircraft.

The most complete report of this sighting ever published, along with analysis and a discussion of the proposed explanations, is presented in the article entitled "The Fantastic Flight of JAL1628," which appears in the May-June, 1987, issue of the International UFO Reporter (IUR), which is published by the Center for UFO Studies (www.cufos.org). An email version (without nice illustrations) is available from the author. The above information above is a very shortened version of the sighting but it contains enough information allow a proper evaluation of the "prosaic explanations" proposed and publicized by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). The sighting occurred in November, 1986. The Federal Aviation Administration announced in early January 1987 that it was going to investigate the sighting because of all the press interest. (This is anomalous by itself since, so far as I know, the FAA had never investigated any sighting before.) Less than a month later, and more than a month before the FAA announced the results of its investigation, CSICOP announced that the sighting had been explained ("UFO Mystery Solved," press release by CSICOP on January 22, 1987, Buffalo, NY).

The press release stated that, "according to a leading UFO investigator" (Philip J. Klass) "at least one extraterrestrial object was involved - the planet Jupiter, and possibly another - Mars." The press release asserted that at the time of the sighting Jupiter was "extremely bright" at a -2.6 magnitude and would have been about ten degrees above the horizon on the left side of the aircraft where the pilot first reported seeing the UFO. Mars would have been slightly lower and about twenty degrees to the right of Jupiter. According to the press release, "Although the very bright Jupiter and less bright Mars had to be visible to JAL Capt. Kenjyu Terauchi, the pilot never once reported seeing either - only a UFO that he described as being a 'white and yellow' light in his initial radio report to the Federal Aviation Administration controllers at Anchorage."

The press release could have mentioned, but did not, that Terauchi did report seeing numerous stars in the sky, city lights, and a glow of sunset in the west.

The CSICOP explanation was based mostly on Klass' interpretation of an early version of the transcript of the audio tape made at the Anchorage ARTCC. The radar tracking data were not made available until over a month later, so Klass had no information on the precise locations and flight directions of the plane at the times of the various sighting events. Therefore, he couldn't prove that Jupiter and Mars were in the locations or sighting directions (relative to the airplane) that he stated in the press release. On the other hand, there were rather explicit descriptions and drawings by the captain which had been widely publicized and which certainly were available to Klass but apparently he ignored them.

Klass made a major error in not waiting for the release of the complete information package by the FAA, because, if he had waited, he would have found that the publicized versions of the sighting were quite close to the descriptions of the "crafts" that were given by the crew during interviews. These descriptions rule out Jupiter and Mars as possible causes of the sighting. Without the FAA data package he did not know that initial drawings were made only about two hours after the event. Nor did he know that the other crew members, in separate interviews, supported the captain's report of the objects that appeared in front of the plane. Nor did he know that at the beginning of the sighting the two crafts were almost directly ahead of the plane and not in the direction of Jupiter and Mars. Nor did he know about the sudden rearrangement of the relative positions of the objects from one above the other to one beside the other, a maneuver that Jupiter and Mars would have difficulty carrying out during the time of the sighting (!). Nor did he know that at the end of the sighting, while the plane was flying southward, nearly toward Jupiter and Mars, that the pilot reported the "gigantic spacecraft" was behind and to the

left, in a direction nearly opposite to the direction to the planets.

The CSICOP press release discussed and rejected the FAA and Air Force radar detections. Curiously, however, it completely ignored the claim by the pilot that the airplane radar did detect a radar-reflective object at seven to eight miles in the direction of the UFO. Perhaps Klass rejected this claim, but if he had waited for the data package from the FAA, he would have learned that the other two members of the crew confirmed the pilot's statement about the radar detection.

Thus, the Jupiter-Mars explanation is contradicted by the sighting directions to the UFO at various times, by the descriptions of the crew members, and by the airplane radar detection. (Another "prosaic explanation" bites the dust!) Unfortunately, the "gullible" press did not know that at the time. The explanation was widely publicized. It made the captain look like an idiot, but as far as the press was concerned, that's OK. Only idiots report UFOs. Having done their duty the news media promptly forget about the sighting.

In retrospect it appears that the CSICOP press release which was marked "FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE" should have been marked "FOR PREMATURE RELEASE."

The FAA finally did make a public report on the sighting on March 5, 1988 ("FAA Releases Documents on Reported UFO Sighting Last November," by Paul Steucke, Office of Public Affairs, Alaskan Region, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation, March 5, 1987, Anchorage, AK). This report concentrated on the controversy over the radar detections or non-detections by the ARTCC. It did not discuss the airplane radar detection nor did it discuss the visual sightings. It basically said that the ground radar did not support the claim of a sighting. This was not, of course, the same as saying there was no sighting, but the national press presented the FAA investigation results as if they proved there was no sighting.

The most important result of the FAA investigation was a data package which the FAA made available. This included radar data listing the exact airplane locations, headings and speed, the complete transcript of the ARTCC audio tape of the event and all the transcripts of the interviews with the crew members and air traffic controllers. With this data package anyone could have analyzed the sighting and concluded that Mars and Jupiter were not the solution.

Apparently that is exactly what Klass did after my detailed article was published by the Center for UFO Studies, because several months later CSICOP published another explanation (recall Maccabee's First Rule of Debunking mentioned above). This time it was moonlight on clouds! (Klass, P.J., "FAA Data Sheds New Light on JAL Pilot's UFO Report," The Skeptical Inquirer, Summer, 1987, Buffalo, NY)). Since the moon was low in the eastern sky Klass argued that the "crafts" were explained as reflections of moonlight from the clouds and "turbulent ice crystals." According to Klass, the turbulent ice crystals "could have generated flame-colored lights" (he didn't explain how) and "this would also explain why the undulating lights would periodically and suddenly disappear and then reappear as cloud conditions ahead changed. When the aircraft finally outflung the ice clouds and the initial 'UFO' disappeared for good (the Captain) would search the sky for it, spot Jupiter further to the left and conclude it was the initial UFO." Klass attributed the airplane radar sighting to "an echo from thin clouds of ice crystals."

Klass's explanation verges on scientific garbage. Although the crew reported there were thin clouds far below the plane there is no reason to suppose that moonlight reflected off ice crystals in these clouds would generate "flame colored lights." Klass' explanation certainly could not account for the heat which Terauchi felt on his face. Nor would it explain the peculiar parallel arrays of flames or yellowish lights associated with two independently flying objects that appeared ahead of and above the plane, continuously for many minutes. Nor would it explain the sudden rearranging of these arrays of lights. According to Klass, the reflection from crystals could explain the colors of the lights. However, the reflected light

would be basically the color of the moonlight. A variation in color would occur only if the moonlight were "broken" into its spectrum by refraction of light in the crystals (similar to what happens with rain and a rainbow). But the spectrum of white light contains more than just the yellow, amber and green which were reported. Blue and red should also have been noted if the air crew were looking at what would essentially be a "rainbow."

The lights ahead of the aircraft were described as bright. The copilot compared them to headlights of oncoming aircraft. A reflection of the moon from thin clouds would cover large areas of cloud and would be dim, diffuse, or "patchy," but not point-like.

Klass' explanation for the airplane radar target is total conjecture on his part since the clouds were reported by the crew to be thin. Would there be any return at all from such clouds? One might ask, if there were so many clouds, why didn't the radar pick up numerous "blobby" returns on the right side and ahead of the aircraft as well as on the left where the "gigantic spaceship" appeared to be. And, of course, Klass' explanation does not account for the appearance of a "gigantic spaceship."

The bottom line is that Klass proposed two prosaic explanations for this sighting but neither explanation was correct. Each one failed for physical reasons when compared with the information in the sighting report. The fact that he was able to propose seemingly reasonable prosaic explanations was valuable from the standpoint of publicity for the skeptical viewpoint and debunking sightings, but it was useless from the point of view of scientific analysis of UFO sightings. This sighting, along with those of officer Johnson, Kenneth Arnold, and A.C. Urie remain unexplained and, in my opinion, will remain unexplained.

The Case of the Flashing Triangle

It is rare when the physics of the physical evidence in a sighting absolutely proves a prosaic explanation to be wrong. If there is physical evidence associated with a UFO sighting, its value or pertinence is generally disputed by the skeptics, who find some justification for ignoring the physical evidence and thereby removing an impediment to accepting the proposed explanation. However, in the case I am about to discuss the physical evidence stands on its own and MUST be explained if the sighting is to be rejected as evidence for the ET or OI/NHI hypothesis.

During the early morning of December 31, 1978 there was a series of sightings off the east coast of the South Island of New Zealand. These sightings made news around the world. While flying on a freighter aircraft loaded with newspapers a TV news crew saw and filmed strange lights which, in the opinion of the experienced air crew (pilot, copilot) were extraordinary. The complete story has been published in the article entitled, "Analysis and discussion of the Images of a Cluster of Periodically Flashing Lights Filmed Of the Coast of New Zealand," which is published in the Journal of Scientific Exploration, Vol 1 #2, 1981, pg. 149 (www.jse.com). An email version is available from the author. The published article presents the in-depth analysis of all the images in this section of the movie film. It is sufficient for this discussion to describe only those few images which are of particular interest here.

The TV news cameraman used a large Bolex electric camera with a telephoto lens. He held this camera on his shoulder because there was no room on the flight deck for a tripod. The flight deck has windows at the front and sides positioned so that the fields of view of the pilot and copilot, added together, is somewhat more than 200 degrees from left to right (the pilot sits on left side of the cockpit, the copilot on the right). The cameraman sat in a seat between and slightly behind the pilot and copilot and therefore had a field of view of less than 180 degrees. This is important to understand, because from his position he could not film the right wing of the aircraft without placing his camera lens directly in front of the copilot or sitting in the copilot's seat.

At 2:51 a.m., near the end of the flight of the Argosy freighter aircraft from Christchurch to Blenheim, the Wellington Air Route Traffic Control Center (WARTCC) announced to the crew that there was a large radar target north-northwest and about 20 miles ahead of them. They were about 20 miles east of the coast, approaching Cape Campbell, at the northeastern "corner" of the South Island, at the time of the radar report. The air crew and the news crew recall seeing a light appear ahead of the plane and the news reporter on board recorded a statement about seeing a flashing light "like an aircraft beacon" that suddenly dropped downward and started "rolling and turning." He also said that he could see "orange and red among the lights." This all appeared to be happening in the sky above the land or ocean near the northeastern area of the South Island.

Although it is impossible to prove from direct evidence that the cameraman filmed this same light (because there was no synchronization between the filming and the audio tape), it can be proven that this section of his film was taken in the same time frame. Moreover, the film does, indeed, show a flashing light which cannot be identified with any known light in the area. Its flash rate is about once per second.

The movie camera created a series of pictures, called "frames," which recorded the images of the light, one after another, at a rate of about ten frames (ten pictures) per second. (The cameraman intentionally slowed the frame rate from the normal 24 frames per second in order to be sure that he got good exposures of the images.) Looking frame-by-frame through the 279 frames of the flashing light one finds that there are about ten frames per cycle of the flash (nearly thirty cycles are on the film). During each cycle the images start large and white or very pale yellow (overexposed) and they shrink in size and brightness to dim combinations of red and yellowish-orange and then increase in brightness and size back to large and white. It is of importance, for comparison with the proposed prosaic explanation, to note that the overexposed images have NO trace of red associated with them.

Philip Klass devoted three chapters of the above cited book (UFOs, The Public Deceived) to the famous New Zealand sightings. He proposed numerous prosaic, though, in my opinion, wrong, explanations for the lights seen and filmed and for the radar targets which were reported during the flight of the aircraft, first southward from Wellington to Christchurch and then northward from Christchurch to Blenheim. In Chapter 27 he discussed the section of film which is of interest here. Klass described the flashing light in the film as follows: "a light that fluctuates rapidly from dim red-orange to a bright white, then back to red-orange, then back to bright white at approximately the flash rate of the red-orange anti-collision beacons installed atop and beneath the the Argosy's fuselage."

Here Klass refers to red, not red-orange, rotating beacons on the top and bottom of the aircraft. These beacons project narrow beams of light that rotate around and appear as red flashes to a distant observer. These beacons were captured on film by the cameraman before the flight began. He set up his camera on a tripod while the plane was still at the airport and filmed the plane as the engines were warmed up in order to "run in" his camera. The images of these beacons show that when the light is pointed at the camera and is, therefore, brightest, the image is overexposed and consists of a yellow central circle surrounded by a wide, red annular region, i.e., a red ring around a yellow center.

Noticing that the flash rates of the upper beacon and the light on the film were, for all practical purposes, equal, Klass proposed that the flashing light on the film was actually the upper beacon. How could this have been done since there was no way the cameraman could directly film the beacon from inside the aircraft? Klass writes: "(the cameraman) would not have been able to film the topside beacon directly. But its intense illumination could have been reflected off one of the aircraft's rotating propeller blades when the beacon rotation rate and the propeller speed were roughly 'synchronized.' Such synchronization would have occurred when (the captain) began to throttle back for his descent (into Blenheim), possibly increasing the propeller pitch angle. A short time later, when he throttled back further, the requisite synchronization would

have been lost and the (UFO image) would mysteriously disappear."

The images on the film vary considerably in shape and size from frame to frame. Klass offered the following explanation of the image shape changes: "If (this section of film shows) a reflection of the beacon from the curved surface of the propellor blades, whose rotation rate was not perfectly synchronized with the rotating topside beacon, it readily explains the remarkable changes in shape, size and appearance of the (UFO) images that occur in a fraction of a second."

The actual explanation for the shape change is straightforward and has nothing to do with a hypothetical temporary synchronization of the beacon and the propellor rotation. Since the cameraman supported the camera on his shoulder in a moving, vibrating airplane most of the images were smeared by camera motion. However, some images were either not smeared or were smeared very slightly. This is because the camera pointing direction vibrated about some average position. Each time the image moved away from the center of the film the cameraman would twist the camera to recenter the image. The image would reach a maximum distance from center and then the image motion would momentarily cease before the direction reversed and the image moved back toward the center. Therefore, the frames obtained during moments of direction reversal, the "stationary frames," contain images that were not smeared or smeared very little. The brightest white images in these stationary frames are circular or nearly circular. The white and red-orange images that occur between stationary frames were stretched by the camera motion into "hot dog" shapes (elongated). The stationary frames which contain the dimmest, smallest images show a very unique arrangement of lights: a triangle consisting of an orange "dot" image just above two side-by-side red "dot" images.

Klass points out in his book that I rejected his hypothesis that the UFO image could have been a result of filming the reflection off the propellor of the beacon. Unfortunately, however, he did not describe my objections to his hypothesis even though he should have known what they were because of our extensive discussions of this sighting in numerous letters long before he wrote his book.

My first objection is not based on physics but on the fact that the cameraman, from his middle seat, could not have filmed in the direction of the propellor without putting his camera in front of the copilot or sitting in the copilot's seat, and neither the cameraman nor the copilot recall either such event.

The second objection is based on fundamental physics (optics/photography) and is, in fact, devastating to Klass' "prosaic explanation." (As mentioned above, I made him aware of this objection but he did not include it in his book.)

The clues have already been given and the astute reader may have already deduced the second objection. It is most evident in the comparison of the bright, overexposed UFO images with the bright, overexposed beacon images. As I stated above, the cameraman filmed the red flashing upper (and lower) beacon before the plane took off. The film shows that when the beacon was pointed toward the camera the images were relatively large and consisted of a yellow central circular area surrounded by a wide red annular region. The yellow center is caused by overexposure to the extent that the film cannot produce the correct color (it produces pale yellow rather than red because more film color layers than just the red-producing layer have been exposed by the extreme intensity of the light). The red annular region is a result of light scattering sideways in the film. As the light scatters sideways from the extremely bright central region of the image, the intensity decreases to a level at which the film can produce the correct color, in this case, red. (Example: had the light been green there would be a pale center with a very green annulus around it.)

This is completely different from the brightest images on the UFO film, however. A careful examination of the overexposed images shows that the centers are white or very pale yellow and there is NO red annular region. That means that these images were absolutely NOT made by filming a red light, whether directly, as by having the camera film directly toward the beacon, or indirectly, such as by reflecting the beacon light

off the rotating propellor blades. (There is another optical/photographic reason for rejecting the "propellor-reflected-light" hypothesis: a reflection off propellor blades would be extremely weak because the blades do not "fill up" the space. After all, propellor blades "disappear" and you can "see through them" when they are rotating rapidly. Any reflection under such circumstances would be extremely weak and diffuse and very unlikely to cause any overexposed images.)

Hence Klass' explanation is rejected for perfectly good physical reasons. (Note: a TRue UFO might be able to violate physics as we know it, but known objects such as beacons, cameras, and film cannot violate physics as we know it. The previous argument against the beacon hypothesis is based on well-known optical physics.)

The logical, skeptical response to the absolute rejection of this explanation would be, of course, to propose another explanation. Since the airplane was flying many miles off the east coast of the South Island of New Zealand, and since there were beacons along the shore, the first logical suggestion would be that the film shows one of these beacons. The cameraman said he was certain that he had not filmed a beacon. He said that whenever he saw a light which he couldn't identify he asked the pilot or copilot to identify it. The air crew was, of course, familiar with the beacons in the area and told the cameraman which lights were beacons. The statement by the cameraman is supported by a comparison of the film images with known beacons. Careful analysis of the film indicates that the source of the images was a triangular arrangement of lights consisting of a pale yellowish-orange light that pulsated at about 1 Hz, which was above two pulsating side-by-side red lights. The intensity of the upper light ranged from effectively zero (no image) to such a large value that it overexposed the film. The red lights also pulsated at 1 Hz, but in the opposite phase: when the upper light was at zero brightness the red lights were maximum, and vice versa. The red lights never got bright enough to overexpose the film. Using information supplied by the New Zealand government a search was made of all the beacons within about 50 miles of the aircraft. None of the beacons had a triangular arrangement of lights. Moreover, all the beacons were found to be too weak, too far away, to have the wrong flash period, or the wrong color. There is no beacon that could account for the film.

Yet another logical suggestion would be another aircraft. However, there were no other aircraft flying in that area of New Zealand at the time, according to the air traffic controller who was monitoring the Argosy flight to Blenheim.

The possibility that the film showed light from a boat was considered. There are no flashing lights such as this on boats (which have steady lights that do not change color). The only boats with lights bright enough to make overexposed images at long distances are squid fishing boats. They use very bright incandescent lights to lure squid to the surface at night for netting. The Japanese squid fleet was in New Zealand waters at the time, but their lights are steady and only white.

Yet another suggested explanation is that there was an emergency vehicle or police car with its lights flashing on the land closest to the airplane. Aside from the fact that emergency vehicles do not carry lighting of the type that would create images such as this, the pilot checked with the authorities and was told that there were no emergency or law-enforcement vehicles traveling the New Zealand highways and byways near the location of the plane at the time.

Another suggestion was that a light inside the aircraft was filmed. However, this suggestion was rejected because there were no flashing lights inside the aircraft and, furthermore, the captain had turned off all the cockpit lights, leaving only steady, dim red meter lights on the control panels.

As a last resort one might propose a distant bright planet on the horizon, fluctuating in brightness and color as a result of random atmospheric refractions. However, such fluctuations would not be perfectly steady and furthermore, Venus, the only astronomical light source bright enough to produce images remotely like these, was not visible at the time.

Now you know the reason that Klass proposed the upper beacon explanation: he was aware, from our considerable correspondence on this sighting, that all the other explanations had failed. The only remaining light that had a remote chance of explaining the sighting was the upper beacon, because of the near equivalence of the flash rate. Then Klass had to propose an auxiliary hypothesis to explain how the beacon could be filmed from inside the aircraft by reflection off the propellor. This was very clever, but unconvincing to the experienced optical physicist. But the final rejection of his hypothesis is based on the images of overexposed red lights as described above.

Without any other known sources of light to create the film images, this has to be considered unexplained and I know of no reason to believe that it will be eventually explained. It is a TRue UFO. If we assume that the lights which made these images were part of the object detected by radar at 2:51 a.m., at a distance of about 20 miles ahead of the airplane, then quantitative estimates can be made of the intensity and spacings of the lights (see the above cited reference for details of the calculations). From the spacing of the "dots" in the triangular images (orange "dot" above to side-by-side red "dots") one can calculate that the red lights were about 50 feet apart and the yellow-orange light was about 90 ft above the red lights. (Note: the calculated spacing is proportional to the distance assumed. If the lights were closer the spacing was less.) At its peak brightness the intensity of the upper light was considerably over a million candlepower. It was as if a powerful, pulsating spotlight had been pointed toward the witnesses on the airplane.

Conclusion

The few sightings discussed here are important because they illustrate the problem faced by skeptics who would argue that, because there are prosaic explanations for all sightings, there is no evidence for ET/NHI/OI contact. The problem faced by the skeptics is that there are sightings for which the generally accepted (by skeptics!) prosaic explanations are wrong or at least unconvincing. The failure of UFO skepticism, from the scientific point of view, has been to allow such explanations to be accepted by the scientific community. If UFOs were "ordinary science," the proposed explanations would have been rigorously analyzed, and probably rejected, rather than simply accepted. Scientific ufology needs skeptics, but skeptics who are capable of recognizing when a sighting simply cannot be explained by any prosaic explanation.

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From The Sceptic's Tank...

From: Jeff Westover <frequentflier66@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 08:05:14 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 13:47:51 -0500
Subject: From The Sceptic's Tank...

List,

There is a hilarious short film on the IFILM.com website titled "HERD". It's about a guy, a gray alien and the fun that they have together.

http://www.ifilm.com/films.taf?film_id=72837

Also, thanks to Phil K., Joe N., Robert B. and stealth blimps over Illinois for giving me reason to laugh again.

Seriously, I commend the police officers who were brave enough to step forward and speak about what they witnessed on January 5th over southern Illinois.

The recent CSICOP press interviews/press releases appear to me to be demeaning toward the innocent witnesses of unusual and anomalous phenomenon in our skies. CSICOP seems at times to do nothing more than to cause confusion in the public's mind concerning UFOs. A quick look at their website tells me that they do nothing more than to 'whip the dead horses' of astrology, superstitions, urban legends, etc. and to vye for media exposure with the likes of Steve Allen. I didn't see any in-depth essays or investigative articles dealing with the UFO problem. I do know, thanks to CSICOP, which psychic predictions failed to come true in 1999. For that, I do have to thank them.

Maybe someone should send them a copy of the new Peter Sturrock book so that they can review what actual scientific investigation and open-minded enquiry into the UFO problem is all about. You never know, one of the next Nobel Prizes may come out of scientific research related to this phenomenon. Shouldn't we attempt to advance scientifically if we're given the opportunity?

Jeff Westover,
UFO witness

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Re: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 08:48:20 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 13:50:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings

>Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2006 08:58:25 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hello, all, Jerome,

>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 00:48:45 -0800
>>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 19:38:16 -0800 (PST)
>>>From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
>>>Subject: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Couldn't help but laugh a bit while reading this article. The
>>>"experts" in this article sure do a great job of pulling out all
>>>the stops. This could be a candidate for debunking article of
>>>the year.

Yep, I agree, people like the reporter who wrote this wouldn't
aknowlege seeing something unusual as unusual even if bitten (or
as I understand,gummed) on the knee by one of the occupants.

>>>From:
>>><http://insidedenver.com/shns/story.cfm?pk=UFO-SIGHTING-01-25-00&cat=AN>

>This unintentionally hilarious piece reads like a CSICOP
>press release. If I had to put money on it, I'd bet that
>the reporter is a subscriber to Skeptical Inquirer;
>she certainly seems to know who the leading debunkers are.
>She doesn't seem to have a clue, however, about responsible
>ufologists who could have given her a more balanced
>assessment. That's assuming, naturally, that she wanted one,
>a proposition for which there is no evidence whatever.

Hey, there are no responsible UFOlolgists-except for Klass. and
her mind is made up . Witnesses included or deluded, include
police officers ,who actually tried to photgraph the thing, and
yes it could be one of ours, but the explanation by Klass is of
course difficult to swallow.

>>>Klass, often called the dean of UFO research, said the object,
>>>described as flying slowly and silently, was probably a hoax or
>>>some kind of a balloon with intense lights or flares. "I would
>>>suspect this report is bogus," Klass said.

Probably somthing generating a lot of hot air-he's an expert on
that for shure.

>>If I thought the rest was bad enough, this para really got to
>>me! WHO calls Klass the 'dean' of UFO research?

Sort of like trying to determine who's yer favortie Stoooge Curly (my own hero and role model)? Larry, Moe? I'm shure someone (probably in the reporters mind) has declared Klass a 'Dean' of somthing .

>Good question: till now I, too, have never heard Klass called
>the "dean of UFO research," much less "often." (I've heard him
>called a few other things, sometimes often.) Oh well, if you're
>a debunker, factual detail doesn't matter. Reminds me of a
>sneering reference debunker Robert Sheaffer made years ago to
>Allen Hynek, calling him the "self-styled Galileo of ufology."
>Reading Sheaffer, you'd think that Hynek was comparing _himself_
>to Galileo, a vile falsehood if ever there was one. In fact, it
>was Newsweek that had compared Allen, who was a modest,
>unassuming man who would never have thought of himself so
>grandiosely, to Galileo.

There are so many on both sides that think they have the answer Klass on one side folk like Bell and \$trieber on the other. Here I stand, with just questions including my own 'nuts and bolts' experience of long ago-and it wasn't any balloon or a Disc shaped group of flocking pelicans.

I don't advertise this out side the forum. I learned long ago to keep my mouth shut because I would be slammed by sceptics or welcomed as a 'true believer' by the ,well, 'Space Brothers/Pleidaean ' Klowns.

Thanks, Jerry a great Critique-

GT McCoy

Also I'd like to point out that the need for Skepticisum in ufology is there and even I maintain a certain threshold of belief/skeptic thought. As long as it doesn't degrade into a pie fight.... Nyuk nyukknuknuk, debate is good.

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Re: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 12:09:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 13:53:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings

>Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2006 08:58:25 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Sceptics Question Midwest Sightings
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

These messages refer to the recent article by Heather Ratcliffe of the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

At the Post Dispatch site (do a web search for post-dispatch) you will find another article, this one by George Johnson, published last Friday. More evenhanded.

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: **Thomas E Morris** <Temorris@pacbell.net>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 10:02:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 13:57:15 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>(just the head) which seemed like a pretty straight forward
>thing since these guys don't have much in the way of facial
>features.

<snip>

>at size would not only be too big
>to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross
>each other at the bridge of the nose).

>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>interest.

I've had 3 "odd" experiences in my life. I'll make no claims of
abduction because I'm not sure I believe in it. They're just
"holes" where my normal consciousness just sort of ceased to
exist.

My impression of the alien appearance is that it is not real.
Maybe some kind of suit or mask to allow them free travel in our
environment. Maybe something else, but I never felt that it was
flesh & bone. The eyes are a part of this wardrobe.

If anyone has comments or other similar ideas, I'd very much
like to hear them.

Have fun,

Tom

Temorris@pacbell.net

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Re: T.T.Brown?

From: **Werner Walter** <113236.1604@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 13:47:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:05:52 -0500
Subject: Re: T.T.Brown?

Does anyone know URLs about the work of T.T.Brown who was a founding-member of the old NICAP?

Thanks

Werner Walter, CENAP, Germany

<http://www.alien.de/cenap>

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:17:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:11:26 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:45:33 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

><snip>

>>Once I had created the head with eyes I needed to insert the
>>eyeballs. In 3D it is always easier to create a ball which fits
>>within the head. An eyeball that size would not only be too big
>>to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross
>>each other at the bridge of the nose).

>>I tried making the head bigger and bringing the eyes much
>>further apart to incorporate the eyeball size, the result looked
>>very unlike the description most people give and would still
>>leave little room for a brain.

>>Next time someone draws a sketch of an alien that supposedly
>>abducted them, look at the eyes.

>>Imagine looking down on the creature so you can see the contour
>>of the eye and follow it round and you'll see what I mean.

>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>interest.

>I have one which I don't necessarily endorse. But I have read
>it in more than one abductee comment, either printed or
>appearing here: the huge "eyes" are really lens coverings,
>like, say, built-in sunglasses or night-vision optics. These
>"lenses" are thin; the true eyes underneath are smaller than the
>lenses.

>So I've read anyway.

>For what its worth ...

Hi Brian,

A brilliant observation, I too have thought along these lines,
except instead of the eyes as a lens the whole face as a mask.
Unless someone knows differently I have always had reports from
'abductees' that the aliens had expressionless faces.

Thanks for the input, appreciated.

Dave.

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:40:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:13:12 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 00:24:15 -0500 (EST)
>From: Mac Tonnie <Alintelbot@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
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>(One of Whitley Strieber's remarks in 'Communion' is that the
>archetypal alien head on the cover isn't as big as what he
>observed. And since I seem to have been under attack lately, let
>me stress that this isn't a whole-hearted endorsement for
>Strieber...or any other "abductee.")

I am glad you picked up on that, the creature depicted on the
the cover of 'Communion' was a cartoon character.

><snip>

>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>interest.

>"Impossible creatures"? Not really. Possibly just weird
>creatures. They're supposed to be aliens, right?

I was kind of hoping that no-one would give me that "they're
aliens so anything goes" jive.

Oh per-leese.

Dave.

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From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:15:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:15:11 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 00:59:00 -0800
>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
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>>each other at the bridge of the nose).

>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>interest.

>The problem is you're making two assumptions which might not be
>accurate! First, are we sure the surface of the 'eye' is
>actually curved like our is? I have read nothing that suggests
>it is. In fact, it sticks in my mind that it has been described
>as flat.

I have never seen this description, I would be interested if you
could forward on some info to me.

>And two, you are assuming that the creature would have
>'eye balls' like us. We know from the way cameras work, that an
>image can be glimpsed accurately without a ball like device to
>register the picture on. I've never seen curved film.

I too have never seen curved film, but I have seen cameras that
rotate in the XY co-ords, thus imitating the eye.

>Is it not possible the eye structure is either conical with
>perhaps a curved back or even maybe flat back. In either case,
>the eyes can then fit side by side quite comfortably!

Possibly we are looking at natural selection here, nature will
(no matter what planet you are on) select the ball for complete
control as apposed to the conical.

>And don't forget those who have suggested it seemed to them that
>perhaps the covering of the eye was artificial, and the real eye
>is behind it. Rather like built in sunglasses!?

Or visor, just a slightly different design.

>Am looking forward to comments on this one! I guess its a safe
>assumption that no evidence from the AA film will be allowed to
>be used in this discussion? ;-)) Although I do recall hoping to
>see exactly what the eye would look like and I don't recall

>getting an answer to my question. Only saw it once though.

Funnily enough I did notice the creatures eyes in the AA film, although big, not so big as to be impossible.

In fact the creature very much resembled those described by Betty Hill, remember those guy's? before all the hype started??

Dave.

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Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 14:39:54 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:19:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 10:29:12 +1100
>From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
>Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 21 Jan 2000 19:54:48 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Thu, 20 Jan 2000 16:13:05 +0800
>>>From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
>>>Subject: Re: Comet Debris Rains on Spain
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Maybe it was alien ice cubes, to go with Gripple, which they
>>drink a lot of. And of course, alien ice cubes are made in
>>special alien molds. And they come out really hard.

>>>Then there is the exponential increase in recent days - 20
>>>chunks of ice found on Tuesday alone. At least half a dozen were
>>>quickly proven to be practical jokes - including a seven-pound
>>>block with perfectly sharp edges.

>>I told you about that already. But I still find it really
>>difficult to imagine how them dudes got the ice there. I mean,
>>did they rent a small aircraft with a large fridge in it? And
>>then push the hard ice out the side door? Or maybe it really
>>was pelicans and they pooped and tinkled whilst really high. In
>>the air I mean. And the stuff froze on the way down. Huh?

>>The moral of this story, the moral of this tome, is that one
>>should never be, where one does not belong. Meaning, methinks,
>>that pelican poop, pelican tinkle, ice from the sky, the answer
>>to the question of God the Universe and Everything, matters not
>>one dot. Unless you guys are really hard up for a dose of
>>something to say on the subject of UFOs and related stuff.

>>Hell, I would almost prefer to hear from Dennis Stacey than this
>>stuff.

>>Well.... almost anyway.

>Hi Jim

>I found this artical but it would appear these guys dont agree
>with each other never the less its interesting:>)

>Regards Diane

>U. Washington Physicist says little comets are black snow on
>screen <http://www.trufax.org/level2/level2.shtml>

>Giant snowballs in space? No, says researcher, they're simply
>black snow on the TV screen

>Contact: David Brand, UW News and Information. Phone:
>(206)-543-2580. Fax: (206)-685-0658.

>San Francisco -- When University of Iowa space physicist Louis
>Frank presented his evidence last May, he had much of the science
>community shivering with anticipation. He claimed to have
>discovered 20- to 40-ton cosmic snowballs, the size of houses,
>pelting the Earth at the rate of 30,000 a day. What's more,
>Frank presented images he had captured of the giant snowballs.

<snip>

>Is Parks then denying the existence of cosmic snowballs? "The
>burden is on Frank, he's got to prove they exist," Parks says.
>"He is seeing things that are scientifically not permitted. It
>would, for example, be easy for me to say these dark spots are
>UFOs, but it would be up to me to prove it."

Hi all,

Here we have a picture of the complete and very classic nimboid
personality. Allow me the luxury of an example or two prior to
bringing it all home in a final and orgasmic denouement (not in
continuous wave though - EBK is such a stickler for fax, except
when he's in his Gripple cups).

There is a cartoon picture in my doctor's office. It is in proud
display at the cashier's office. It is a picture of this poor
man with a saw through his body, entering his lower left quadrant
in the rear and exiting about where the appendix might be. Big
saw. Of course, the man is in agony and is barely able to reach
his chin up to the receptionist's desk, feet dragging behind.
He is also losing a great deal of body fluids.

The, uh, nurse, at the desk remarks, "I am sorry Mr. Smith,
but your HMO does not recognize your complaint. Therefore
we are unable to treat you!"

There is the other story about this poor family in the welfare
office in NYC. Bedraggled and tattered, the mommy, with a
terribly sad look on her face, asks for money to feed her
thirty-seven kids, as the father has left them for some obscure
reason.

The welfare employee, wearing black tie and a diamond stick pin,
tells her, "I am sorry Mrs. Smith, but the City of NY does not
recognize your particular problem. You are therefore not
entitled to assistance.

Now for that orgasmic finale. Are you ready for this?

Fill Class, looking up at The Classic Flying Saucer. In it's
beam is a Pelican, crapping to beat the band, in fear. Fill's
expression is one of calm, deliberative, cool and very firm look
of confidence. The caption reads, "You, do not exist. Pelican
guano is no proof that you are a flying saucer. You are nothing
more than swamp gas."

In the next caption, the swamp gas is taking Fill into it's
belly, undressing him and getting ready to mate him with an
insectoid critter. A beautiful female mantis type, at least
from the neck down. A little skinny for Fill's tastes, but not
bad, you know? The caption on this one reads, "Oh Cheeses, not
again! Why can't they give me Pia Zadora?"

Oh no. No orgasm? Sorry, it was good for me, though.

Jim Mortellaro

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Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:51:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:21:01 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hi Dave

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>Next time someone draws a sketch of an alien that supposedly
>abducted them, look at the eyes.

>Imagine looking down on the creature so you can see the contour
>of the eye and follow it round and you'll see what I mean.

>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>interest.

Dave, you might not know but in the Travis Walton abduction case, he described the eyes as part of a suit, the "grey suit" as a "coverall" affair. Which would make the big black eyes kinda like sunshades. I mean could you create a human's pair of eyes if you saw a man/woman wearing Raybans?

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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From: **Lesley Cluff** <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 15:09:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:26:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:02:17 -0800
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>Another thing. Why aren't all of you who profess these
>sightings documenting them with video and 35 mm film shots?
>Isn't it amazing how all of these sightings are either made by
>those who don't have a camera of some kind available, or take
>pictures of "lights" in the sky, which have no definition or
>background by which to measure their density?

>In todays climate, there is no excuse for not having a camera
>with you at virtually any time. In your car, in your bag or
>purse.

>Police cars equipped with old technology video cameras. They
>should all have night vision capabilities, for obvious reasons,
>not including UFO sightings.

>Just for your information...I carry a 35 mm camera, binoculars,
>micro-cassette recorder/player, electromagnetic field detector,
>compass and geiger counter in my car all the time, and many times
>I also carry a stereo, High-8mm camcorder and tripod!

>Always carry a tripod! Enough of these shaky little lights in
>the black night sky.

Yeah, right, at 10:30 on a cold November evening taking my Irish Setter out for a last pee before bedtime, I am expected to be fully equipped with my camera - with all correct night settings - plus a tripod, electromagnetic field detector, compass and Geiger counter - oh yea, and a stereo, high-8mm camcorder! Have I got that right?

You forget, most of the people who see something unusual in the sky, don't believe in ufos to begin with, so are unlikely to go to the expense of buying all that equipment to take a good shot of something they don't believe exists. Much less break their shoulders carrying it around or risk theft in their car.

And those of us who do believe, especially those of us who have always believed there is such a thing, but have gone on faith, and have never seen anything, are to be expected to be ready in a second because after all these years, something just might be there, are also expected to have such items on our person at all times.

If you are not accustomed to seeing anomalies in the sky, (whether you are a believer or not) the shock of actually seeing something unusual tends to cause a few seconds of mental confusion which can cost valuable time which should you suggest be spent getting that camcorder or camera up to your eye and getting a shot that includes at least two earth based points of reference so that the height, size etc can be determined later by angulation. And heaven help you if you haven't got the camcorder settings right for night sky or the camera pre-set.

And if the anomaly does something really weird, like suddenly break into four equal sized lights on a horizontal line, which then move up in unison and then disappear, then if you are holding a still camera, you better quickly switch to the camcorder hanging from the other shoulder so you don't miss it!

The speed required to do this can vary from a few seconds to a few minutes, so you better have superhuman response times.

Sure.....

I know one chap who is so fixated on ufos and has been since childhood, that every time he looks up at night he sees a ufo! There is no sudden shock or surprise at all for him! If he could afford all that equipment, he would have it and he would have tons of pictures of... stars!

The expert quoted in the original story talked about seeing ufos because they expect to! After 47 years of seeing nothing anomalous in the sky, my sighting, different from anything I have ever even read about in all those years, caught me totally unprepared as it does most people. Proving the expert was as out to lunch as you suggesting the exact opposite! We are supposed to be ready and armed every moment and expecting to see something? How ludicrous!

But then, maybe if my friend was able to get his hands on all that equipment, you might accept all the pictures he takes as legitimate? Just because he was 'prepared'! And I have no credibility because I was just helping my dog respond to the call of nature!!!!

Other than that minor problem with your note, I agreed with everything else!

Lesley

here on the farm still staring upwards, and still unprepared!

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From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:17:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:29:05 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 10:02:27 +0000
>From: Thomas E Morris <Temorris@pacbell.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>flesh & bone. The eyes are a part of this wardrobe.

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>like to hear them.

Tom,

Your description is right on the mark, this is exactly the kind
of thing I was getting at.

It is very possible that the face we are presented with is a
mask, either to fit in with present day conceptions of an alien
(no one seems to see Klaatu anymore) or simply for survival in
our environment.

Coming from someone who can quite honestly say he's never been
abducted I thank you for your insight.

Dave.

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Re: The Eyes Have It

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Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:27:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:31:43 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:45:33 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>Once I had created the head with eyes I needed to insert the
>>eyeballs. In 3D it is always easier to create a ball which fits
>>within the head. An eyeball that size would not only be too big
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Just curious.

Regards,

John Velez

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Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:52:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:36:21 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

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Tom writes:

>I've had 3 "odd" experiences in my life. I'll make no claims of
>abduction because I'm not sure I believe in it. They're just
>"holes" where my normal consciousness just sort of ceased to
>exist.

I don't know the details of what you "experienced" so I'm
talking through my hat here. But... if your "experiences" are
composed solely of "holes in your normal consciousness" I don't
know why you'd suspect 'UFO abduction' as an explanation. You do
not mention "UFOs" or "Aliens." Were you even awake when these
"gaps" occurred?

"Missing time" is one thing, a "hole in your normal
consciousness" could indicate a medical problem. You should have
yourself checked out by your family physician. Have you reported
these "gaps in consciousness" to your doctor Tom? Seeing the
doctor would confirm or deny 'physical problems' as an
explanation for these "gaps."

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>Maybe some kind of suit or mask to allow them free travel in our
>environment. Maybe something else, but I never felt that it was
>flesh & bone. The eyes are a part of this wardrobe.

Wow Tom, that's an awful lot of information to have pulled out
of a "hole." I gather from this statement that these "holes in
normal consciousness" are not -empty holes.- Sounds like your
"holes" are 'filled' with alien imagery.

>If anyone has comments or other similar ideas, I'd very much
>like to hear them.

Re: The Eyes Have It

Don't fool around with a symptom as serious as a "gap in normal consciousness" Tom. See a doctor for your own sake.

Regards,

John Velez - (one with no doubt)

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T.T.Brown?

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Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:37:53 -0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:53:46 -0500
Subject: T.T.Brown?

To: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

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>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 13:47:36 -0500
>From: Werner Walter <113236.1604@compuserve.com>
>Subject: T.T.Brown?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Does anyone know URLs about the work of T.T.Brown who was
>a founding-member of the old NICAP?

Hi Werner !!

Try:

<http://www.soteria.com/brown/>

I have done a lot of research about Brown and his amazing inventions. A brief biography was published in my book (UFO - Encyclopedia of Anomalous Aerspatial Phenomena).

Best regards

Philippe Piet van Putten
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(Sao Paulo - Brazil)

Does anyone known URLs on which I can find material about T.T.Brown's work. (Brown was one of the first NICAP-founders but I search material about his work in physik!)

Greetings

Werner Walter, CENAP, Germany

<http://www.alien.de/cenap>

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Re: T.T.Brown?

From: **Jess Fritch** <jfritch@providenet.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 15:39:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:54:59 -0500
Subject: Re: T.T.Brown?

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><http://www.alien.de/cenap>

Hi

My name is Jess Fritch, I have been studing electrogravitics for
the past 9 years and I have a web page now at:

www.gravitydrive.com

I hope to have my full site up in about 1 to 2 weeks. Also try
this site:

<http://members.aol.com/jnaudn509/>

Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:53:23 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 19:02:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 09:47:41 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:02:17 -0800
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 06:56:59 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists

>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 14:42:13 -0500
>>>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>>>Subject: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I go to "skywatches" for the specific reason to "see a UFO." I
>>don't see anything which I can't in all good conscience
>>identify as astronomical, aeronautical, or weather related
>>phenomena.

>Michael:

>Have you ever been at one of those skywatches when others
>thought they saw a UFO but you did not? To what did you
>attribute this? Your standards or powers of critical thinking
>may just be higher than that of many others.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

Yes, I have. After discussing the sighting, I was able to offer suggested alternatives, yet at the same time not take from the observer his/her right to have their own interpretation of what they perceived.

In fact, I have attended one with you... do you remember?

Kathie Grimes... Morgantown, Ky. MUFON....

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REgards, Mike

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John,

I can't answer your question; I know I've read the above
"lens" description at least 3-4 separate times, in various
places. At least a couple were in books by abductees. Its one
of those details that "sticks", for whatever reason. I even remember
one abductee describing how (s)he was permitted to look through
those lenses somehow, and was able to see all sorts of amazing
things - right thru people etc. Must be pretty neat technology, eh?
(assuming you give it any credence).

But I couldn't point you at relevant passages, or books for that
matter, if my life depended on it. So I couldn't date anything for

Re: The Eyes Have It

you as being pre- or post-AA film. Heck, I can't even assign a hard AA film "date" to use in pre- or post-dating such details. Maybe some list denizen besides than me could provide that.

Onward,

-Brian C.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:45:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 02:50:51 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:53:26 -0600
>to: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Gee, Ed. Make up your mind. On the one hand you maintain that
>I'm dead wrong because the containment suit issue is nothing but
>"hearsay"; on the other hand, you go to great lengths to try and
>justify the improper usage that you just said didn't exist!

I don't know why the doctors were wearing the suits or if they were wearing them in the proper manner. Since its the only historical fact that seems to be out of place, I suggested other reasons that could explain why. The point I was making is that many have said that this or that fact invalidates the AA and have later been proved wrong ie. the coiled phone. I think this is flimsy evidence to base your historical case on. And even if you are right about the hazard suit protocol, it doesn't mean that these doctors followed it, for what ever reasons they had.

>More nonsense from Ed. Orderly's are not used the operating room
>under any condition. Operating rooms are restricted to vital
>personal only. And just how much "dissection" did you see while
>working in the ER, Ed?

I worked at two hospitals in Albuquerque NM while I was attending school at UNM. I was usually the only male orderly on call for the PM shift & weekends and was in charge of all male surgical preps and assisted when necessary for PM surgery. I had total access to every part of the hospital and was a good friend to many of the doctors(their right hand man). I worked out of ER where in those days we did much of the minor surgery. I also saw a few autopsies. This was from 1957-1959. In 1961 I also worked at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco as their ER orderly and surgery prep person. The AA doctors sure acted and looked like doctors to me. Point out one mistake they made or miscue of any kind. One of the first things Ray did was show the footage to doctors and none of them saw any problems. I will agree that its a subjective judgment.

>>Name one special effects expert that has
>>attempted to duplicate the alien and failed. Tell us where we
>>can see the results. I work in special effects on a daily basis
>>and would like to study the attempts you speak of. If you can't
>>direct us to a web site, then how about a name and address so I
>>can talk to these "effects experts" that have tried in vain to
>>duplicate AA. Or is this another claim you've pulled out of thin
>>air?

>Ed, this is getting embarrassing. Following is an exact excerpt
>of what you wrote:

>>Not one of the special effects experts has been able to recreate
>>the creature or anything resembling the creature or any part of
>>the creature. Many have talked about how easy it would be, but
>>no one has succeeded.

Yes that's what I said. No special effects expert has been able

to recreate the creature. Have they? Is there any place where I said they tried and failed. Some may have but I don't know if that's a fact. All I know is that I haven't seen any such recreations. If there is some mistake in phrasing then I apologize but it wasn't intended. So OK none have tried. I'll certainly agree to that since it's what I intended to say in the first place. Why?... because it's probably impossible. I think they would have if they could have.

>Hey, Ed! I've got an even easier idea! Why don't you give us
>some evidence to back up your claims about the special effects
>and the doctors and the containment suits! How about a name and
>address; something to show you care; not just big talk and
>nothing else.

My only claim is that the hazard suit issue is still open to debate. There is absolutely no way we can prove it one way or the other and therefore it should not be used as proof, for anything. If it's your only proof that the AA is historically inaccurate, then you're on very weak footing.

>>I don't necessarily believe that the creature is an ET either.

>Then what's the point of all this if it's not?

This is the very problem that I'm trying to address. We have no way of knowing just what the creatures are since we can never get to that point before someone shouts "the creatures can't be used as examples since they are a pile of crap". My opinion is that they are creatures who have been/lived here for many moons, perhaps millions of years and live under the ocean and/or on Mars (yes at one time they were ET). They protect us. That's what I believe they were doing when several were shot down over New Mexico in the summer of 47. But that's just my opinion. If we really believed that the AA was legitimate, then we all could have opinions about the nature of the creatures. Wouldn't that be fun?

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>However, a "film look" can be achieved by simply "deinterlacing"
>the video image and removing half the fields (usually the even
>fields). Then, a duplicate of the odd field is used to fill in
>the gap made by the missing even field. Resolution is
>sacrificed, however, all "motion artifacts" are removed in the
>process. The end result is identical to that of film shot and
>transferred at 30 frames per second, but with slightly less
>resolution. (like that would matter in AA!).

>f this sounds complicated and expensive, it's not. Videonics
>makes a device called the MX-1 that does this conversion in real
>time. The unit only costs about \$850.00 new. Post houses have
>offered similar processes for years; long before AA.

>You might be interested to know this process is used extensively
>in the music video industry on a daily basis.

will concede that the footage could have been hoaxed, maybe just the way you have explained so clearly, but I don't think you've made a convincing case for this. What is missing is any hard evidence. (someone seeing Ray actually using one of the machines or expressing an interest in the technology). Remember this all surfaced in 1992, (first rumors went out). Would it have been possible then? Who created the special effects? How was the debris manufactured? When did Ray put it all together. You have no story, no plot line to reinforce your idea that this is all a music type video, and not a single witness. I think you need more evidence than you presently have to make a convincing "case closed" statement, or imply that you are even close to understanding even your own "evidence".

All I'm asking is that folks keep an open mind about the AA so when new evidence surfaces, it's not ignored because of an illusion that somehow, somewhere the AA has been dealt a mortal blow and is dead and buried under massive amounts of factual, hard, conclusive evidence.

>For the record, after all this time and all the posts, you still
>have not addressed a single issue presented regarding AA. No

>matter what anyone presents, you simply say you don't believe it
>or that it's hearsay or that you don't understand how it could
>be. Your obsession over AA and your overzealous defense of Ray,
>n my opinion, borders on the religious. I grow tired of
>explaining the obvious.

What haven't I tried to answer?

Hazard suits... yes they may have worn them the wrong way but is it conceivable that there is another explanation for this other than a historical/factual error that proves the AA a fraud? You have not cited your source for this information.

You state the AA could be a video; I concede but feel that you should offer some proof for this other than "Ray is in the music business".

I concede the AA could be a copy but so what. You again have no proof that this makes a difference and you have no proof (other than circumstantial) that it is a copy. If it a copy, its an old copy. Bob Shell saw old film with the autopsy room image. You never account for the debris or who created the special effects. Again no witnesses or one scrap of proof except for your assertions that it could have happened that way. You imply that Ray is dishonest but again no proof.

Your story line runs something like this. Ray is a bad man who hoaxed this film somehow, some where, with a cast of real people. You can't find any of them but you KNOW they are out there, somewhere.

I say the surgeons are doctors, you say they are not. So we disagree. Again you have no proof (a mistake that one of them made) My only proof is that I didn't observe any mistakes, and they sure acted like doctors, from my own experience.

I will state that there are no special effects persons that I know of who have tried to duplicate the intricate nature of the dissected creature. If I left the impression that some have tried and failed, I'm sorry. That was not my intention. I do not believe that the re-creation of this creature by special effects (effects that can be manipulated as they are in this footage) is possible now or was it possible in 1947 or in 1992.

You have absolutely no evidence that it is possible to even create one little bit of the creature or the debris. Is there some other point that you wanted to discuss?

I've tried to answer Theresa's objections to the footage. I contacted her and tried to discuss her research but she wouldn't respond. I appreciate the work she put into it but I don't think it proves anything conclusive.

I will agree that there are still many open questions.

> I have nothing else to say to you on this topic.

We need to get beyond this point, somehow. I'll concede that Ray's reluctance to have the film independently verified and tested is a serious problem. But it doesn't mean that the footage is a fraud. I maintain that Ray must have his reasons (since there is no evidence that he is dishonest or has ever done anything dishonest or that he would take a chance on such a hot issue as the AA. Fraud is a jail sentence in the UK; if this is such an obvious fraud, why hasn't he been charged). I can see how folks might see his refusal to cooperate as an admission of guilt.

I do not think enough evidence has been presented to write off what may be a very important artifact. We have other options. Why not spend some time discussing the nature of the debris. This hasn't been done to my knowledge and might provide the answers and assurances we need to take another look at the AA.

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Re: T.T.Brown?

From: Patrick Bailey <pgb@padrak.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 17:44:03 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:09:51 -0500
Subject: Re: T.T.Brown?

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 13:47:36 -0500
>From: Werner Walter <113236.1604@compuserve.com>
>Subject: T.T.Brown?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Does anyone know URLs about the work of T.T.Brown who was
>a founding-member of the old NICAP?

>Does anyone know URLs on which I can find material
>about T.T.Brown's work. (Brown was one of the
>NICAP-founders but I search material about his
>work in physics!)

>Greetings

>Werner Walter, CENAP, Germany

><http://www.alien.de/cenap>

<http://www.padrak.com/ufo/WEBSITES.html>

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60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcg@netcom.ca>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:00:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:23:09 -0500
Subject: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

Hello Errol!

I found this post quite interesting, and thought you might too.

I hope all is well!

Kelly McGillis

Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:07:56 +1300
From: earthman <hardjube@IHUG.CO.NZ>
Subject: [CTRL] 60% of Abductees are GAY
To: CTRL@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

-Caveat Lector- <http://www.ctrl.org/> -Cui Bono?-

----- Original Message -----

From: Mike Farrell <vidhunter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2000 12:02 AM
Subject: 60% of Abductees are GAY!(not that there's anything wrong with that:->)

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia -
<http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/new>

Greetings Abduction
Researchers and Therapists,

"It has also been noted by a number of researchers that gay men and women are overwhelmingly represented in the abduction population. One estimate suggests that as many as 60 percent of those claiming abduction are also gay." (pg.292-The Abduction Enigma)

Did that arouse your curiosity? Then read what follows!

"The Abduction Enigma" The Truth behind the mass alien abductions of the late 20th century. by Kevin D. Randle, Russ Estes, and William P. Cone, PHD.

"This is an important book that everyone concerned with the alien abduction phenomenon should read. This book deserves a careful reading by all who are concerned with abduction research and the victims involved ~ especially those who are willing to re-examine some of their basic assumptions and put them to the test. The skeptical case against the physical reality of alien abduction has never been made more brilliantly or powerfully."
(by Michael Miley from UFO MAG-USA-Dec'99)

I have to agree with the above recommendation. I actually found this book at our modest public library, so look for it at your library first. This is the kind of book that "cries out" for someone more qualified and more knowledgeable than me to review and respond to it. I can only say that after collecting and reading just about every book, magazine, article and video from just about every "alien abduction" researcher, therapist, abductee and/or experiencer, this new skeptical book challenges just about everything I thought I knew about the alien abduction phenomena.

Here are a few random quotes that jumped out at me from this new book: (my comments & questions follow in parenthesis)

1) "Most abduction researchers routinely withhold specific information from the public as a way of cross-checking the validity of an abduction story. These 'secret clues', when mentioned by someone claiming abduction, provide some validation for the new tale." (pg.59)

(for example, I've heard that the "grays" as described by Whitley Strieber and featured on the cover of his infamous book, "Communion" are not exactly what they appear to be. I've heard that those "grays" were not bald, but had fine wispy white hair. So the popular image of the "big-bald-headed" alien is not true but has come to be accepted worldwide. It makes you wonder how much information published on abductions is either incorrect or misleading from the researchers we have come to rely on. So how can we in the public domain ever hope to know what's really going on if every researcher and witness is hiding "secret clues"?)

2) "The sexual component of the abductions has been reduced to reproductive experimentation or genetic research, but when examined carefully, it is little more than sexual intercourse. This is an important aspect that has been generally ignored by those conducting abduction research. A very high percentage of both male and female abductees that we interviewed openly stated a sexual preference of homosexuality or bisexuality. An equally high number were hypersexual and highly promiscuous in their human sex lives. Of the remaining abductees at least half of them claimed they had no sex drive whatsoever. That leaves us with a very low number of abductees who claim to have what would be considered a 'normal' sex life. Beyond that, however, as many as 90 percent of the abductees have some kind of sexual dysfunction. Their tales of rape and sexual activity on board the UFO are evidences of these sexual problems." (pg.97-100)

(The sex issue raises it's ugly head here, but take for example the case of Jesse Long, as profiled on my "ALIEN UPDATE-DEC'99 videotape, featuring clips from "Confirmation" and the "Roseanne Files". This lifelong abductee has been forced to give up his "precious fluids" to aliens during hundreds of encounters. And he is also "gay" (not that there's anything wrong with that!:->) Yet nowhere in the abduction literature or from the accounts of "gay abductees" like Jesse Long do we find any descriptions of "gay sexual activity or fantasies" taking place during these alien encounters. So after all these years and literally millions of abductions, and subsequent invasive examinations and mindscans, these single-minded aliens have seemingly failed to grasp that humans have different sexual orientations. Why don't these aliens use "gay" imagery and activity to excite and extract bodily "precious fluids" and emotional bonding from "gay" abductees? I guess there's no such thing as a "gay alien" or we would have heard something about that by now! So it would appear that Mars really does need women!:->))

3) "There are those who remember their abduction without the aid of hypnosis, but many of those 'conscious' memories first surfaced in dreams. These witnesses are later convinced that the dreams are real and not fantasy." (pg.142)

(This has always been a big bone of contention. Could we ever get accurate figures on how many abductees remembered their "encounter" without hypnosis, how many with hypnosis only, how many were actually conscious during the whole or parts of it, and how many remembered only after reporting their dreams?)

According to these skeptics, no abductee can establish the reality of a genuine alien abduction without the aid of an well-intentioned but misinformed abduction hypno-therapist, and the reinforcement of the popular media and culture. They also say that there's "something" in the human mind that creates these kinds of tales on a regular basis, as shown by traditional folklore, satanic ritual abuse, multiple personalities, and now with "alien abductions" and spacecraft. Are we unknowingly helping to create the very phenomenon that we are trying to understand?)

4) "Not one study has ever shown the existence of screen memories, or that the mind can produce them. There is no evidence that people use sexual abuse as a screen memory to protect themselves from the trauma of being abducted. The only evidence of this has come from 'abduction researchers' repeatedly using hypnosis. A well-trained therapist knows that traumatic memories are not repressed, and that screen memories do not exist, according to current psychological thought. What is not addressed here is that if, in fact, aliens can instill memories, how can one be sure that the entire abduction event doesn't consist of these sorts of memories? Maybe people aren't actually undergoing any of the procedures they recall. The whole experience could be instilled, and not necessarily by alien abductors." (pg.216-7)

(Obviously, there is a considerable gap between popular and professional opinions on critical subjects like recovered and false memory, the value and misuse of hypnosis, and the psychology of sleep disorders and sexual dysfunction. How can we pop the balloons of misconception and get at the truth of how the human mind really works during these life-altering "encounters" with the unknown?)

5) "According to the experts and scientific evidence, there is no difference between a real memory and an induced memory. The scientific data and findings bear this out in study after study. In fact, even the psychologists who do the research have been surprised by the results because facts we thought to be true about memory turn out to be myths. These myths provide what most of us believe about memory. We have been told by various 'authorities', that memory is the storehouse of everything we have ever seen, felt, experienced, or done. We are told that memory is like a giant videotape on which everything we have ever see, done, or participated in is recorded with the accuracy of videotape. And while that point has been strongly contested by psychologists and scientific evidence, we learn that the real purpose of memory is not to store data (that's a computer's job), but to allow us to function on a day-to-day basis. Memory is not meant to be an accurate record of our past or even a storehouse of our experience but rather an inner representation of who we are and how we feel. More important, it does not have to be very accurate to carry out these everyday functions. Most people do not realize just how bad their memory really is." (pg 286-7)

(It would seem to me that our understanding of human "memory" is a crucial aspect to the research and validation of alien abductions. So how can we get an accurate consensus on how memory really works? This also reminds me of a spoken sample from the Monkees movie soundtrack album: "The central nervous system, which feeds its impulses directly to the brain, both conscious and subconscious, cannot distinguish between the real experience and the vividly imagined experience.")

6) "The desire to be an abductee or the victim of abuse is not a conscious choice. It's actually the combination of a weak sense of self and desperate need to fit in somewhere. Many abductees wear their experience like a badge of honor. It is the strongest sense of identity they have ever had. And contrary to the opinion of most researchers, it is, in fact, a club that people will fight to belong to." (pg.291)

(In addition to all the books, magazine articles, and videos, we now see websites from just about every researcher and abductee

in every country. Contamination of witness accounts is at an all-time high. It's like trying to see the stars on a cloudy night.)

7) "Support group members are no longer people with problems; instead they are "abductees", multiples, survivors of incest, and codependents. Instead of people moving towards resolving their problems, they now learn to incorporate them into the very core of their identity. The recovery support groups of today are based on the premises. (1) All psychopathology is caused by abuse. (2) Most abused memories are repressed. (3) The path to healing is to remember the abuse, and often to attack the abusers. (4) The person is forever to be labeled as "recovering". (5) Recovering people need group support in order to function in society. And instead of being a short span of time in which a person recovers from a negative experience, recovery has now been redefined as a never-ending, lifelong process." (pg.308)

(So a good question for researchers and abductees would be; how long should one remain in therapy or a support group to overcome the negative effects of an alien abduction and yet avoid allowing the experience to define one's life and identity?)

8) "Keith Basterfield, in the International UFO Reporter, wrote 'Given that alien implants are said to have been introduced into us, for what purpose are they placed there? A fairly consistent, small range of options exists.' He expands on the idea of a tracking device, writing that others have speculated that the devices might not only be for tracking but for monitoring, communications, or even control." (pg.318)

(This was the only reference I found to an Australian Abduction researcher.)

9) "But how many alien beings, how many ships, and how much equipment is necessary to abduct so many people? A group of American researchers, looking only at the numbers for American abductions, postulated a fleet of 75 ships, each with a crew of 16. It defies logic, but the researchers are still crunching the numbers to prove that alien abduction is not only real but common." (pg.344)

(It appears that the authors of this book have not seen the formidable report by Australia's own abduction researchers such as Robert Marx, Rocco Delillo, and Mathew Favloro, who also made an admirable attempt to estimate the logistics of abduction in their 1988 release of "UFOs~ The Conveyor Belt ~ The Real Size of the Problem." Look it up on the Australian Encounters website: <http://www.flex.com.au/~eagle1/> or go to direct link: <http://www.flex.com.au/~eagle1/conb.htm>

10) "The whole concept, in the vast majority of abduction cases, was the belief of the researcher. If we look at the history of psychology we see no case in which someone undergoing hypnosis for something else such as to lose weight or stop smoking spontaneously came up with an abduction story. In other words, as demonstrated time and time again, if the researcher believed in something other than alien abduction, then the subject manifested those symptoms. The abductee sought out someone doing abduction research, so it should be no surprise that the researcher found the tale of alien abduction. The theory of researcher manipulation, though subtle and sometimes unconscious, explains how and why some people believe they have been abducted by aliens. For too long, we have been persuaded by 'authorities' who tell us that alien abduction is real. They present case after case, demanding that we prove that the abduction isn't real. But that isn't the way science is supposed to work. The researchers who claim the abnormality are required to prove that it exists. They have failed to do so." (pg.362-3)

(This is how the book concludes. The largest share of it's skeptical arguments are against the "abduction researcher and therapist". In fact, about a third of the book is aimed directly at the abduction researcher and the role they may play in manufacturing the "alien abduction scenario". I for one, would sure like to see some rational responses and healthy debate from

researchers and abductees to the detailed and well presented skeptical arguments in this book. At the very least, reading this thought-provoking book should "rustle some feathers" out there! Give it a fair go! You might even learn something new!)

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Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 22:01:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:28:57 -0500
Subject: Re: From The Sceptic's Tank...

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 22:43:50 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:32:10 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 10:02:27 +0000
>From: Thomas E Morris <Temorris@pacbell.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>My impression of the alien appearance is that it is not real.
>Maybe some kind of suit or mask to allow them free travel in our
>environment. Maybe something else, but I never felt that it was
>flesh & bone. The eyes are a part of this wardrobe.

>If anyone has comments or other similar ideas, I'd very much
>like to hear them.

I think you're on the right track, personally. The "abduction" phenomenon has been with us in various forms and psychosocial guises for a very long time. (The "trickster" archetype, if you will.)

Bodies of apparent aliens have been described by witnesses to be mechanical and engage in unlikelike behavior like walking in lockstep.

I think the modern "alien head" image is simply the latest illusion perpetrated by a very real nonhuman consciousness. To interpret "aliens" in a purely biological framework is, in my opinion, to completely ignore the UFO phenomenon and its manifestations.

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>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Brian wrote:

>>I have one which I don't necessarily endorse. But I have read
>>it in more than one abductee comment, either printed or
>>appearing here: the huge "eyes" are really lens coverings,
>>like, say, built-in sunglasses or night-vision optics. These
>>"lenses" are thin; the true eyes underneath are smaller than the
>>lenses.

>Hi Brian, hi All,

>Mr. C I have a "what came first, the chicken or the egg" type
>question for you. Do you know if any of these 'eye covering'
>accounts precede the Alien Autopsy film? It would be interesting
>to know if there was an increase in reports which include the
>'sunglasses' detail -after- the film was released.

Hi John, Brian...

Strieber comments specifically on the possibility of eye
membranes in 'Communion', published in 1987. The AA film didn't
start this.

Mac

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Re: From The Sceptic's Tank...

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 22:59:14 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:55:53 -0500
Subject: Re: From The Sceptic's Tank...

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 08:05:14 -0800 (PST)
>From: Jeff Westover <frequentflier66@yahoo.com>
>Subject: From The Sceptic's Tank...
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>The recent CSICOP press interviews/press releases appear to me
>to be demeaning toward the innocent witnesses of unusual and
>anomalous phenomenon in our skies. CSICOP seems at times to do
>nothing more than to cause confusion in the public's mind
>concerning UFOs. A quick look at their website tells me that
>they do nothing more than to 'whip the dead horses' of
>astrology, superstitions, urban legends, etc. and to vye for
>media exposure with the likes of Steve Allen. I didn't see any
>in-depth essays or investigative articles dealing with the UFO
>problem. I do know, thanks to CSICOP, which psychic predictions
>failed to come true in 1999. For that, I do have to thank
>them.

You are so right about CSICOP's publications. Reading the
"Skeptical Inquirer," I'm continually struck with the image of a
bunch of know-nothings trying to outdo one another with armchair
'explanations'. This would all be quite harmless if the media
didn't buy it. Every "objective" TV program dealing with UFOs
feels obligated to trot out one of these guys as some sort of
recognized expert. Expert on what, exactly?

And in the meantime, the fictional schism between "believer" and
"skeptic" widens, making future inquiry more and more difficult.
Skeptic is NOT synonymous with debunker.

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: **Mac Tonnies** <Alintelbot@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 23:07:45 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 04:01:28 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:40:27 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>(One of Whitley Strieber's remarks in 'Communion' is that the
>>archetypal alien head on the cover isn't as big as what he
>>observed. And since I seem to have been under attack lately, let
>>me stress that this isn't a whole-hearted endorsement for
>>Strieber...or any other "abductee.")

>I am glad you picked up on that, the creature depicted on the
>the cover of 'Communion' was a cartoon character.

The picture on 'Communion' was an attempt by a competent artist, Ted Jacobs, to draw an image from waking memory. As such it has the look of a "police sketch." It's clearly an impressionistic portrait.

>>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>>interest.

>>"Impossible creatures"? Not really. Possibly just _weird_
>>creatures. They're supposed to be aliens, right?

>I was kind of hoping that no-one would give me that "they're
>aliens so anything goes" jive.

I _wasn't_ giving you the "they're aliens so anything goes"
jive.

I inferred that

- a.) these "aliens" might not even be alive in the recognized sense
- b.) options to spherical eyeballs aren't out of the question by any means. There are examples of alternatives here on Earth.

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Cinde Costello <LOOKIN4ET@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 23:33:28 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 04:10:51 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 10:02:27 +0000
>From: Thomas E Morris <Temorris@pacbell.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Recently I was called upon to recreate in 3D the typical alien
>>(just the head) which seemed like a pretty straight forward
>>thing since these guys don't have much in the way of facial
>>features.

><snip>

>>at size would not only be too big
>>to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross
>>each other at the bridge of the nose).

>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>interest.

>My impression of the alien appearance is that it is not real.
>Maybe some kind of suit or mask to allow them free travel in our
>environment. Maybe something else, but I never felt that it was
>flesh & bone. The eyes are a part of this wardrobe.

>If anyone has comments or other similar ideas, I'd very much
>like to hear them.

Hi Dave,

I can understand your dilemma in trying to get those eyes just right. I'm a lifelong experierencer of this stuff and while I only had an occasional visit by the "greys", I was afforded a very close look.

I can't speak for everyone who has seen them but my own observations showed me that they look incredibly odd. They are more flat than round, almost too big, they have no pupils that I saw and no facial features to speak of. I would swear they wear some kind of one-piece suit that encompasses the head due to their lack of wrinkles, expressions, facial (or even fine body) hair, etc.

And another oddity, while I have felt both compassion and anger from them there was nothing in their eyes or facial expressions to indicate that they were actually expressing anything. Their faces were without any expression at all.

In other words, what I felt from them, I was actually sensing it rather than seeing it on their face or in their eyes.

I know other experierencers have reported seeing the "greys" in coveralls, etc., but in my own experiences with them, they were wearing nothing except the grayish colored "suit" that covered

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both their hands and feet (no outer shoes). It was very form-fitting and seemed to be some sort of spandex-type material, more dull than shiny.

I never noticed any type of zipper though... if it is a suit, I wonder how they get in and out of it?

Good Luck!

Cinde Costello

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From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 22:07:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 04:15:13 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:27:22 -0500
>From: John Velez<jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:45:33 -0600 (CST)
>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
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>question for you. Do you know if any of these 'eye covering'
>accounts precede the Alien Autopsy film? It would be interesting
>to know if there was an increase in reports which include the
>'sunglasses' detail -after- the film was released.

>Just curious.

I recall reading some time ago, about a woman who was abducted repeatedly. In her attempts to gain some semblance of control over her situation she made a plan to take a poke at one of these rascals (typical greys) on their next visit. She employed the skills of a hypnotherapist to reinforce her efforts. I believe this person was also her abduction-therapist but I can't

accurately recall... (please don't make me look it up... :))

According to the account I read, when the opportunity presented itself, she reached up from her bed and grabbed one of these guys right in the eye. A thin lens-like cover was reported to have come off in her hand, exposing what was described as a series of luminous lines or a grid pattern with apparently random dots of red light flashing where the lines intersected.

The grey was none too pleased with having his inner workings exposed, needless to say!

This report predates the alien autopsy film by a few years and was the first time I had ever heard of a reference to "eye covers". I obviously can't vouch for the accuracy or validity of the report as I can't even recall the source at the moment.

My own personal thoughts on the matter lean toward the mask theory or manufactured organism of some kind.

Dave's original point about the eyeballs is a good one and it has bugged me for years. I can't see an organism being so similiar to us; two arms, two legs, a head, etc. and at the same time having eyeballs that are flat or perhaps compound like a fly and covered with shades. I suppose someone who is handy with gene-splicing could have any type of eye they prefer but it's unlikely to be a natural affectation.

Evolution, as I understand it, does not generally tend to force things into spaces where they do not fit, like two, six-inch diameter eyeballs in a head that's only a foot across. Of course, they may have tiny little brains crammed way in the back. This would make them quite stupid individually. I like this idea... might explain a few things... :)

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Re: The Eyes Have It

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Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 00:17:00 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 04:25:57 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:27:22 -0500
>From: John Velez<jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
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The references from witnesses that the large eye area is a covering, for me anyway, come from reports I have read that predate the AA by a few too many years.

Its an old concept that has been suggested by many, but far from all the witnesses.

Often it is when they have been 'stared into' that they suspect there is something artificial about the eyes.

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Admittedly it was usually said to try and account for the experience they had when stared at by one of the, usually taller, beings. And as I recall some said it was just a feeling they got.

Hardly evidence that it is in fact built in sunglasses, but while not always accurate, human 'sensing' is often right!

Lesley

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CPR-Canada News: eYada.com Interview

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:16:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 08:04:55 -0500
Subject: CPR-Canada News: eYada.com Interview

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CPR-Canada News: eYada.com Interview, "Snow Circle" in
Washington State

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CPR-Canada Interviews, Programs, Articles and News Releases

eYada.com Internet Interview - January 28, 2000

Interview with CPR-Canada director Paul Anderson on the 1999
Canadian crop circles.

eYada.com (New York)
<http://www.eyada.com>
'The Morning Show with Lionel'
Friday, January 28, 2000
Live, 10:00 am ET

Either RealPlayer (<http://www.real.com>) or Windows Media Player
(<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/mediaplayer/en/download/>) is
required to listen to the audio stream.

"SNOW CIRCLE" IN WASHINGTON STATE

UFO Leaves "Snow Circle" in Washington State
<http://www.angelfire.com/zine/UFORCE/page20.html>
(Not a crop circle, but an interesting report all the same...)

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Re: Dr John Lundy?

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 11:42:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 08:12:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Dr John Lundy?

Dear colleagues,

Could anyone help me locate the report on the alien autopsy film by Dr John Lundy? I had it and many other such reports but a computer crash has lost a lot of information.

Many thanks,

Philip.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 22:22:58 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 08:16:33 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 08:20:29 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hi Steve,

This response is primarily aimed at your mail but I'd like to use it to highlight a few point which could be relavant.

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 08:26:11 -0800
>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

><snip>

>>I don't get it; can't you read. How many times do I have to post
>>this. Is Bob lying here or what? 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."

>Ed-

>You appear to have such a good memory for this matter and yet
>you ignore the information that doesn't fit the argument you
>>want to support. Bob made this statement based on information
>that he had been given by Ray, and has since developed doubts
>about many facets of that. You might want to contact him. He
>believed that the film was Cine Kodak Super XX because he was
>shown film boxes that the film allegedly came in, which was his
>sole means of identification.

>Since that statement, which you have posted several times (which
>I have also referenced in earlier posts), Bob has indicated that
>he is no longer 95% sure of anything in relation to the "film".
>So why are we still clinging to that piece of evidence? He
>wasn't "lying", but was drawing a conclusion based on
>information that he had at hand, and since then he has changed
>his opinion.

>No, this doesn't mean that he now dismisses the AA "film" as a
>hoax, but let's try to keep the discussion on an even keel if we
>can.

True Bob has backtracked a little from his original quoted statement but as I read it he is still convinced the film is a genuin historical document. His last posting at the end of 1999 to this group [search for bob@bobshell.com on the UPDATES archive to find it] confirms this stance.

>When the fact that the sample pieces of film are actually dupes

>is brought up you respond:

>>Why don't you tell me why you find this so significant. If it
>>is copied, then it was copied in 1947 or thereabouts and since
>>all agree that there simply wasn't the technology to hoax the AA
>>at that time, then it must be legitimate. Isn't that what TDC
>>stated clearly on their web site. As I have said and will say
>>again, the nature of the film ie copied, not copied, original
>>duped and so forth is very confusing to most folks, not just me.
>>And you all continue to muddy the waters more by the way you
>>argue your case. If it is a copy, how does that work into the
>>whole story and why is that so damaging. If Ray was fooled into
>>buying a copy, so what? Did the cameraman hoax Ray? How did he
>>put this all together? Just give me some scenario that accounts
>>for how this all came down, some place where we can start to
>>unravel this mystery.

>The importance is that Ray's initial statements indicated that
>this was original film, and the fact that the pieces that he has
>forwarded to validate the AA "film" were obvious dupes. Perhaps
>more significantly, the initial investigation by Saino indicated
>that the copier used to make the duplication was not available
>until the mid 50's, which puts a real crimp in the Cameraman's
>story. Bob has indicated that he believes and earlier copier
>would leave the same markings, but admitted that Saino's
>research was both valid and important in our effort to seek the
>truth. Bob now has two snippets of film supplied by Ray, and
>has no reason to believe that either have any relation to the AA
>"film" (except that they all come from Ray).

The "camera original" film would have been NEGATIVE stock, ALL
the projection stock would have been duped from neg at the time,
unless the cameraman was into reversal processing which I doubt
for copying reasons, my point being, by "original" I suggest he
was technically including the 1st Generation Positive prints,
after all in July 1995 this was his list of films received from
the cameraman:

20 reels POSITIVE SAFTY PRINT.
1 reel scrap
1 reel NEG

Out of his 22 reels only the 1 reel of NEG may have been "camera
original".

A further reason for Ray's reluctance to provide film for
authentication may also be traced down to around that date, in
Oct 1995 on the French TF1 channel show about the AA film, Ray's
financial backer Volker Speilberg was tracked down and "briefly"
spoken to, it couldn't be termed interviewed. At THAT time he
claimed he now had all the film safely under lock and key.

What Ray hasn't got, he cannot supply for testing.

>>>How do you account for the lack of repeated frames that would be
>>>present if the film were transferred to video? (see Michael
>>>Lennick's excellent post on the subject)

>>I'm the first to admit that I am not a technical person; I'm a
>>historian, but are you saying here that there was not any film
>>at all and there was just a video made and then made to look
>>like it was shot in 16mm. (like the tent footage) Why don't you
>>show us how that might be done; just a few seconds if its so
>>easy. Did you bother to read the discussion of the debris?

>>Explain it away.

>If you aren't prepared to hold a "technical" discussion, then
>how are you going to discuss specifics? I'm certainly not that
>technical either, but I have at least paid attention when others
>have posted their arguments and try to understand them. Several
>researchers have taken the "film" apart piece by piece and
>analyzed it to the ground, and you could probably find an
>argument to support the fact that it's a film transfer if you
>tried hard enough. But to what end?

<snip>

Again, back in 1995 Bob Shell asked MIT to evaluate
the video transfer of the AA film, they concluded it was 16mm
film shot at 24fps transfered to European(uk) PAL standards

25fps(50frames/sec/interlaced)and then transfered to the
US NTSC 30fps (30frames/sec/interlaced) standard.

Neil.

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Web Sites: Roswell and Alien Autopsy
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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 08:19:19 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:51:21 +0000
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca> >>

>Dave, you might not know but in the Travis Walton abduction
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>as a "coverall" affair. Which would make the big black eyes
>kinda like sunshades. I mean could you create a human's pair
>of eyes if you saw a man/woman wearing Raybans?>>

Hi,

The image was depicted in the film "Fire in the Sky" as being a
suit with the black eyes. I don't recall Walton saying anything
in his book that he thought the aliens had on suits with the
huge eyes. I may be wrong, but that's what I remember.

Any comments on this?

Chris Kelly

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Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 10:21:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:08:52 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:45:11 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:53:26 -0600
>>to: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Gee, Ed. Make up your mind. On the one hand you maintain that
>>I'm dead wrong because the containment suit issue is nothing but
>>"hearsay"; on the other hand, you go to great lengths to try and
>>justify the improper usage that you just said didn't exist!

>I don't know why the doctors were wearing the suits or if they
>were wearing them in the proper manner. Since its the only
>historical fact that seems to be out of place, I suggested other
>reasons that could explain why. The point I was making is that
>many have said that this or that fact invalidates the AA and
>have later been proved wrong ie. the coiled phone. I think this
>is flimsy evidence to base your historical case on. And even if
>you are right about the hazard suit protocol, it doesn't mean
>that these doctors followed it, for what ever reasons they had.

>>More nonsense from Ed. Orderly's are not used the operating room
>>under any condition. Operating rooms are restricted to vital
>>personal only. And just how much "dissection" did you see while
>>working in the ER, Ed?

>I worked at two hospitals in Albuquerque NM while I was
>attending school at UNM. I was usually the only male orderly on

<snip>

Hi Ed and Roger,

I'd just like to throw this into the mix regarding the
"contamination" suits worn in the Autopsy sections of Ray's
film. About 2 years ago the BBC over here in the UK screened a
documentary series about the developement of the Atom Bomb, some
of the Uk list members may recall it, Regretfully I didn't
record it, but the program dealing with the A bomb attacks on
Japan had some interesting archive footage of the 509th bomb
group at their Pacific base preparing for and undertaking the
attack. In an all too brief section of this footage a number of
ground crew could be seen wearing identical style suits to those
worn in the Autopsy footage.

A further comment on the discussions about the AA film in
general, A number of people seem to come to conclusions over the
films contents by comparing against todays standards and
attitudes, IF the film is a genuin historical document it is now
half a century old, there have been vast changes in peoples
attitudes, working conventions and practices in those 50 years,
1947 was a very different place from today, ask the few people
we have left who remember it, I have. It's no use judging by
todays standards and saying "it's obvious it would never be done

that way", 50 years ago there might well have been a very good practical 1947 reason why it WAS done that way.

Just a few thoughts.

Neil.

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 05:04:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:21:21 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:00:49 -0500
>From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcg@netcom.ca>
>Subject: "60% of Abductees Are Gay" - Randle & Estes
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hello Errol!

>I found this post quite interesting, and thought you might too.

>I hope all is well!

>

>Kelly McGillis

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>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:07:56 +1300
>From: earthman <hardjube@IHUG.CO.NZ>
>Subject: [CTRL] 60% of Abductees are GAY
>To: CTRL@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>-Caveat Lector- <http://www.ctrl.org/> -Cui Bono?-

>----- Original Message -----

>From: Mike Farrell <vidhunter@hotmail.com>
>Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2000 12:02 AM
>Subject: 60% of Abductees are GAY!(not that there's anything wrong with
>that:->)

>The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia -
><http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/new>

>

>Greetings Abduction
>Researchers and Therapists,

>"It has also been noted by a number of researchers that gay men
>and women are overwhelmingly represented in the abduction
>population. One estimate suggests that as many as 60 percent of
>those claiming abduction are also gay." (pg.292-The Abduction
>Enigma)

Oh Ghod, Kevin and Russ again! The WWF Chinese tag team of
abduction skeptics! <lol>

Ordinarily I wouldn't even dignify a statement like "60% of all
abductees are gay" with a response. It's just simply ridiculous
on the face of it. There is no way they could have polled enough
"abductees" to make a blanket statement like that hold water
under scrutiny.

Do have some questions though.

I am curious what 'survey' of abductees his statistics are based
on. Knowing 'how many' were polled and how it was determined
that they were in fact "abductees" would be even better. It
would be nice to know 'what criteria' Kevin and Russ used to

determine who should or should not be included in their 'survey.' (If they in fact bothered to conduct one.)

Personally that kind of a statistic sounds bogus and purely biased. Maybe the population of 'gays' is higher in Ohio than I would have imagined! Maybe they conducted their 'poll' among 'abductees' in San Francisco or the West Village in New York, who knows! A number like that (60%) unless based on a survey of a large enough sampling of 'abductees' (which according to Kevin and Russ don't even exist to begin with!) is nothing more than biased (almost bigoted) hogwash.

Even then, the question of 'what criteria was used to include or exclude respondents in the sampling' will still be a big question. One which will no doubt be hotly debated.

One last thing that 'kind of rubbed me the wrong way' is that the undertone of the remark/comparison (abductees/gays) seems like it was intended to cast aspersions of some kind.

Mr Randle,

... so freaking what if a large number of abductees are gay? What does that 'imply' to you? Do you mean that 'gays are basically deviates and liars' and no wonder there is such a large number of them among abductees? Just 'what' would a large number of homosexuals among the abductee population have to do with the price of butter? 'What' does a statistic like that 'mean' to you? Or, better yet, what meaning do you attach to it?

60% my fudge factory! Where do you get "nonsense" (to borrow one of Kevin's favorite descriptive terms) statistics like that?

John Velez, Straight Abductee (Whatever the hell that is supposed to mean!)

AIC - Abduction Information Center -
www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm
jvif@spacelab.net

"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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TMP News: News Briefing - January 27, 2000

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 00:06:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:23:18 -0500
Subject: TMP News: News Briefing - January 27, 2000

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NASA, Stanford Wait for Mars Polar Lander to Phone Home
http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/01/26/mars_lander/index.html

Drudge Report: NASA And Army In Joint Tech Adventures
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/nasaarmy.html>

Y2K Global Glitch List Complete
http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/01/25/y2k_score_card_ready.idg/index.html

Aqua: New Mac Interface is Cool, Refreshing
<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/computing/01/25/mac.osx.idg/index.html>

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Unexplained Phenomena and Fortean

Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:06:01 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:26:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 09:47:41 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:02:17 -0800
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 06:56:59 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists

>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 14:42:13 -0500
>>>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>>>Subject: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH
>>>Tuesday, January 25, 2000 | 6:22 a.m.

><snip>

>>>"I've often said that if anyone will spend one hour looking in
>>>the sky on a clear night, he or she will see a UFO," said
>>>Phillip Klass, founder of the Committee of the Scientific
>>>Investigations of Claims of the Paranormal, in Washington.

>>This is so much hogwash: "...social-psychological phenomenon,"
>>in which people believe they see a UFO because they are looking
>>for one....

>>I have been searching for UFOs for over 45 years and have only
>>had one sighting... in Sept. 1967.

>>I spend hours upon hours on the road, in all types of weather,
>>all times of the day and night, in virtually every type of
>>geography here in this country.

>>Back roads at 2 - 3 a.m. Mountains, day and night, etc., etc.,
>>etc.

>>I go to "skywatches" for the specific reason to "see a UFO." I
>>don't see anything which I can't in all good conscience
>>identify as astronomical, aeronautical, or weather related
>>phenomena.

>Michael:

>Have you ever been at one of those skywatches when others
>thought they saw a UFO but you did not? To what did you
>attribute this? Your standards or powers of critical thinking
>may just be higher than that of many others.

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

C'mon guys, anyone who cannot fathom the reasons these numbnuts
cast the nets they do has gotta not be thinking.

I mean, why would anyone who SHOULD have half an ounce of shmatz

in his brain, as Filly Class should, and who continues to spit the type of insane, inane, meaningless and culpable iggerents, is either nuttier then the nuts he claims we believers are or is in the process of debunking for a living. No matter the source, this man is being paid, one way or another, to speak nonesense.

Cannot be another reason for it. No one can be that stupid, insensitive, and just plain ornery in one body as Filly Class.

Cheeses, just ignore the man. He'll eventually go away. Hell, we all do, eh?

J. Jaime Gesundt, A Really Class Act

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 09:05:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:30:49 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 08:29:52 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 11:42:28 -0400
>>To: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>It could have been sitting on some shelf in Hollywood or
>>elsewhere for a long long time. Ray then becomes somebody taking
>>advantage of public interest and gullibility.

>Stan,

>Where is your evidence for this? I have mentioned this to you
>before...I defend and admire your research but you are doing to
>Ray exactly what others have done and continue to do to you. You
>have no proof for your statements. Yes the AA could have been
>made on the moon but let's stick with what seems probable or
>plausible. Even if it had been sitting on a shelf somewhere for
>years, it seems logical that we would be able to account for the
>manufacturing process that created the debris. How do you
>explain the debris and its unfamiliar characteristics? When you
>read the debris analysis (don't tell me you didn't bother)
>didn't you see similarities between it and the Roswell debris
>ie. lack of mass, durability, not flamable? If you can't explain
>the debris in some intelligent manner, then don't you think its
>reasonable to take another look at the AA?

Where has any connection been shown between the debris and
Roswell? In my 1979 movie "UFOS ARE Real" (available at 15\$ Post
paid, from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958) The artist
created a scene with a rancher holding a large beam similar to
the one in Ray's debris scene. It was wrong. The I beams were
always described by Dr. Marcel as 3/8" or so high. Strange
markings were shown too, made up by the artist. What possible
basis is there for saying anything about the durability or
flamability?? I haven't seen test results. Is the material
available for test or is this all inference from looking at the
footage? I know of a very good forensic testing lab....

>>As I pointed out in the entire chapter devoted to AA in my book
>>TOP SECRET/MAJIC, just about everything Ray told me in our first
>>conversation turned out to be a lie.

>Everyone doesn't have access to your wonderful and informative
>books, so why not list these "lies" for all to read since you've
>used them many times as your reason for nixing the AA. (You
>make them sound so ominous).

Everybody does have access to my book. "TOP SECRET/MAJIC",
autographed, hard cover is also available from UFORI (\$15.) as
noted above \$20. from the UK for airmail)

Here are a few lies:

1. Ray stated to me that Harry Truman was clearly visible in the

film.. He is NOT.

2. He stated that he had shown that Truman was in Dallas at the time of the Autopsy. WRONG

3. He stated in response to a direct question from me that he had indeed checked with the Truman Library. I checked with the Truman Library. They know me there. Truman was NOT in Texas or NM from June 1 on. When I told Ray this in London, he said the Truman trip to Dallas was done on his way to Ottawa. I checked. There was a June trip to Ottawa. It was by train, Truman was seen on the way and in Ottawa. Ottawa is 450 Miles North of DC. Dallas is 1100 miles W, of DC

4. Ray stated that the military cameraman from whom he purchased the film was the first to film Elvis. According to a book Elvis from A to Z, the cameraman first to film Elvis was Jack Barnett working with a lawyer (Then Disc jockey) named Randle in Cleveland from whom Ray indeed had purchased his Elvis footage. Unfortunately Barnett died in about 1967, and was never in the military, so could not have sold film he never had to anybody in the 1990s.

5. Ray started out talking about Roswell. When it became clear that Roswell didn't fit, he suddenly said the crash was in early June and near Socorro. But he insisted that the cameraman was flown to Roswell about 175 miles over a mountain range east of Socorro. The cameraman was supposedly on a military flight from Wright Field and surely for such a high priority assignment would have been flown much closer to the crash site... White Sands Missile Range, Alamogordo Army Air Field, Kirtland... all much closer and with high security.

>Also you need to explain to the list that you offered Ray
>\$100,000 for the footage and he turned you down. (I know it was
>for someone else but you should mention it, none the less) Not
>that this disqualifies you from the discussion since I agree
>that money can be the name of the game.

Sorry more distortion as again noted in TSM. I was asked to make an offer on behalf of somebody very knowledgeable about film and who had the money. There were two important contingencies. That we be given access to original film and that we be satisfied it was genuine. If it was genuine, it would certainly have been worth 100,000\$. Of course Ray's comments about the offer neglected to mention these little details.

Stan Friedman

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How Life May Live On Europa

From: **Steven L. Wilson Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 01:03:56 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:35:06 -0500
Subject: How Life May Live On Europa

Source: http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/sci/tech/newsid_619000/619407.stm

BBC News

Wednesday, 26 January, 2000, 19:01 GMT

How life may live on Europa

Impression of a probe searching for life in Europa's ocean

By BBC News Online Science Editor Dr David Whitehouse

A radiation-driven ecosystem could exist in the ocean thought to lie beneath the surface of Jupiter's moon Europa, a scientist has suggested.

Ever since the Voyager spacecraft flew past the Jupiter system in the 1970's, astronomers have been fascinated by Europa and its bizarre striped surface and the prospects for primitive forms of life on the satellite.

But life needs energy. It has been suggested that on the floor of the suspected subterranean ocean there may be hydrothermal vents like those found on Earth.

These vents, which gush hot water and minerals, could provide both the energy and the food sources for primitive Europeans.

Mighty Jupiter

However, some analyses of energy sources on Europa have been pessimistic saying that there may not be enough free-energy available to support life, or at least life as we know it.

Ice ridges on Europa - sites of life?

If Europa really does have an ocean, it lies beneath an ice layer that is too thick to permit photosynthesis to be a source of energy for life-forms. Hydrothermal vents may or may not exist, but such ecology as exists on Earth depends largely on oxidants that filter down from the surface of the ocean and this would not happen on Europa.

In a new analysis, published in the journal Nature, Chris Chyba of the Seti (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute in California suggests that charged sub-atomic particles that are swirled around Jupiter by its mighty magnetic field should interact with Europa's icy surface providing energy that primitive life-forms could tap.

Unusual colours

"Microbial life could exist in concentrations detectable by surface landers able to filter meltwater from Europa's ice," says Dr Chyba.

He suggests that Europa could have a radiation-driven ecosystem and has calculated the minimum amount of biomass in this

ecosystem by comparing it to ecosystems on Earth. His estimate is 20 billion grams.

Microbial blooms could also occur wherever the ocean beneath the ice broke through. Dr Chyba suggests that any unusual colours detected on the surface of the moon may be an indicator of this.

So far, this is all speculation. These calculations provide a plausible argument for one of many possible types of charged-particle or radiation-driven ecosystem. But "only direct exploration," Dr Chyba concludes, "will reveal whether life on Europa actually exists."

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Re: From The Sceptic's Tank...

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 08:19:02 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:37:30 -0500
Subject: Re: From The Sceptic's Tank...

>From: Marty Murray <bubastis@warplink.com>
>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 22:01:59 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:28:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: From The Sceptic's Tank...

>I have two words to describe CSICOP and its membership. The
>first word starts with an "A" and the second with an "H", though
>often these two words are combined to make one!

>Of all the times I've seen these clowns on television,
>especially Joe Nickell, not once, NOT ONCE, has the man's
>credentials been given. This guy could be a bloody Junior High
>dropout for all we know.

<snip>

>I'd like to see some investigative reporting done on this
>organization for a change. What exactly are their credentials
>for being "experts" on anything outside of being able to blow
>their own horn and making the ignorant listen?

Marty:

In order to raise the level of discourse, here, could you please
state what you would consider to be the minimum credentials,
academic or otherwise, in order to be recognized as an "a--
h---" [sic]?

Please be as specific as possible.

Also, for the benefit of the readers of this list, could you
state your own credentials in this academic field? While you
may assume that your standing in this field may be obvious, many
other members of this list certainly aren't interested in the
rantings of any bloody Junior High dropouts.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Stephen Miles Lewis <elfis@austin.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 09:13:16 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:48:46 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 01:06:55 -0500 (EST)
>From: Chris Kelly <MTBAREA51@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:51:21 +0000
>>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>>

>>Dave, you might not know but in the Travis Walton abduction
>>case, he described the eyes as part of a suit, the "grey suit"
>>as a "coverall" affair. Which would make the big black eyes
>>kinda like sunshades. I mean could you create a human's pair
>>of eyes if you saw a man/woman wearing Raybans?>>

>Hi,

>The image was depicted in the film "Fire in the Sky" as being a
>suit with the black eyes. I don't recall Walton saying anything
>in his book that he thought the aliens had on suits with the
>huge eyes. I may be wrong, but that's what I remember.

>Any comments on this?

>Chris Kelly

Hello all,

Great lil dialogue y'all got goin here....

Tracey Torme who worked on Fire In The Sky published an
apology to the ufological community right before the film's
release to explain the fact that little or nothing in that film
reflects Travis Walton's experiences.

There was a "grey suit" with the black wraparound eyes in the
film.

The other pre AA film reference to the black lids as covers is
from a local Austin MUFON mini-conf we held featuring abductees
George and Shirley Coyne (of Michigan I think) back in October
of 1991.

I think someone else cited Strieber's 1987 'Communion' tho I am
unsure of that cite's page location.

SMiles Lewis - Elfis Editor
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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: **Stephen Miles Lewis** <elfis@austin.rr.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 09:50:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 13:53:35 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:00:49 -0500
>From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcg@netcom.ca>
>Subject: "60% of Abductees Are Gay" - Randle & Estes
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hello Errol!

>I found this post quite interesting, and thought you might too.

>I hope all is well!

>Kelly McGillis

<snip>

Hi all.

Years ago, researcher friends of mine in California mentioned how most of the abductees and almost all of the more contactee type experiencers they knew out West were rather a-sexual in this reality. In the cases where the abduction was traumatic they were reflecting the understandable effects of post rape type psychological problems - while the more new agee contactee types simply preferred their astral liasons to anything the physical flesh could offer.

I've occassionally heard the idea expressed that homosexuality is nature's way of trying to balance out the population; more homosexuals would tend to mean less population. A biologist I know has suggested that having a gay sibling would have survival value for a heterosexual child-rearing couple: by having another "bread winner" available to devote time and resources to child-rearing (in the past they weren't out trying to have a family of their own) they increase the chances for survival of the child-rearing family genes.

The reason I bring this up is becuz of the oft reported alien agenda of marriage engineering, genetic manipulations - usually as their attempts relate to saving our and/or their own biological diversity due to the aliens' supposed inability to reproduce sexually (they have no sex organs).

In the Time Travel hypotheses' favor on this one is the idea that these "aliens" are our future selves and have returned to save ourselves from an impotent/hive-minded/sexless/infertile future.

It also bares relevance to previous studies of experiencer populations which related that CE encontrants often have a"

"... a richness of inner life ...relative weakness in the sense of identity, especially sexual identity... vulnerability in the interpersonal realm..." The researcher, Dr. Parnell, also said the encontrants were of above average intelligence.

SMiles

PS - I know their will undoubtedly be objections to this material. However I am sure the level of dialogue will be as

high as usual on these fine elists.

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UFO SPAWNS A TORNADO
AT A NAVAL BASE IN
ARGENTINA

"Strange phenomena was reported yesterday (i.e. Tuesday, January 18, 2000) at the Puerto Belgrano naval base" in Argentina.

"Corroborating accounts, such as the one from retired sailor Marcos Herminio Faini indicated the presence of a shiny object at an estimated altitude of 2,000 meters (6,600 feet) and simultaneously the presence of a powerful whirlind on the (ground) surface below."

Puerto Belgrano is located on Argentina's South Atlantic shore about 600 kilometers (360 miles) south of Buenos Aires, the national capital.

The weather station at Commandante Espora Air Base, operated by the Fuerzas Aereas de Argentina (Argentinian Air Force--J.T.). stated that atmospheric conditions at the time were not conducive to the formation of tornados. "Visibility was at 20 kilometers (12 miles) and barely noticeable winds with speeds ranging from 7 to 11 kilometers per hour."

"'No anomalies were detected,' stated Capt. Ricardo Legron in a brief Navy communique, who considered that the object may have been a 'weather satellite' despite the fact that the authorities at Espora told the newspapers that such launches no longer take place."

A "self-proclaimed skeptic of flying saucer tales, UFO sightings and such phenomena," retired Jefe de Flota (Chief of the Fleet, a rank comparable to Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy--J.T.) Faini was quoted as saying, "Look, I know people will call me a hoaxer. But I can tell you that after spending half my life at sea, I have seen something very special which I believe to be of scientific value."

"Faini took a bus from the Micro Omnibus Punta Alta line about 12:45 p.m. from Mitre," the newspaper La Nueva Provincia reported.

"Seated in the second row, next to the window, he was startled by a whirlwind on the ground above the future Fleet Junior Officers School now being built."

"'The whirlwind was concentric and wasn't moving. Completely out of the ordinary.' he stated."

"'When I visually tried to locate the column of dust, I noticed a glowing object stationary in the southeast. I showed it to the sergeant in charge

of the (base) hospital's military command."

"'It's a flying saucer,' he replied laconically, and the other passengers stared at it, as well. More curiosity seekers joined the group. The object showed some slight movement, always in the same direction."

Faini, 63, was born in Argentina's Entre Rios province and retired from the Navy in 1983. During his career, he served aboard the torpedo boats San Luis and Buenos Aires, the tugboat Ranquel, the icebreaker General San Martin, the frigate Libertad, the cruiser General Belgrano and the aircraft carrier 25 de Mayo. (See the Argentinian newspaper La Nueva Provincia for January 19, 2000, "Testimony of a former sailor: Strange flying object startles observers at Puerto Belgrano; powerful whirlwind and brilliant sphere seen yesterday." Many thanks to Scott Corrales, author of Chupacabras and Other Mysteries for forwarding this newspaper article.)

CROWDS SIGHT OVAL UFO OVER ACAPULCO

On Tuesday evening, January 18, 2000, residents of Acapulco, a popular resort and Pacific Ocean port in Mexico's state of Guerrero, "are saying that they saw an OVNI (Spanish acronym for UFO--J.T.), according to the testimonios of the eyewitnesses"

The witnesses described the OVNI as "kind of bright and ovulated," adding that "it was seen for seven minutes flying over the city with highly quick and strange movements."

"The OVNI made circles in the night sky, leaving a flash of green and yellow light behind as a kind of trail."

A spokesman for Aeropuerto Internacional de Acapulco stated that their radar operators "have seen nothing out of the ordinary" and "had no flights over the area at that time."

Acapulco is located 427 kilometers (265 miles) west of Mexico City, the national capital. (Muchas gracias a Guillermo Alarcon para esta historia.)

MYSTERY METEOR EXPLODES NORTH OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA

"A meteor exploded over the mountains of southern Yukon Territory," Canada, on Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 8:43 a.m., "shaking houses and providing residents of the remote region with a dazzling light show, the Geologic Survey of Canada said."

"The meteor is believed to have exploded in the atmosphere midway between Carcross, Yukon Territory, Canada (population 190) and Skagway, Alaska, USA (population 692).

Eyewitnesses "'described it as sheet-lightning like and they turned around and there was a large green object going through the sky,' said Garry Rogers of the Pacific Geosciences Center in Sidney, B.C." (British Columbia, Canada--J.T.)

"Witnesses in Carcross said the explosion rattled windows and shook snow from roofs in the small village about 120 kilometers (90 miles) north of Juneau (Alaska, USA), according to Rogers."

"No injuries or damage were reported...The explosion was detected by at least three of the agency's seismic monitoring stations in the region."

The explosion was also detected by several USA Department of Defense (DOD) satellites. They detected the impact of a meteoroid near Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. The object detonated at an altitude of 25 kilometers (15 miles) at 60.25 degrees North Latitude, 134.65 degrees West Longitude. Optical (satellite) sensors detected the event at 8:43 a.m."

Whitehorse is 240 kilometers (150 miles) north of Skagway, which is about 125 miles (200 kilometers) northwest of Juneau, the

state capital of Alaska. (Many thanks to Errol Bruce-Knapp and Bob Young for this news story.)

ANOTHER UFO REPORTED
NEAR BANGOR, MAINE

On Saturday, January 8, 2000, Jean C. was driving alone in her car, "heading north on (Interstate Highway) I-95 around 9:30 p.m. from work in Brewer, Me. (population 9,021), a town four miles (7 kilometers) south of Bangor.

"I spotted a yellowish-orange light in a stationary position about three miles beyond the Stillwater exit off to my right. It was near or around the vicinity of Stillwater Lumber. I spotted the light through the trees just before I got to the clearing. I was having trouble with my car, so I did not dare stop as I had a ways to go and was traveling alone." (Email Form Report)

TWO RED UFOs SEEN IN
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

On Friday, January 21, 2000, at 11:15 p.m., Lisa B. "left my friend's house and walked across the street to my house. I looked up at the sky to see the lunar eclipse. As I was looking away, I saw two moving lights (red or dusty rose in color--L.B.) I thought maybe it was two falling stars, but the size was too large and the color wasn't right. They were moving parallel to each other with the top one moving faster.. Then they looped and came close to each other, looped back out, and when they came closer together the second time, they disappeared."

"My husband and friends decided that it had to be military-related," Lisa added, "Which I am believing for the sake of my sanity and peace of mind."

Virginia Beach (population 303,069) is located 105 miles (168 kilometers) southeast of Richmond, the state capital. (Email Interview)
(Editor's Note: Virginia Beach is also the world headquarters of the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.), the non-profit foundation created by psychic Edgar Cayce.)

SILENT DELTA-SHAPED UFO
SEEN IN ALLIANCE, TEXAS

On Friday, January 21, 2000, Alice C. was standing outdoors in Alliance, Texas, near Dallas and Fort Worth. "I was standing outside facing east just as the lunar eclipse was to begin when a Stealth-shaped object skimmed south to north, just above the treetops, following a creekbed to the east of my house."

"The object stood out because it was moving, and it was darker than the dark itself. It appeared to be about the size of a flattened mid-sized car and had lights in the back."

"I am hoping that someone else to the south or north saw it, before or after I did. We live just south of the Alliance airport, west of Dallas-Fort Worth so airplanes are a constant. So is the noise they make. But this (object) was totally silent." (Email Interview)

UFOs SIGHTED NEAR ROME
AND IN THE ALPS

On Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at 5:30 p.m., hundreds of motorists on the Autostrada (Highway) A-1 on the outskirts of Rome, Italy's capital, were stunned to see a UFO in the sky overhead.

"Hundreds of eyewitnesses traveling on the Autostrada A-1 from Nazzano Romano and Fiumicino sighted 'a circular luminous object' and immediately afterward 'a cylinder of light positioned in the sky.' The motorists observed the phenomenon

for several minutes."

On Thursday, December 30, 1999, a family of tourists from Venezia (Venice) was vacationing in Italy's Aosta province when they spotted a UFO. The family was in Champoluc, a village in the Alps near the border with France. "A luminous sphere was seen in the sky over Champoluc by the family. The object was also seen and reported by the Carabinieri (Italian national police--J.T.)." (See the Italian newspapers Il Messaggero for January 13 and 14, 2000; Corriete di Rieti and Corriete di Viterbo for January 14, 2000. Grazie a Edoardo Russo, Sveva Stallone e Massimo Valloscuro di Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici per questi rapporti.)

SOUTH PACIFIC UFO APPEARS OVER NEW GEORGIA

On Tuesday, December 28, 1999, a UFO, which was described as "a rotating unidentified object," appeared over the port of Noro on New Georgia Island in the South Pacific.

"The object appeared quite light at first, though it looked like shiny glass in the sky. After some minutes, it passed through some clouds and then appeared to be 'a solid ship.' Weather conditions in Noro were "fine with some cloud."

New Georgia is in the Solomon Islands and lies about 300 kilometers (180 miles) northwest of Honiara, the national capital, which is located on Guadalcanal Island. (See the Solomon Star for Thursday, January 6, 2000, page 1. Many thanks to Ross Dowe, director of Australia's National Space Centre for this news story.) (Editor's Note: New Georgia Island was the scene of heavy fighting in January 1943, at the height of World War II.)

TACKANASH RETURNS

At the end of last month, UFO Roundup invited readers to share any premonitions they might have had about the New Millennium.

Well, we got no takers. But your editor did have a couple of strange dreams during the month of January 2000. Both dreams featured Tackanash, an elderly Anishinabe man who has popped up in my dreams at odd intervals throughout my life.

Unlike December's dream, this time there was no Cahokia, no Wyoming sun dance and, thankfully, no bombs in New York City. But one chilling sequence repeated itself--twice!

The first dream occurred on Monday, January 10, 2000. I dreamed it was a cold day with a light and bright overcast here in Duluth. It was cold, but there was no snow on the ground, a condition that suggests a day in November rather than March.

Tackanash, dressed for powwow, and I walked into the red brick Walgreen's pharmacy at the corner of Superior Street and 13th Avenue East. I looked for the Chicago Tribune but that shelf was empty. It was a typical morning at the pharmacy--clerks ringing up purchases and shoppers wandering up and down the aisles. Stopping at the candy display, I turned to Tackanash and said, "Want some M & M's, Nimishoo?" (Anishinabe for Grandfather--J.T.)

He crooked his index finger impatiently. "Come over here, Masinaigan. Hurry!"

Curious, I joined him and peered out the glass-enclosed doorway. Lake Superior was clearly visible about a quarter-mile south of us. I saw a few whitecap waves out on the Big Lake.

All of a sudden, a giant wave appeared in the southeast. Swiftly it blotted out my view of the Wisconsin shore and grew larger and larger. Impossibly large! Fifty or sixty feet, at least.

To my horror, I realized that it was coming straight towards shore--straight towards us!

Tackanash and I backpedaled away from the doorway. Seconds later, the wave struck. The brick building rocked on its foundations. People began screaming. Horrified, I glanced at the door. Roiling waters rose up the glass until it was completely submerged..

The walls held! I thought, But the door is only reinforced glass--.

Before I could finish the thought, the glass exploded under the incredible water pressure. A jet of lakewater six feet high cascaded into the pharmacy, knocking over displays, pushing tables aside, sweeping goods from the shelves.

Grabbing Tackanash's shoulder, I shouted, "This way, Nimishoo!"

I led him out the store's back entrance, into a small parking area. We plunged into eddying thigh-deep floodwaters. I let out a yell. That water was cold!

Somehow I managed to clamber up over the stone retaining wall and, soaking wet, gave Tackanash a helping hand. Together we dashed across First Street into the woods beside the Dental Associates building, with the icy water lapping at our ankles.

Tackanash grabbed my right arm and pulled me after him, making his way up and out of the creekbed. "No, boy, this way!"

I frowned. "I have a name, Nimishoo."

"Hush, Masinaigan. Save your breath for climbing."

We weren't the only ones climbing. Two dozen panicky pedestrians were also running uphill. I glanced over my shoulder. Lakewater poured over First Street, drowning the front steps of the old brownstone houses. The Miller-Dwan Medical Center looked like an island sitting out in the middle of the lake.

At last we reached Fourth Street. We began to shiver in our wet clothes. I stopped at the driveway of an 1890s home. A very anxious man was carrying a box full of canned goods to his waiting sport utility vehicle.

"Excuse me," I said, briskly rubbing my damp arms. "Can we use your fireplace to dry our clothes?"

"Do whatever you like," he replied, eyes wide with fear. "I'm getting the hell out of here!"

And I woke up.

The second dream occurred one week later, on January 17, 2000, and it was much shorter.

I dreamed that Tackanash and I were standing on a stony outcrop with a panoramic view of Lake Superior. I looked around in puzzlement. I didn't recognize the spot, but it sure looked like North Shore boreal forest to me.

Down below was an inlet surrounded on both sides by balsam and tamarack forest. Four boats were at anchor there, and everyone in the boats had a fishing pole. Again, the scene had a November feel with its overcast sky, a bit darker than the one in my previous dream.

Blinking in confusion, I asked, "Where are we, Nimishoo?"

"Rainbow Creek," he said.

And then I heard a booming surf sound. Turning lakeward, I spied a big wave coming ashore. It was nowhere near as large as the ones in my previous dreams. This one was about 25 feet high. It smashed against the rocky shore and flooded the inlet, capsizing all four of the boats. All of the fishermen had life preservers, so they popped back to the surface. But they were carried upriver by the surge of lakewater, which flooded the woods on both sides.

And I woke up.

Tackanash's phrase stuck in my mind. Rainbow Creek. It didn't sound familiar. Just to make sure, I checked a map of northern

Minnesota. Nope, no Rainbow Creek emptying into Lake Superior.

However, I was sure that I'd been looking at Lake Superior's North Shore. After twenty years of vacationing up here and a year in residence, I know the shore. So I dug up a map of Canada's Ontario province at the Duluth Public Library. And whattaya know--there's Rainbow Creek, just east of Schreiber, Ontario, a Superior shore town I've never been to.

It seems like an "impossible" event--a tsunami or tidal wave on Lake Superior. But now I'm wondering if it might actually happen. Perhaps a powerful earthquake, centered in either the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula or Ontario's "Algoma Country" between Wawa, Ont. and Sault Sainte Marie, Ont., might trigger such an event.

That makes three times now I've dreamed of a Lake Superior tidal wave. If dreams really are prophetic, and it does happen someday, I have two predictions.

(1) It will happen on an overcast morning in November.

(2) About 300 miles of the lake's North Shore will be hit hard.

from the UFO Files...

1949: LET'S DO IT AGAIN--
THE STAR ARIEL

On Monday, January 17, 1949, the British South American Airways (BSSA) airliner Star Ariel revved up her four propellor engines on the runway in Hamilton, Bermuda, ready to take off for the rest of her flight to Santiago de Chile.

Anyone who'd been in Hamilton a year earlier, on January 30, 1948, might be experiencing some *deja vu*. For it was on that night that Star Ariel's sister airliner, the Star Tiger, vanished while approaching Bermuda from the northeast. (For more on the Star Tiger, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 3.)

Like the Star Tiger, the Star Ariel was an "Avro, Tudor IV, Post War pressurized cabin Luxury Airliner." The aircraft had the same four propellor engines and wings used by the RAF's Lancaster bomber in World War II. Her builder, A.V. Roe & Company, had redesigned the wartime Lancaster's fuselage, making it larger and more spacious.

Unlike her sister airliner, the Star Ariel did not have a full complement of 33 passengers on board. The Star Ariel "was carrying only 12 passengers and a crew of six," including Captain J.C. McPhee, First Officer F. Dauncey, Second Officer V. Shapley, Radio Operator G. Rettie, Steward K. Coleman and Stewardess J. Moxon.

Promptly at 7:42 a.m. on January 17, 1949, the Star Ariel rolled down the Hamilton runway. Captain McPhee eased back on the yoke, and the Tudor began its climbout, starting her six-hour, 1,000-mile flight to Kingston, Jamaica.

One hour into the flight, Captain McPhee picked up his microphone and said, "Hamilton Control, this is Star Ariel. I am switching radio frequencies to Kingston Control, over."

"Roger, Star Ariel. We are handing off to Kingston. Have a nice flight. Over and out."

The Star Ariel's estimated time of arrival in Jamaica was 1:42 p.m. The Tudor's fuel tanks had enough aviation gasoline to fly for ten hours. No more.

Captain McPhee's routine call was the last anyone ever heard from the Star Ariel. The propellor-engine airliner was never seen again.

At 5:42 p.m., with Star Ariel's fuel tanks apparently dry, the U.S. Coast Guard declared the airliner to be "missing" and organized a

comprehensive air-sea search to begin at dawn on January 18, 1949.

"Meanwhile, just before dusk, a U.S. Army plane from Kindley Field, Bermuda made a sweep of the area of the Tudor's last reported position, without sighting anything."

At 3 a.m., a U.S. Air Force B-29 bomber took off from MacDill Field in Florida, kicking off the search. Next, at 5 a.m., a USAF B-17 bomber lifted off the runway, heading for Bermuda.

The U.S. Coast Guard sent rescue planes into the area from its bases in Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina and Florida. "By high noon, the Coast Guard announced that 72 search planes, many ships and approximately 13,000 men were actively engaged in the hunt for life."

The U.S. Navy sent an entire task force to join the search. Included were the battleship USS Missouri, the aircraft carriers USS Leyte and USS Kearsarge and six destroyers.

In Havana, President Carlos Prío Socarras announced that the Cuban Air Force would also join the hunt for the missing Star Ariel.

Even if Captain McPhee had been forced to ditch the airliner in the ocean, the searchers were confident of finding survivors. "The Tudor IV had five emergency exits, carried three large dinghies, one fitted with a radio transmitter, and life belts were stowed under the passenger seats and in the crew's compartment."

"As the days passed without finding a trace of the Star Ariel, the U.S. Air Force added 16 more planes," including "12 B-29s, two (PBY-2) Catalina flying boats, and two B-17s from the United States."

A valiant effort, but it was all in vain. There was no sign of a downed airliner. Or the yellow inflatable dinghies. Or even a debris field..

And then, during the early morning hours of January 20, 1949, nearly three days after the Star Ariel's engines had run dry, the pilot of a BSSA four-propellor-engine Constellation airliner "reported that he twice saw lights on the water," at low altitude. "the (Connie) crew said the light was seen 300 miles (480 kilometers) southwest of Bermuda."

The U.S. Air Force discounted their claim of seeing "mysterious lights" over that stretch of ocean and "added that search craft had been out flying wingtip to wingtip in the reported area," both above and below the clouds, "but had not sighted anything."

As with her sister, the Star Tiger, no trace of the Star Ariel was ever found. Intriguingly, she had gone missing exactly 13 days before the first anniversary of the Star Tiger's disappearance.

On December 20, 1949, nearly a year later, the UK Ministry of Civil Aviation issued its final report on the strange case of the Star Ariel.

Air Commodore Vernon Brown, Chief Inspector of Air Accidents, wrote, "Through lack of evidence due to no wreckage having been found, the cause of the accident to the Star Ariel is unknown."

"The Star Ariel was lost almost exactly a year after a sister aircraft, the Star Tiger, had disappeared in much the same area and in equally mysterious circumstances."

Today, a half-century later, the disappearances of the Star Tiger and the Star Ariel almost exactly a year apart remain among the strangest events in the lore of UFOs. (See the book *Limbo of the Lost* by John Wallace Spencer, Bantam Books, New York, N.Y., 1973, pages 34 to 41.)

We'll be back next week with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup. See you then.

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>>>Recently I was called upon to recreate in 3D the typical alien
>>>(just the head) which seemed like a pretty straight forward
>>>thing since these guys don't have much in the way of facial
>>>features.

>><snip>

>>>at size would not only be too big
>>>to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross
>>>each other at the bridge of the nose).

>>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>>interest.

>>My impression of the alien appearance is that it is not real.
>>Maybe some kind of suit or mask to allow them free travel in our
>>environment. Maybe something else, but I never felt that it was
>>flesh & bone. The eyes are a part of this wardrobe.

>>If anyone has comments or other similar ideas, I'd very much
>>like to hear them.

Hi Cinde,

It's always good to hear from someone who's actually seen these
creatures.

I have never been approached or abducted by these things, maybe
they think I'll just stink up the place.

>I can understand your dilemma in trying to get those eyes just
>right.

I recently tried again, still couldn't get the eyes to fit.

>I can't speak for everyone who has seen them but my own
>observations showed me that they look incredibly odd. They are
>more flat than round, almost too big, they have no pupils that I
>saw and no facial features to speak of. I would swear they wear
>some kind of one-piece suit that encompasses the head due to
>their lack of wrinkles, expressions, facial (or even fine body)
>hair, etc.

This is my only possible conclusion to the eyesize, a mask or

environment suit of some kind.

Come to think of it, wouldn't we be doing the same thing? who knows what kind of germs we might pick up, look at what happened to the Martians in 'War Of The Worlds'.

>I never noticed any type of zipper though... if it is a suit, I
>wonder how they get in and out of it?

I would imagine they have advanced beyond the zipper revolution.

Here's hoping you get a good nights sleep with no visitations at 3am (approx).

Dave.

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>>(One of Whitley Strieber's remarks in 'Communion' is that the
>>archetypal alien head on the cover isn't as big as what he
>>observed. And since I seem to have been under attack lately, let
>>me stress that this isn't a whole-hearted endorsement for
>>Strieber...or any other "abductee.")

>>I am glad you picked up on that, the creature depicted on the
>>the cover of 'Communion' was a cartoon character.

>The picture on 'Communion' was an attempt by a competent artist,
>Ted Jacobs, to draw an image from waking memory. As such it has
>the look of a "police sketch." It's clearly an impressionistic
>portrait.

So in other words not an exact depiction but an exaggeration.
Doesn't it strike you as odd how some people have been
describing this exaggeration ever since?

>>>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>>>interest.

>>>"Impossible creatures"? Not really. Possibly just weird
>>>creatures. They're supposed to be aliens, right?

>>I was kind of hoping that no-one would give me that "they're
>>aliens so anything goes" jive.

>I wasn't giving you the "they're aliens so anything goes"
>jive.

>I inferred that

Sorry, I stand corrected.

I was kind of hoping that no-one would 'infer' that "they're
aliens so anything goes".

How's that?

Dave.

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:32:38 -0500
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>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:51:21 +0000
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hi Dave

><snip>

>>Next time someone draws a sketch of an alien that supposedly
>>abducted them, look at the eyes.

>>Imagine looking down on the creature so you can see the contour
>>of the eye and follow it round and you'll see what I mean.

>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>interest.

>Dave, you might not know but in the Travis Walton abduction
>case, he described the eyes as part of a suit, the "grey suit"
>as a "coverall" affair. Which would make the big black eyes
>kinda like sunshades. I mean could you create a human's pair
>of eyes if you saw a man/woman wearing Raybans?

Hi Sean,

Thanks for the advice, I must get around to watching that film
again at some time especially since you mentioned the 'grey
suit'.

I tried watching the film some time ago but it just seemed to be
a lot of Hollywood bunkum, I must have switched off/fell asleep
before they got to the 'coverall' bit.

Dave.

p.s.

Good point about the Raybans.

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:37:37 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 01:06:55 -0500 (EST)
>From: Chris Kelly <MTBAREA51@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 18:51:21 +0000
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>suit with the black eyes. I don't recall Walton saying anything
>in his book that he thought the aliens had on suits with the
>huge eyes. I may be wrong, but that's what I remember.

>Any comments on this?

>Chris Kelly

Hi Chris

I am speaking with reference to the film because I have not read
the book. I will get round to it, but there are so many books to
be read and so little time to do it.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 11:04:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:40:00 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 09:05:02 -0400
>To: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Stan,

>Where has any connection been shown between the debris and
>Roswell?

<Snip>

>What possible basis is there for saying anything about the durability
>or flammability?? I haven't seen test results. Is the material
>available for test or is this all inference from looking at the
>footage? I know of a very good forensic testing lab....

The next issue of Flatland will have an article which will try to show the possible connection between the Roswell debris and the debris shown in the AA. Durability is not the best term; I agree. But I remember, off the top of my head, that some of the firemen tried to light the thin foil with lighters and it wouldn't fire. Lack of mass was my main point. Wasn't the Roswell material very light? All inferences to the AA debris are from carefully viewing the AA debris section.

Its still not clear to me whether you've read the "discussion of the debris" posted awhile back.

Also while I have your attention... how do you explain the restricted coded that was posted in the hoaxed tent footage? Did you read my explanation for that?

I think Ray's "lies" could be taken a number of ways but thanks for posting them for all to see.

Ed

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Who is Alexander Kazantzev?

From: **Richard D. Nolane** <raynaud@total.net>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:22:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:45:12 -0500
Subject: Who is Alexander Kazantzev?

Dear list members,

I'm trying to find detailed biographical data on the Russian science fiction writer and ufologist Alexander Kazantzev.

Kazantzev, born in 1906, was the man in USSR who put forward the idea in 1946 that it was an atomic powered spaceship and not a comet or an asteroid which exploded over Siberia in 1908. He was also an ardent promoter of the astro-archeological theories in USSR. I saw a recent picture of him and he may be still alive.

I read somewhere that he was a Colonel, elsewhere that he was a scientist, elsewhere that he was only a successful science fiction writer (3 of his SF novels were translated in France)...

So it would be interesting for all of us to know more about this man, rather mysterious for the occidental researchers but very influential in his country.

Many thanks in advance for the help.

RDN

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Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 15:14:54 -0500
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>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 09:05:02 -0400
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From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 16:07:06 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 18:31:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 15:09:10 -0800
>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:02:17 -0800
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

><snip>

>>Another thing. Why aren't all of you who profess these
>>sightings documenting them with video and 35 mm film shots?
>>Isn't it amazing how all of these sightings are either made by
>>those who don't have a camera of some kind available, or take
>>pictures of "lights" in the sky, which have no definition or
>>background by which to measure their density?

>>In todays climate, there is no excuse for not having a camera
>>with you at virtually any time. In your car, in your bag or
>>purse.

>>Police cars equiped with old technology video cameras. They
>>should all have night vision capabilities, for obvious reasons,
>>not including UFO sightings.

>>Just for your information...I carry a 35 mm camera, binoculars,
>>micro-cassette recorder/player, electromagnetic field detector,
>>compass and geiger counter in my car all the time, and many times
>>I also carry a stereo, High-8mm camcorder and tripod!

>>Always carry a tripod! Enough of these shaky little lights in
>>the black night sky.

>Yeah, right, at 10:30 on a cold November evening taking my Irish
>Setter out for a last pee before bedtime, I am expected to be
>fully equipped with my camera - with all correct night settings
>- plus a tripod, electromagnetic field detector, compass and
>Geiger counter - oh yea, and a stereo, high-8mm camcorder! Have
>I got that right?

>You forget, most of the people who see something unusual in the
>sky, don't believe in ufos to begin with, so are unlikely to go
>to the expense of buying all that equipment to take a good shot
>of something they don't believe exists. Much less break their
>shoulders carrying it around or risk theft in their car.

>And those of us who do believe, especially those of us who have
>always believed there is such a thing, but have gone on faith,
>and have never seen anything, are to be expected to be ready in
>a second because after all these years, something just might be
>there, are also expected to have such items on our person at all
>times.

>If you are not accustomed to seeing anomalies in the sky,
>(whether you are a believer or not) the shock of actually seeing
>something unusual tends to cause a few seconds of mental
>confusion which can cost valuable time which should you suggest

>be spent getting that camcorder or camera up to your eye and
>getting a shot that includes at least two earth based points of
>reference so that the height, size etc can be determined later
>by angulation. And heaven help you if you haven't got the
>camcorder settings right for night sky or the camera pre-set.

>Snip

>The expert quoted in the original story talked about seeing ufos
>because they expect to! After 47 years of seeing nothing
>anomalous in the sky, my sighting, different from anything I
>have ever even read about in all those years, caught me totally
>unprepared as it does most people. Proving the expert was as
>out to lunch as you suggesting the exact opposite! We are
>supposed to be ready and armed every moment and expecting to see
>something? How ludicrous!

>But then, maybe if my friend was able to get his hands on all
>that equipment, you might accept all the pictures he takes as
>legitimate? Just because he was 'prepared'! And I have no
>credibility because I was just helping my dog respond to the
>call of nature!!!!

>Other than that minor problem with your note, I agreed with
>everything else!

>Lesley

>here on the farm still staring upwards, and still unprepared!

Dear Listers:

A lotta truth in them words. And some (in my opinion) silliness,
too.

In September of 1998 I saw an anomalous object outside my condo.
I've been around exotic spacecraft and aircraft all my
professional life. For years, my office was abutting the Grumman
test runway at two of their locations. For a number of years
after that, I had an office right outside a military airport and
from my perspective, let me tell you it was exciting at times. I
had an office in a trailer just inside the perimeter at Goddard
Spaceflight Center and had privy to lots of exotic stuff. Even
worked on some.

I say these things because I am not easily intimidated by
strange flying objects.

But this huge triangular beast got me so excited I fumbled
everything I tried to do. Couldn't find my Camcorder, couldn't
find my binoculars, couldn't find my telescope and damned if all
those items were hanging on my telescope which was located
immediately inside my terrace doors, the doors I had to go
through in order to view this object.

I was confused. I was terribly excited. I was shaking. It was
difficult for me to decide, once I determined where all the
optics were, which one to use. I grabbed the binocs, which are
excellent glasses and capture a good field of view even at 20X.
And they are easily worked.

Problem was, I could not stop shaking and so just drawing a bead
on that object was impossible, I was shaking so hard. I had to
go to the edge of my terrace to get to the fence so that I could
lay my arms on it in order to steady them. It was extremely
frustrating, knowing that what I was seeing was impossible.
Couldn't be there, couldn't do that. Couldn't be that large,
etc., etc., etc. And by the way, I was continually screaming for
my wife to come out on the terrace. She never heard me.

The Camcorder is completely automatic, would have been no
problem to point and shoot. I could not even imagine going for
it, as it never crossed my mind. It was only after the fact,
when the object was out of sight, that I realized it was where
it was and I could have used it.

But to say "I have no intention of being prepared!" or words to
that effect, is also silly. I now carry that camcorder all the
time. I also carry a throw away camera and an audio tape
recorder, one of those pocket types.

A few DAYS ago, I had ample opportunity to use all of them again. I did not. I was in my car, so was my wife, and the rest of the family was nearby. I never even thought of reaching over to get the camera.

God help me. When you see something that anomalous, you are very discomboobulated and exceedingly animated from the excitement. It's even intoxicating to a degree. And I am a degreed professional. An electronics engineer. What we all did was just stand (or sit) planted exactly where we were and stared blankly in shock at the sight.

I always tell myself, "Next time I'll be ready." Probally not. Too emotional.

Jim Mortellaro

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All,

Looking back at my archived info from the time it seems the
"official" explanation for the non appearance of Truman in the
film was that, Ray had been told by the "cameraman" he was there
at one of the shoots and indeed one of the film boxes did
contain the name Truman.

At that time Ray was "talking up" the film and was working on
the assumption he would indeed get Truman on one of the reels.

Bob Shell some time down the road mentioned that he had been
told the 'Truman Reel' was stuck together when opened (old
nitrate type film had that habit if not stored correctly) and
they got zilch off of it. Hence no Harry Truman.

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
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>Any comments on this?

>Chris Kelly

Howdy Chris!

The film 'Fire In The Sky', so far as I can remember, depicted
no suits at all.

What it did show was a bunch of aliens who looked like naked,
ornery old men! This portion of the film also had little if
anything to do with the actual account that Walton gave.

I found the film incredibly disappointing.

The producers obviously went for the "shock and scare" tactic
rather than trying to give an accurate depiction of what really
took place. At least "Roswell" attempted to stick to the facts.

Take care,

Marty

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:45:11 -0800
>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 02:50:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:53:26 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

(sorry, EBK. I promised I'd let this drop, but I can't let this nonsense go unchallenged...)

Previously, I had written:

>>Gee, Ed. Make up your mind. On the one hand you maintain that
>>I'm dead wrong because the containment suit issue is nothing but
>>"hearsay"; on the other hand, you go to great lengths to try and
>>justify the improper usage that you just said didn't exist!

Regarding such containment suits, I suggest you check out an old video called "The Doomsday Chronicles". Within it you will find an official, U.S. government produced documentary about a partial meltdown in Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1959 or 1960, I'm not sure which. This government produced documentary clearly demonstrates the proper usage of radiation and bio-hazard containment suits as I described to you earlier; two layers, self-contained air and all joints taped shut. AA clearly violates all these protocols. In fact, the AA suits look more like fire fighting rescue gear to me.

Moving on, Ed had written:

>I don't know why the doctors were wearing the suits or if they
>were wearing them in the proper manner. Since its the only
>historical fact that seems to be out of place, I suggested other
>reasons that could explain why.

Of course, Ed. Any reason is possible to you other than the obvious; that the producers of the AA film screwed up.

Ed, this illustrates why this debate with you goes nowhere. Every time someone rises to the challenge you make regarding evidence, you simply discount such evidence as an anomaly or mistake. The containment suit issue is one example; following is another:

You challenged San Friedman to produce the "lies" that Ray had told him which he easily did in another post. Following is your response:

>I think Ray's "lies" could be taken a number of ways....

Tell, us Ed. Just how many ways can a lie be taken? Or is this like the containment suit issue? Ray didn't lie; he was simply mistaken, right?

Moving on I wrote:

>>Orderly's are not used in the operating room
>>under any condition. Operating rooms are restricted to vital
>>personal only. And just how much "dissection" did you see while
>>working in the ER, Ed?

You replied:

>I worked (as an orderly) at two hospitals in Albuquerque NM while I was
>attending school at UNM.

<snip>

>The AA doctors sure acted and looked like
>doctors to me.

I do not doubt that you were an orderly. I do seriously doubt that any doctor would choose an orderly over a trained nurse to assist during an operation. Orderlies are not used in O.R. during surgery. Nurses are. You are neither a nurse or a doctor. As an orderly, you were around doctors but I do not believe for an instant that you ever assisted them with a single surgery. Therefore, your knowledge of standard surgical procedures would be severely limited. Of course, I guess this is just another one of your "anomalies" where standard protocol was ignored. Glad I wasn't a patient in that hospital!

Regarding effects people reproducing the AA alien, Ed writes:

> So OK none have tried. I'll
>certainly agree to that since its what I intended to say in the
>first place. Why?.. because it's probably impossible. I think
>they would have if they could have.

Why would they, Ed? For the glory? For the money? For the satisfaction of proving Ray wrong? And what would it prove to you anyway? Your fallback position would simply be that just because they figured out how to do it doesn't mean that's how it was done! This is illustrated by the following where you wrote:

>You state the AA could be a video; I concede but feel that you
>should offer some proof for this other than "Ray is in the music
>business"

Here is the problem as I see, Ed. You demand that everyone but you spend time and resources to prove their case. Yet you do nothing when presented with the evidence! You claim to be a historian yet you do no research of any kind regarding the containment suits. You claim to be searching for the truth yet you continually misquote Bob Shell in an effort to support your position. You demand technical evidence about the video yet, obviously, you haven't bothered to check the video frame by frame to even see if the evidence is really there! When people go to great lengths to explain why it is important for the AA film to be an original with the Alien on it you write:

>I concede the AA could be a copy but so what?

When Ray's "lies" are presented to you, you ignore them and write:

>You imply that Ray is dishonest but again no proof.

The man lied, Ed. Stan provided you with the info you demanded regarding these lies and you blatantly choose to ignore it! Anything that doesn't fit into your mythology about AA is simply a "mistake" that can be explained away by you

If your idea of winning a debate is simply to be the last man standing, then you win! It matters not what anyone presents to you. You will always maintain that their evidence is merely an anomaly. If that doesn't work, you try and maintain that lies and technical info are subjective. And if that doesn't work, you simply say, "Yeah? So what?"

What kind of a discussion is that?

You maintain that you have been in contact with Ray. Have you made the same demands of him regarding evidence that you've been making of us? If not, then why? Certainly you should lean on Ray just as hard as you do participants of this list, right? I mean,

he's the one making the claims that you defend so valiantly.

And here's where your brand of logic is your undoing:

You maintain that any form of inaction is an indicator of inability to prove something; i.e. "Why hasn't anyone duplicated the alien in AA?" To you, the fact that no one has means that they can't and are, therefore, lying. If this is true, then doesn't Ray's inability to provide the evidence required by you mean that he's lying?

Oh, silly me. I forgot. You don't require any evidence that AA is real. You only require evidence that AA isn't.....

So, I'll play your game one last time. You want a scenario of how all this might happen. Here's one:

Ray happens to get a few, dark frames of old copy film showing an empty room with a table on it. He thinks to himself, "Hey, if I created an identical room and shot an alien autopsy in it, I could sell the video and use these old frames of the empty room to prove it's date and origin!"

Here's your scenario:

>My opinion is
>that they are creatures who have been/lived here for many moons,
>perhaps millions of years and live under the ocean and/or on
>Mars (yes at one time they were ET). They protect us. That's
>what I believe they were doing when several were shot down over
>New Mexico in the summer of 47.
>

Which one do you really think is more likely?

Roger Evans

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 19:20:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 18:45:17 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 19:24:09 +0000
>From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 09:05:02 -0400
>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Good evening Stan

>>1. Ray stated to me that Harry Truman was clearly visible in the
>>film.. He is NOT.

>I heard a rumour a few years back that the person alleged to be
>Truman was the Sheriff. Apparently the Sheriff, I do not know
>his name, looked a lot like Truman. Perhaps this might account
>for some people saying that they saw Truman in one of the film
>clips?

The only similar comment I have heard is that Barney Barnett,
who was not involved with Roswell at all, but was over in the
Plains of San Augustin, looked like Truman which he did.
Sherriff Wilcox isn't in the footage either, but then nobody
recognizable is.

Stan Friedman

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From: Victor Quezada <conaipo@yahoo.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 15:07:01 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 19:42:26 -0500
Subject: CONAIPO Information

Hello:

The National School of investigating Paranormal and UFO is an Mexican organization without ends lucre that arises in the face of the necessity of a better knowledge it has more than enough abnormal and extraordinary phenomenon's that so much calls the attention of people in this time and that very few times, before the desperation of those who have gone by an experience of this type, are truly investigated.

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The man has wakened up to the possibility of not being alone in

the universe and this shakes its thought, it breaks ideals and old forms. The man needs so much being it leaves of something big as standing out, he needs to belong to the winning team and the same time to shine with own light, has fear of extinguishing , let us pass to the history like our destination demands and let us teach something to the humanity.

That we have the power of carrying out the dreams.

Please see the web page:

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/9217>

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Greetings

Lic. Víctor Quezada.

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 08:11:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 16:07:06 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <jmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Dear Listers:

>A lotta truth in them words. And some (in my opinion) silliness,
>too.

>In September of 1998 I saw an anomalous object outside my condo.
>I've been around exotic spacecraft and aircraft all my
>professional life. For years, my office was abutting the Grumman
>test runway at two of their locations. For a number of years
>after that, I had an office right outside a military airport and
>from my perspective, let me tell you it was exciting at times. I
>had an office in a trailer just inside the perimeter at Goddard
>Spaceflight Center and had privy to lots of exotic stuff. Even
>worked on some.

>I say these things because I am not easily intimidated by
>strange flying objects.

>But this huge triangular beast got me so excited I fumbled
>everything I tried to do. Couldn't find my Camcorder, couldn't
>find my binoculars, couldn't find my telescope and damned if all
>those items were hanging on my telescope which was located
>immediately inside my terrace doors, the doors I had to go
>through in order to view this object.

<snip>

Hahahahah... Good report Jim... and unfortunately, all too often
the same results by "most" observers. However, there is
sufficient video and still pics to prove that not everyone
suffers from UFO anxiety. hahahahahah...

I have been there... experienced those feelings also, but then
managed to regain my composure and realize what my goal was.

I finally came to the realization that we cannot be overwhelmed
by what we are interacting with, and only by detaching ourselves
emotionally from the experience, can we every hope to be able to
view, record, or snap pics of these objects.

Not only that, but if we carry a micro-cassette recorder, we
must be able to calmly (as much as possible) describe what we
are seeing and the landmarks by which we can measure size,
distance and depth to the sighting.

I agree that it is a difficult position in which to find
oneself, but it happens.

This is what separates the successful experienter from those who
are not. The ability to "focus" all of our attention on the
moment at hand.

All I can say, is "Just give me a chance."

Unlike so many of those on this list, who report sightings on an almost daily basis, My only sighting was in Sept. 1967.

To share it:

"I was sitting on a stump in my front yard scanning the night sky for anything which might appear to be a UFO.

Our town was in the middle of a UFO FLAP, and I had personally investigated a double sighting by two different people on a local farm, and also a landing in a soy beah field on another farm on the opposite end of the county.

The night sky was completely overcast. Temp about 68 degrees. Wind, light estimate 5 - 7 mph. No lightning... no rain... The time was approximately 8:45 PM.

Suddenly I observed a white traingle of light, at approximately 40 - 45 degreese above the western horizon, moving from north to south.

I stood and watched the 'object' thinking to myself that it appeared to be a B-58 Hustler Bomber. Yet I did not hear any sound.

As I observed the object, it suddenly made a graceful 90 deg. turn and approached me head on. I still thought it was a conventional aircraft at this point.

As it approached the house across the street from me, approximately 50 feet away, two things happened. 1. The man who lived there exited his house, walked to his car, opened the trunk and placed a carton of soft drink bottles therein. Got in his car and drove slowly away. 2. The object(s) crossed the top of his house and moved silently directly above me. As it approached the house, I could see that it was not a conventional aircraft at all, but 7 independent objects, each approximately 1/4 inch in diameter at arms length.

The lead object was half disk shapped and the three on either side were oval shaped. Evenly spaced, approximately 1/4 inch apart.

They were in a perfect -V- formation. As they passed directly overhead, I could see that the clouds passed beneath their structures. The were flourscent white in color and did not blink. You could see the clouds streaking beneath them.

They were completely silent. I later learned that the cloud ceiling was 2,000 feet.

As they passed overhead, I turned to the east to continue observing them. As they reached the elevation of 75 - 80 degrees, the lead object pivoted 45 deg on axis and at the same time, the entire right side of the - V - did also. Perfect unison of motion. At the same moment, the formation, now an inverted - L - in shape, S-L-I-D 90 deg to the left, without any noticed reduction in speed. The formation remained in this configuration for approximately 10 deg. of arc and then the left side of the formation pivoted to the right, again in perfect unison, and returned the formation to it's original position.

The formation then continued North, back in the direction from which it originated at the time I first observed it. It disappeared in the darkness of the overcast night sky.

This sighting, from the first moment I became aware of it until it disappeared from my sight, covered 180 deg. of arc and covered an estimated distance of three miles from where I first observed it in the north west sky, to my position and beyond, in approximately 30 seconds.

While I was extreemely excited, I was able to keep myself composed and pay attention to what was occurring around me.

I had though to shout to my neighbor, and point the objects out to him, but I thought that if I did, I might loose sight of them in the night sky and not be able to locat them again.

So, I know what it is like to have an opportunity to verify what I was seeing with another witness, but for my own fear.

In those days, I was only 23 years old, and didn't have the equipment I do today. However, I went directly into my house and told my wife about what I had seen and immediately wrote it down in a journal.

Well, Jim, that is it... My only sighting. In the years since then, I have investigate sightings after the fact and talked to many witnesses, first hand. Yet, even though I have logged over a million miles doing this investigation, on sight, I have yet to witness another sighting.

My key word, is not nervous, but FRUSTRATED! <G>

REgards, Mike

P.S. Please excuse any spellign errors and mis-typed words. <G>

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 21:44:24 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 08:15:44 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 00:17:00 -0800
>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:27:22 -0500
>>From: John Velez<jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:45:33 -0600 (CST)
>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>><<snip>

>>>>Once I had created the head with eyes I needed to insert the
>>>>eyeballs. In 3D it is always easier to create a ball which fits
>>>>within the head. An eyeball that size would not only be too big
>>>>to fit in the skull they are also too close together (they cross
>>>>each other at the bridge of the nose).

>>><snip>

>>>>Any explanations for the impossibly large eyes would be of
>>>>interest.

>>Brian wrote:

>>>I have one which I don't necessarily endorse. But I have read
>>>it in more than one abductee comment, either printed or
>>>appearing here: the huge "eyes" are really lens coverings,
>>>like, say, built-in sunglasses or night-vision optics. These
>>>"lenses" are thin; the true eyes underneath are smaller than the
>>>lenses.

>>>So I've read anyway.

>>>For what its worth ...

>>Hi Brian, hi All,

>>Mr. C I have a "what came first, the chicken or the egg" type
>>question for you. Do you know if any of these 'eye covering'
>>accounts precede the Alien Autopsy film? It would be interesting
>>to know if there was an increase in reports which include the
>>'sunglasses' detail -after- the film was released.

>The references from witnesses that the large eye area is a
>covering, for me anyway, come from reports I have read that
>predate the AA by a few too many years.

>Its an old concept that has been suggested by many, but far from

>all the witnesses.

>Often it is when they have been 'stared into' that they suspect
>there is something artificial about the eyes.

>Admittedly it was usually said to try and account for the
>experience they had when stared at by one of the, usually
>taller, beings. And as I recall some said it was just a feeling
>they got.

>Hardly evidence that it is in fact built in sunglasses, but
>while not always accurate, human 'sensing' is often right!

>Lesley

Dear Listers, this is merely a general comment, one not directed at Lesley or Harry or anyone in particular, except you. And you know who you are.

Key words here folks is "stare." Once you've been stared at by one of these critters who are especially adept at it, it's like the "Mind Meld" only more. The entity gets up really close and stares at you. Nose to nose and forehead to forehead, this action causes you to have the emotions the entity wants to elicit, the physical feelings he (she or it) wants you to have and that includes a sexual response and last, the entity may cause you to remember what never really happened and plant that memory as being real. It can cause you to recall that which it wants you to recall.

It ain't no fun because on one level, you know what is happening and cannot do a thing about it.

It's about control. Yours. Namely it ain't. And during those times, just like the times (and they've been few for me) when one is witness to a sighting of a UFO, without apparent abduction, you are fixed in place, unable to do much of anything. Most especially that which under normal conditions, you would do, you won't do in that state.

It's almost as if everything, including time, stops right then and there.

Now, Mr. Randle and Mr. Klass and Mr. or Ms. Whomever, go ahead and tell me it never happened. Tell me I'm gay, or that I am having a waking dream or one of those sleep disorder thingies, sleep paralysis or whatever.

Then, when I laugh or otherwise react in anger, you won't mind all that much. One thing is certain however, that those of you who know squat about what you are talking about can still do so with a straight face, as if you had all the answers. To an abductee or to a witness, it all sounds so lame it isn't funny. In fact, it's pathetic. Try harder folks. You ain't there yet. Hell, you ain't even close.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 08:17:42 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Re: The Eyes Have It

>From: Dave Bowden
>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 15:16:43 +0000
>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:32:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

Hi, Dave!

Have you considered that each eye of the alien might be an "array" much like the eyes of a fly? Since witnesses indicate a lack of visible pupil, perhaps each eye is made up of hundreds or thousands of individual "tiny eyes" that rotate in unison. Together, they might give the appearance of a solid, deep black shiny surface when in reality there are a multitude of imaging units designed to work together or, perhaps, independently. There is no reason to believe that they would need to have eyes that operate along the same optic principles that humans do. Who knows, maybe these black patches send and receive signals like a bat might? Just fun thoughts....

I'm a graphic artist, also. You might need to think outside the box a little more on this one! :)

Take care,

Roger Evans

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 00:40:18 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 08:23:04 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcg@netcom.ca>
>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:00:49 -0500
>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:23:09 -0500
>Subject: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

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>From: Mike Farrell <vidhunter@hotmail.com>
>Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2000 12:02 AM
>Subject: 60% of Abductees are GAY!(not that there's anything wrong with
>that:->)

>The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia -
><http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/new>

<snip>

>"The Abduction Enigma" The Truth behind the mass alien
>abductions of the late 20th century. by Kevin D. Randle, Russ
>Estes, and William P. Cone, PHD.

<snip>

>Here are a few random quotes that jumped out at me from this new
>book: (my comments & questions follow in parenthesis)

>1) "Most abduction researchers routinely withhold specific
>information from the public as a way of cross-checking the
>validity of an abduction story. These 'secret clues', when
>mentioned by someone claiming abduction, provide some validation
>for the new tale." (pg.59)

One of these 'secret clues', according to MUFON's John Carpenter, is apparently the fact that many aliens are reported by witnesses to have three fingers, often with suction cups on the ends. In a report in the Journal of UFO Studies about a double abduction several years ago he reported this and the fact that at a closed conference of leading abduction researchers they had spent some time on this subject, excitedly comparing notes.

I think a review of 20th Century science fiction movies and books ought to be in order for anyone serious about this subject. Three fingered Martians used to be a staple in cartoons. Wasn't the Martian in the classic War of the Worlds movie three-fingered, with a suction cup at the end. This also was a feature of ET in the movie of the same name.

Those who are not aware of the influence of science fiction are doomed to repeat - or create - this data that they think they are collecting.

Any other examples that anybody knows about?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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Cydonian Imperative: Questions for Debunkers

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Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Questions for Debunkers

Questions That Beg Explanations if Skeptics are to Maintain Null Hypothesis

by Mac Tonnies

The verdict is still out on the possible artificiality of the Cydonian anomalies. Unfortunately, the false "conclusion" that the Face, etc. are natural has been pronounced and flaunted so many times since the MGS acquired its three images that there is little or no productive dialogue. Typically, Cydonia "believers" tend to dwell on increasingly speculative scenarios regarding who built the Martian pyramids and why (when we don't know if they are in fact artificial) while self-called "skeptics" endlessly deride the issue without a shred of proof to back up their rather sweeping claims.

The following are some glaring questions that need to be answered if the debunkers are to continue their zealous support of the "null hypothesis" (i.e. "there's nothing to it," "it's just rocks," etc.) Frankly, I'm very curious as to the purported evidence used to arrive at the "null" conclusion, as none of it has been forthcoming.

1.) Plausible geomorphological explanations need to be put forth that explain the reinforcing geometry of the 16 Mound features, originally discovered and analyzed by Drs. Stanley McDaniel and Horace Crater. Computer analysis shows that the highly repetitive and symmetric layout of the mounds is nonrandom; indeed, the chances of such an arrangement being the result of natural forces is less than one percent. This certainly implies intelligent design, while not proving it.

Critics of the Artificiality Hypothesis should be able to either offer a geological mechanism that produces demonstratably nonrandom surface features. This has not, to my knowledge, been attempted.

2.) Nonfractality of notable features such as the Face needs to be explained in strictly geological terms. As with the Mounds, this is not a matter of trivial "seeing what you want to see"; the Face (for example) is glaringly nonfractal compared to neighboring, natural-looking mesas. [The fractality, or "naturalness," of a given surface feature is determined by computer; it is not a subjective phenomenon.]

The only argument against the Face's potential artificiality yet to be offered is "it doesn't look like a Face." It has been shown that the Face, when shown in proper orthorectification, appears every bit as facelike as it did in the Viking photos (or at least the half imaged by the MGS; data describing the right half is yet to be seen).

But even if the Face didn't look like a face in the MGS photo, it is still recognized as relatively un-natural by computers (which aren't partial to "seeing faces" like humans). While relative nonfractality doesn't prove that a given feature is artificial, it is still evidence worth dealing with. By nature, all landforms boast varying degrees of fractality.

But it is very strange indeed that a feature that looks artificial to the human eye also appears unusual to a computer.

Skeptics have not dealt with this evidence with any semblance of investigative rigor. Until they do, the "burden of proof" (at least re. this particular issue) rests with them. Crying "Coincidence!" does not suffice as any sort of conclusion that the Face is natural. Quite the opposite: In science, it is the "coincidences" that usually demand a closer look!

3.) How can towering formations such as the Crater Pyramid form right next to craters when faulting and "exotic crystal growth" have been ruled out? If the Cliff, for example, is a natural formation, skeptics must show how it is possible for such a feature to either

a.) survive a close-range meteor impact unscathed

or

b.) "assemble itself" out of subsequent impact ejecta.

As yet, no prosaic explanations for these formations (and others like them) have been offered by skeptics, who find their argument is much easier to support by pseudointellectual flag-waving tactics. Perhaps this is because none are available.

4.) How does a ruler-straight formation of parallel reflective rectangles (possibly ice) form? There is certainly no analog for such bizarre geomorphic behavior here on Earth, and even mainstream arologists have expressed puzzlement over this one. The feature mentioned above, I should note, was not visible on the Viking photos. Like the bilaterally centered "nostrils" discovered on the Face, they strengthened the Artificiality Hypothesis post-Viking.

As with exhibits One, Two and Three, skeptics need to put their cards on the table with this one instead of simply hoping interest in this odd and exciting region fades from public consciousness.

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These are four Cydonian mysteries that cry for an explanation. There are more--many more. Thankfully, science is not predicated on majority opinion, but on reasoned and unbiased thinking. I extend my thanks to anyone who accepts this challenge as the very real scientific mystery it is.

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a newsletter devoted to the implementation of manned Mars missions and the democratization of space science, emphasizing the strange formations found in the Cydonia Mensae region. This list is not affiliated with any particular Mars advocacy group.

"He runs after facts like a beginner learning to skate, who, furthermore, practices somewhere where it is forbidden."
--Franz Kafka

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Useful websites (note that not all positions represented are shared with the Cydonian Imperative):

Artemis Society: <http://www.asi.org>
Mars Society: <http://www.marssociety.com>
The Martian Enigmas:
<http://www.psrw.com/~markc/marshome.html>
Bigelow Aerospace: <http://www.bigelow-aerospace.com>
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<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/index.html>
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<http://www.mufor.org/mars.html>
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>>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>><snip>

>>>Another thing. Why aren't all of you who profess these
>>>sightings documenting them with video and 35 mm film shots?
>>>Isn't it amazing how all of these sightings are either made by
>>>those who don't have a camera of some kind available, or take
>>>pictures of "lights" in the sky, which have no definition or
>>>background by which to measure their density?

>>>In todays climate, there is no excuse for not having a camera
>>>with you at virtually any time. In your car, in your bag or
>>>purse.

>A lotta truth in them words. And some (in my opinion) silliness,
>too.

Okay, I will be honest. Looking back, I actually do feel a bit silly that I didn't think of getting my camera, which was only about 30 feet behind me. On the other side of the front door, in the livingroom in the bottom shelf of a cabinet. It never corssed my mind. I was numb and in shock and my mind going nuts. Having longed for a sighting, an honest one, for so many years, and I mean since I was about 7 years old, to not even think of my camera makes me feel a bit dumb. My only excuse is, in hindsight, my sighting only lasted for less than a minute and if I had turned my head and run back into the house, I would have missed the most incredible part of the sighting - the big gold light broke up into four equal parts on a horizontal line, and all, together now, moved up a short distance and disappeared. I Hadn't even got my chin back in place and it was over.

>I say these things because I am not easily intimidated by
>strange flying objects.

And to be honest, after all the reading and fascination - I think I honestly thought I would not be either!!!

>But this huge triangular beast got me so excited I fumbled
>everything I tried to do. Couldn't find my Camcorder, couldn't
>find my binoculars, couldn't find my telescope and damned if all
>those items were hanging _on_ my telescope which was located
>immediately inside my terrace doors, the doors I had to go
>through in order to view this object.

I guess if it had been a longer sighting (I have no idea how long it was there before I went outside) I will, sheepishly admit, I bet I would have been just as useless fumbling with my camera. I took photography way back when we pros (I was a reporter) never used automatic cameras (they were pretty new back then) and I guess the distrust is still embedded in me - I think first about what settings I should use, analyse available light conditions, then bracket to be sure. I doubt I would have gotten a shot if it was posing for me!

>etc., etc., etc. And by the way, I was continually screaming for
>my wife to come out on the terrace. She never heard me.

My husband was on the other side of the closed front door, about six feet or so. I was in so much shock in those moments, I couldn't have screamed for help if it was firing on me. And that is annoying and always will be. He does not share my enthusiasm or interest and I'm not sure he is a believer, but he would never argue with me on the subject. If only there had been enough time, if only I had been calm, maybe I could have yelled and maybe he would have heard me and come out and seen it himself. He's an electrical engineer. He made no comment at all when I told him what I had seen. I'm sure he thought and still does, that it was a misidentification of a plane headlights or something equally stupid. Or he would comment that I should have had my reading glasses..... a favourite joke of his.

>But to say "I have no intention of being prepared!" or words to
>that effect, is also silly. I now carry that camcorder all the
>time. I also carry a throw away camera and an audio tape
>recorder, one of those pocket types.

I was tempted. But the second time I saw that big light a few months later, in fact two of them. Sightings that were eventually confirmed by others who had also seen the light/s over a two month period but who were reporting it to a french radio station so I didn't hear of their sightings until well after they were long gone. That time, I was driving on a two lane paved highway, at 70 km per hour and there are no street lights out in the country and as it was, I nearly crossed the centre line a couple of times trying to keep my eyes on the lights in case they broke up into pieces. There was no way I could have safely grabbed a camera even if it had been on the seat beside me. And with gravel shoulders on the road, you are careful how and at what speed you pull onto them.

>A few DAYS ago, I had ample opportunity to use all of them
>again. I did not. I was in my car, so was my wife, and the rest
>of the family was nearby. I never even thought of reaching over
>to get the camera.

I envy you. Not just my husband, but adult son and daughter love me, but think my interest is a bit weird. If we all say something together, it would certainly boost my credibility rating with them all! Camera or no!

Its been a few years now, and hopefully if it ever happens again, and I am outside the house, I will have the time and presence of mind to get the camera. One of the reasons I loved moving out to the country from the city was I knew it could potentially increase the possibility of seeing something. It did, then and nothing since! But oh, if only just one more time!

Lesley

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 07:15:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 20:02:01 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 22:22:58 -0800
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hi, Neil,

I wrote [inpart]:

>>No, this doesn't mean that he now dismisses the AA "film" as a
>>hoax, but let's try to keep the discussion on an even keel if we
>>can.

You replied:

>True Bob has backtracked a little from his original quoted
>statement but as I read it he is still convinced the film is a
>genuin historical document. His last posting at the end of 1999
>to this group [search for bob@bobshell.com on the UPDATES
>archive to find it] confirms this stance.

I've had brief contact with him recently and he has echoed that sentiment. He also believes that the "film" may show a race of creatures that are not from another world, but from this one and now residing in some "hidden" place [perhaps unerground]. Neither Philip Mantel nor Bob Shell have much faith in Ray Santilli's believability at this point, and that is more my point.

>>When the fact that the sample pieces of film are actually dupes
>>is brought up you respond:

>>>Why don't you tell me why you find this so significant. If it
>>>is copied, then it was copied in 1947 or thereabouts and since
>>>all agree that there simply wasn't the technology to hoax the AA
>>>at that time, then it must be legitimate. Isn't that what TDC
>>>stated clearly on their web site. As I have said and will say

>>>again, the nature of the film ie copied, not copied, original
>>>duped and so forth is very confusing to most folks, not just me.
>>>And you all continue to muddy the waters more by the way you
>>>argue your case. If it is a copy, how does that work into the
>>>whole story and why is that so damaging. If Ray was fooled into
>>>buying a copy, so what? Did the cameraman hoax Ray? How did he
>>>put this all together? Just give me some scenario that accounts
>>>for how this all came down, some place where we can start to
>>>unravel this mystery.

>>The importance is that Ray's initial statements indicated that
>>this was original film, and the fact that the pieces that he has
>>forwarded to validate the AA "film" were obvious dupes. Perhaps
>>more significantly, the initial investigation by Saino indicated
>>that the copier used to make the duplication was not available
>>until the mid 50's, which puts a real crimp in the Cameraman's
>>story. Bob has indicated that he believes an earlier copier
>>would leave the same markings, but admitted that Saino's
>>research was both valid and important in our effort to seek the
>>truth. Bob now has two snippets of film supplied by Ray, and
>>has no reason to believe that either have any relation to the AA

>>"film" (except that they all come from Ray).

>The "camera original" film would have been NEGATIVE stock, ALL
>the projection stock would have been duped from neg at the time,
>unless the cameraman was into reversal processing which I doubt

>for copying reasons, my point being, by "original" I suggest he
>was technically including the 1st Generation Positive prints,
>after all in July 1995 this was his list of films received from
>the cameraman:

>20 reels POSITIVE SAFTY PRINT.
>1 reel scrap
>1 reel NEG

>Out of his 22 reels only the 1 reel of NEG may have been "camera
>original".

>A further reason for Ray's reluctance to provide film for
>authentication may also be traced down to around that date, in
>Oct 1995 on the French TF1 channel show about the AA film, Ray's
>financial backer Volker Spielberg was tracked down and "briefly"
>spoken to, it couldn't be termed interviewed. At THAT time he
>claimed _he_ now had all the film safely under lock and key.

>
>What Ray hasn't got, he cannot supply for testing.

Neil, you and I have been following this from the first (as have many others who remain silent in the background on this list). This is a complex matter that has involved numerous twists and turns, which most researchers have simply given up on because they don't appear to lead anywhere.

Part of the confusion that still bedevils us today relates to Ray's simplistic answers to questions that were incomplete and often inaccurate. It would appear that he had no idea what or who he was dealing with, and the importance of his comments. This IMO shows that he was naive, not a hoaxer, but some will interpret it differently.

I would merely point out that when we are trying to deal with established (and provable) facts, we have very few to deal with. Whatever the reason, Ray's comments have waffled from time to time and his credibility is as a result suspect. That, unfortunately, will taint every piece of evidence that flows from him, including the provenance of the "film" (i.e. the Cameraman's story, etc.). I have a copy of the French program you mention, and found the Spielberg segment interesting. Unfortunately, I don't speak French and I'm not sure how you could even verify (at least in a legal sense) that the comments were actually from Spielberg. Even then, there was no real comment about the "film" and only some vague acknowledgement of a relationship between the two. [As I recall, Volker didn't want to be contacted and either spoke to the reporter by phone or through a door and only about a dozen words were passed back and forth].

>>If you aren't prepared to hold a "technical" discussion, then
>>how are you going to discuss specifics? I'm certainly not that
>>technical either, but I have at least paid attention when others

>>have posted their arguments and try to understand them. Several
>>researchers have taken the "film" apart piece by piece and
>>analyzed it to the ground, and you could probably find an
>>argument to support the fact that it's a film transfer if you
>>tried hard enough. But to what end?

><snip>

>Again, back in 1995 Bob Shell asked MIT to evaluate
>the video transfer of the AA film, they concluded it was 16mm
>film shot at 24fps transferred to European(uk) PAL standards
>25fps(50frames/sec/interlaced)and then transferred to the
>US NTSC 30fps (30frames/sec/interlaced) standard.

>Neil.

Indeed. This issue had been dealt with early on, and I think those who raise the transfer issue now were simply unaware of the earlier research. There is also the issue of whether or not the original was shot in "sound" or "silent" mode, which would

affect the fps rate, and I believe that Bob had done some work in that area as well.

My problem with this discussion is that the picture is far more complicated than we can view in small snippets here on UPDATES. Quoting any comment in support of some contention may not include other statements that could impact its validity in that context, which serves to complicate this facet of the genre.

We have a lot of research into various factors related to the "film", but what have we actually proven? My own feeling is that we should put our efforts elsewhere until we have something new to investigate, and that relies on cooperation from either Ray or Volker. That seems unlikely at this point.

Steve

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Neil Morris <Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 14:06:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 02:56:35 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 09:05:02 -0400
>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 08:29:52 -0800
>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Sat, 22 Jan 2000 11:42:28 -0400
>>>To: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>It could have been sitting on some shelf in Hollywood or
>>>elsewhere for a long long time. Ray then becomes somebody taking
>>>advantage of public interest and gullibility.

>>Stan,

>>Where is your evidence for this? I have mentioned this to you
>>before...I defend and admire your research but you are doing to
>>Ray exactly what others have done and continue to do to you. You
>>have no proof for your statements. Yes the AA could have been
>>made on the moon but let's stick with what seems probable or
>>plausible. Even if it had been sitting on a shelf somewhere for
>>years, it seems logical that we would be able to account for the
>>manufacturing process that created the debris. How do you
>>explain the debris and its unfamiliar characteristics? When you
>>read the debris analysis (don't tell me you didn't bother)
>>didn't you see similarities between it and the Roswell debris
>>ie. lack of mass, durability, not flammable? If you can't explain
>>the debris in some intelligent manner, then don't you think its
>>reasonable to take another look at the AA?

>Where has any connection been shown between the debris and
>Roswell? In my 1979 movie "UFOS ARE Real" (available at 15\$ Post
>paid, from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958) The artist
>created a scene with a rancher holding a large beam similar to
>the one in Ray's debris scene. It was wrong. The I beams were
>always described by Dr. Marcel as 3/8" or so high. Strange
>markings were shown too, made up by the artist. What possible
>basis is there for saying anything about the durability or
>flammability?? I haven't seen test results. Is the material
>available for test or is this all inference from looking at the
>footage? I know of a very good forensic testing lab....

Stan and All,

Are we not deliberately limiting ourselves here?, what Dr Marcel
saw that night was only a very small sample of the debris
recovered by his father and Cavett, and very possibly not
representative at all of the debris as a whole,

Two vehicles were used on that trip out to the Foster Ranch, Maj
Marcel's blue family Buick and an AAF Coverall Jeep that Cavett
drove. Marcel's Buick with its leather seats etc would hardly

be a usefull transport vehicle for assorted items of raw debris recovered from the NM desert, Dr Marcel recalls other boxes on the back seat when he helped his father reload the car that night, and also thinks some other debris was in the trunk, so Maj Marcel didn't even bring all the debris he was carrying back to base into his home that night, there seems to be no way to confirm that the types and sizes of debris seen by Dr Marcel were in any way a representative sample of the debris out at the site. And boxed debris would by it's nature be selected to comfortably fit the size of box it was in, It's interesting to note that Maj Marcel had the foresight to take a number of cardboard boxes along out to the site.

There seems to be resonably good documentary evidence in statements originating from Sheriff Wilcox's office, while he was still talking to the press, that far larger pieces of debris had been recovered or were still out at the site, descriptions of debris "as large as the jail's safe" (quoted at 3'x4'x3') crop up in the early wireservice messages.

So what then did Cavett bring back in his Jeep?, a vehicle far more suited to transporting debris of all shapes and sizes rather than boxed up on the back seat and trunk of a family car.

Just a few thoughts.

Neil.

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Debris Film

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 15:39:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 02:59:53 -0500
Subject: Debris Film

I know a lot of you have heard enough with regards to the alien autopsy film, but one section of the film that has gone largely unnoticed is the so-called 'debris film'.

I have not heard of any FX artists comment on it, language experts, engineers etc, other than Dennis Murphy and Adriano Forgione.

There are those who believe that the 'glyphs' depicted on the debris film spell out 'VIDEO TV' but in reality if you used this translation they would in fact spell out 'VIDEO O TV'.

Many years ago I sent copies of the stills from the film to two museums in Britain, neither of which could identify them.

I was therefore curious to know what others think of this section of film and whether or not those experts listed above have indeed commented on it.

I would be most interested to hear what you have to say regarding the debris film.

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 10:01:52 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:02:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 20:34:26 -0800
>Fwd Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 08:11:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

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>The night sky was completely overcast. Temp about 68 degrees.
>Wind, light estimate 5 - 7 mph. No lightning... no rain... The
>time was approximately 8:45 PM.

>Suddenly I observed a white triangle of light, at approximately
>40 - 45 degrees above the western horizon, moving from north to
>south.

>I stood and watched the 'object' thinking to myself that it
>appeared to be a B-58 Hustler Bomber. Yet I did not hear any
>sound.

>As I observed the object, it suddenly made a graceful 90 deg.
>turn and approached me head on. I still thought it was a
>conventional aircraft at this point.

<snip>

>As it approached the house, I could see that it was not a
>conventional Aircraft at all, but 7 independent objects, each
>approximately 1/4 inch in diameter at arms length.

>The lead object was half disk shaped and the three on either
>side were oval shaped. Evenly spaced, approximately 1/4 inch
>apart.

>They were in a perfect -V- formation. As they passed directly
>overhead, I could see that the clouds passed beneath their
>structures. They were fluorescent white in color and did not
>blink. You could see the clouds streaking beneath them.

>They were completely silent. I later learned that the cloud
>ceiling was 2,000 feet.

>As they passed overhead, I turned to the East to continue
>observing them. As they reached the elevation of 75 - 80
>degrees, the lead object pivoted 45 deg on axis and at the same
>time, the entire right side of the - V - did also. Perfect
>unison of motion. At the same moment, the formation, now an
>inverted - L - in shape, S-L-I-D 90 deg to the left, without any
>noticed reduction in speed. The formation remained in this
>configuration for approximately 10 deg. of arc and then the left
>side of the formation pivoted to the right, again in perfect
>unison, and returned the formation to its original position.

>The formation then continued North, back in the direction from
>which it originated at the time I first observed it. It
>disappeared in the darkness of the overcast night sky.

>This sighting, from the first moment I became aware of it until
>it disappeared from my sight, covered 180 deg. of arc and

>covered an estimated distance of three miles from where I first
>observed it in the North west sky, to my position and beyond, in
>approximately 30 seconds.

Mike:

Did you try to determine, by contacting local airports, etc., if aircraft were involved? What was the date and location? Except for your estimate of 30 seconds for the sighting, this seems suspiciously like a group of ultralights. I was once fooled by such a formation flying in twilight. Were there lights on the objects? Could you list your specific reasons for thinking that these were not aircraft?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 09:35:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:07:07 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 00:40:18 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcg@netcom.ca>
>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:00:49 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:23:09 -0500
>>Subject: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>>From: Mike Farrell <vidhunter@hotmail.com>
>>Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2000 12:02 AM
>>Subject: 60% of Abductees are GAY!(not that there's anything wrong with
>>that:->)

>>The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia -
>><http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/new>

>I think a review of 20th Century science fiction movies and
>books ought to be in order for anyone serious about this
>subject. Three fingered Martians used to be a staple in
>cartoons. Wasn't the Martian in the classic War of the Worlds
>movie three-fingered, with a suction cup at the end. This also
>was a feature of ET in the movie of the same name.

>Those who are not aware of the influence of science fiction are
>doomed to repeat - or create - this data that they think they
>are collecting.

>Any other examples that anybody knows about?

And speaking of examples, I would say the above is about as
succinct a statement of the problem of not wanting to think very
hard about the abduction phenomenon, or of throwing the feeblest
of pseudoexplanations at it. Eddie Bullard puts it well (The
UFO Encyclopedia, second edition, page 22):

"Standards of evidence grow lax among sociocultural theorists
who satisfy themselves with the discovery of antecedents.
Shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief, science fiction,
and movie imagery, these theorists bring home endless analogies
of dubious worth. Fairylore and witchcraft beliefs contain many
motifs comparable to abduction content, at least on some level
of abstraction, but motifs broken off from their related
traditions mean little. The mere fact that Egyptians and Mayans
build structures in pyramidal shape cannot prove that one
culture influenced another, but sociocultural theorists would
have us believe that the mere existence of some obscure
science-fiction story proves the cultural origin of any
abduction content that bears even a slight resemblance."

I don't pretend to know what the abduction phenomenon is or is
not -- frankly, the whole issue just confuses me -- but of one
thing I am certain: it doesn't answer to glib solutions of the
sort proposed here. No wonder "skeptics" have such a
credibility crisis.

Jerry Clark

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New Images from Mexico

From: Dan Geib <geibdan@qtm.net>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 12:10:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:09:02 -0500
Subject: New Images from Mexico

For those interested

I recently received new OVNI photos taken during the eclipse I have them posted under Current News - January 2000 and The Want to See a UFO Section at:

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

A Portal to Magic Shows & Acoustic Music
Entertainment in Michigan. Guitarist / Magician
<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan>

Dan's Magic in Michigan !
<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/magician>

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<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/testwave.html>

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From: Neil Morris <Neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 17:11:32 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:13:19 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 17:13:07 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:45:11 -0800
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 02:50:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:53:26 -0600
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>(sorry, EBK. I promised I'd let this drop, but I can't let this
>nonsense go unchallenged...)

Mmmmm... dare I day Ditto....

>Previously, I had written:

>>>Gee, Ed. Make up your mind. On the one hand you maintain that
>>>I'm dead wrong because the containment suit issue is nothing but
>>>"hearsay"; on the other hand, you go to great lengths to try and
>>>justify the improper usage that you just said didn't exist!

>Regarding such containment suits, I suggest you check out an old
>video called "The Domsday Chronicles". Within it you will find
>an official, U.S. government produced documentary about a
>partial meltdown in Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1959 or 1960, I'm not
>sure which. This government produced documentary clearly
>demonstrates the proper usage of radiation and bio-hazard
>containment suits as I described to you earlier; two layers,
>self-contained air and all joints taped shut. AA clearly
>violates all these protocols. In fact, the AA suits look more
>like fire fighting rescue gear to me.

What relevance has this to events 13 years earlier?, other
than 17 yrs worth of hindsight put into practice.

At the time of the alleged AA film's events, 1947, there was no
commercial nuclear industry, the world first nuclear reactor had
only been built and run just over 4 years previous (CP-1 Dec 2nd
1942), it would be 1954 before the worlds first nuclear sub and
1955 before the first US town was fed with nuclear produced
electricity (Arcos ID 1955) from a still experimental BWR
reactor. In 1947 these reactors were still just very big Lab
experiments, even the ones producing the raw materials for the
"bombs".

>Moving on, Ed had written:

>>I don't know why the doctors were wearing the suits or if they
>>were wearing them in the proper manner. Since its the only
>>historical fact that seems to be out of place, I suggested other
>>reasons that could explain why.

>Of course, Ed. Any reason is possible to you other than the

>obvious; that the producers of the AA film screwed up.

>Ed, this illustrates why this debate with you goes nowhere.
>Every time someone rises to the challenge you make regarding
>evidence, you simply discount such evidence as an anomaly or
>mistake. The containment suit issue is one example; following is
>another:

>You challenged San Friedman to produce the "lies" that Ray had
>told him which he easily did in another post. Following is your
>response:

>>I think Ray's "lies" could be taken a number of ways....

>Tell, us Ed. Just how many ways can a lie be taken? Or is this
>like the containment suit issue? Ray didn't lie; he was simply
>mistaken, right?

Let's be brutally honest here, Ray has lied, changed his lies
and then expanded on those lies yet again!, but then he's in the
movie industry so what's new about that sort of behaviour there.
(not meant as a slur just against the film industry alone,I have
friends in the theare industry and it's just the same, watch
your back for the knives!)

But no matter how many times you verbally abuse Ray Santilli it
doesn't change the content of the film by one frame, all you are
doing is killing the messenger, if it's bad news he's given you
you're still stuck with the same bad news.

>Moving on I wrote:

>>>Orderly's are not used in the operating room
>>>under any condition. Operating rooms are restricted to vital
>>>personal only. And just how much "dissection" did you see while
>>>working in the ER, Ed?

>You replied:

>>I worked (as an orderly) at two hospitals in Albuquerque NM while I was
>>attending school at UNM.

><snip>

>>The AA doctors sure acted and looked like
>>doctors to me.

>I do not doubt that you were an orderly. I do seriously doubt
>that any doctor would choose an orderly over a trained nurse to
>assist during an operation. Orderlies are not used in O.R.
>during surgery. Nurses are. You are neither a nurse or a doctor.
>As an orderly, you were around doctors but I do not believe for
>an instant that you ever assisted them with a single surgery.
>Therefore, your knowledge of standard surgical procedures would
>be severely limited. Of course, I guess this is just another one
>of your "anomalies" where standard protocol was ignored. Glad I
>wasn't a patient in that hospital!

I'm not wanting to jump to Ed's defence here, I'm sure he's able
to do that for himself but unless you have personal experiance
of operating room proceedures and protocol, you yourself are
gulty of the offence you accuse Ed of, except that he does
claim to have personel experiance of PM operating room
proceedures.

Do you have such experiance?, so giving you firm ground on which
to base your comments.

I readily admit I do not, and am therefore not in any position
to pass judgement.

>Regarding effects people reproducing the AA alien, Ed writes:

>>So OK none have tried. I'll
>>certainly agree to that since its what I intended to say in the
>>first place. Why?.. because it's probably impossible. I think
>>they would have if they could have.

>Why would they, Ed? For the glory? For the money? For the
>satisfaction of proving Ray wrong? And what would it prove to
>you anyway? Your fallback position would simply be that just

>because they figured out how to do it doesn't mean that's how it
>was done! This is illustrated by the following where you wrote:

>>You state the AA could be a video; I concede but feel that you
>>should offer some proof for this other than "Ray is in the music
>>business"

>Here is the problem as I see, Ed. You demand that everyone but
>you spend time and resources to prove their case. Yet you do
>nothing when presented with the evidence! You claim to be a
>historian yet you do no research of any kind regarding the
>containment suits. You claim to be searching for the truth yet
>you continually misquote Bob Shell in an effort to support your
>position. You demand technical evidence about the video yet,
>obviously, you haven't bothered to check the video frame by
>frame to even see if the evidence is really there! When people
>go to great lengths to explain why it is important for the AA
>film to be an original with the Alien on it you write:

Your own research re the suits seems only to have gone back to
1960 so what about 1947?. I can at least claim to have seen
"similar" designed suits in use by the AAF in 1945 and in a
"nuclear" related setting (the 509th bomb group).

??

Did Bob Shell tell an untruth when in 1995 he passed on the MIT
test results on the AA film/video which concluded it_ _was_
shot on 24fps film and subsequently transferred to Euro-PAL video
25fps.

The edited US NTSC versions, 30fps, were generated from the PAL
version not directly from the film.

Bear in mind that the conversion process is further complicated
as the TV standards are not straight "framerate" 25fps/30fps,
both systems use "interlacing" and actually scan at 50hz/60hz
only displaying either "odd" or "even" frame lines per frame
scan.

If you trawl through the archives I've no doubt you'll find the
discussions about repeat/dropped frames and artifacts that
people were spotting and counting at the time, they were
particularly noticable on the NTSC copy!.

And I have looked through the _full_ raw footage
(PAL-video)frame by frame.

Sorry Guy's but I had to put my 2d's worth in here.

Neil.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 11:15:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:15:38 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 17:13:07 -0600
To: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Regarding such containment suits, I suggest you check out an old
>video called "The Doomsday Chronicles". Within it you will find
>an official, U.S. government produced documentary about a
>partial meltdown in Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1959 or 1960, I'm not
>sure which. This government produced documentary clearly
>demonstrates the proper usage of radiation and bio-hazard
>containment suits as I described to you earlier; two layers,
>self-contained air and all joints taped shut. AA clearly
>violates all these protocols. In fact, the AA suits look more
>like fire fighting rescue gear to me.

And you expected me to know this? The AA was shot in 1947, not
1959 or 1960. You must understand that. Is this your evidence
that the AA is a fraud?..you've got to be kidding. Things
change, including protocols. You must do better than that.

this reasoning, if the AA doctors did wear their hazard suits
as was shown in the Doomsday Chronicles, you'd be able to yell:
The AA is a fake. It must have gotten the idea for the suits
from the "Doomsday Chronicles". They wore their suits the same
way and this was 1960, not 1947, and these protocols weren't
adopted by the AF until 1957!!! (Applause...you confidently nod,
"It's nothing..all in a day's work for a skeptic"...more
applause..fade)

>Ed, this illustrates why this debate with you goes nowhere.
>Every time someone rises to the challenge you make regarding
>evidence, you simply discount such evidence as an anomaly or
>mistake. The containment suit issue is one example

No you're mistaken. I try to keep issues open and not force the
evidence. You do the opposite. Besides, your questions may not
have conclusive answers, yet. I'm trying to get folks to dig
into the AA as if it were something of value that needed to be
studied in a serious way. I'm trying to counter your insistence
that it's a pile of crap and doesn't deserve further
consideration.

>You challenged Stan Friedman to produce the "lies" that Ray had
>told him which he easily did in another post.

I didn't "challenge" Stan. I knew what his objections were.
Stan and I have written back and forth about the AA before. I
find his arguments against the AA to be weak, at best. I admire
him so his stand upsets me. I wanted the rest of the list to see
what Stan considered "lies". I asked him to post them. I'm glad
he did.

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are neither a nurse or a doctor. >As an orderly, you were around
doctors but I do not believe for >an instant that you ever
assisted them with a single surgery. >Therefore, your knowledge
of standard surgical procedures would >be severely limited. Of
course, I guess this is just another one >of your "anomalies"

where standard protocol was ignored.

This was 1957-1959. Hospitals were not as they are now. I did exactly as I described. As I said, during the PM shift, I was the only male, besides male doctors, in the hospital. I preped the males, carted them to surgery, put them on the OR table and waited there until the surgery was complete. If they needed any assistance (often there was only one nurse on duty, this was PM.) I did what they asked. You are ignorant about these matters.

I then took them back to the ward. I was responsible for preparing the body of any male who died during my shift and I transported the body to the morgue. I could have seen as many autopsies as I wanted to but I didn't like the smell. After working the ER PM shift (surgery was done during the AM but there was often surgery that came through the ER in the PM) for three years in a big city hospital, you see just about everything and autopsies were not high on my sightseeing list.

>Why would they, Ed? For the glory?

YES

>For the money?

FOR SURE

>For the satisfaction of proving Ray wrong?

FOR SURE, FOR SURE!!

>And what would it prove to

>you anyway? Your fallback position would simply be that just

>because they figured out how to do it doesn't mean that's how it was done!

Bring me some proof and then we'll see how I react. So far, no proof. No proof, no "case closed".

>You claim to be searching for the truth yet

>you continually misquote Bob Shell in an effort to support your

>position.

And where was that?

>Ray happens to get a few, dark frames of old copy film showing
>an empty room with a table on it. He thinks to himself, "Hey, if
>I created an identical room and shot an alien autopsy in it, I
>could sell the video and use these old frames of the empty room
>to prove it's date and origin!"

So that's it? That's all you have?

Ed

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 14:14:28 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:22:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility

Dear Listers, Michael, Lesely and Et., (aka, Dr. Al);

We all get our Ph.D.'s taken away with disgrace when we look up, see the sight of the century, and forget to take a picture.

This note is for all and is not about getting excited or emotional with a sighting, it's about so many of you listers over the few years I've been subscribing to Dr. the Kanappy UpDates, wishing to be able to witness a UFO or (and in many cases) even wishing you had an experience.

Truth. I've spoken to many of you out there off line and in person. I've heard it said seldomly but felt it often, "Gee, I wish I could be abducted" or "Gee, I wish I could witness a UFO!"

Be careful. You may get what you wish for. And if it should happen to you, you're stuck inside of Mobile, with the Memphis blues, again. You will no longer have any credibility left with the skeptics crowd. Not only that, but those who believe inwardly will disbelieve outwardly just to be part of the maddening crowd.

They will point and screech, "Lookit the maroon who thinks he saw a frying saucer.... hahahahaha!" The laughing can be painful, most especially if you are a sensitive person, as I am. I've learned to become angry at the buggers what come for me. I've also learned to transfer that angst to those who would debunk.

Oh no, Mo. Not the debunkers do I admonish, but their (many of them) holier than thou attitude. "Hah, you think you saw grays, well, it was only Gray Poupon. You think you saw a flying saucer? Well, it was some kid down the block tossing glowing hubcaps across the sky at twice the speed of light in a vacuum. You think you got took by aley ens? Well, you were just sleep paralyzed." On and on ad nauseum, ad absurdum.

We know they are full of tyrannosaurus poop. They think they are speaking ex cathedra. Well, they are not. They are merely making damned fools of themselves for closing their minds. Just the act of saying, "It cannot be, it isn't so," makes my blood boil. And at 2% Grippahol, that aint easy.

Truth be known, It may not be so, or it may but for sure, you don't know, and neither do I. So try, really hard, to just accept the possibility that one of us may have the Motts. And until it's all over, if it ever shall be so in our life time, then we will all know the truth. And when that happens, there will be a whole lot of sheepish faces out there.

Maybe not. Some people are hard to convince. After all, not every unbeliever is a Saint Thomas. Some are Judas Priests.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: C D Conrad <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:07:31 +0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:31:22 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Hello list, hi Errol, everybody,

I just thought I'd de-lurk and add a few comments into this discussion that everybody seems really tired of! Please forgive me if I'm being redundant or if you've heard this before. :)

>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:45:11 -0800
>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Yes that's what I said. No special effects expert has been able
>to recreate the creature. Have they? Is there any place where I
>said they tried and failed. Some may have but I don't know if
>that's a fact. All I know is that I haven't seen any such
>recreations. If there is some mistake in phrasing then I
>apologize but it wasn't intended. So OK none have tried. I'll
>certainly agree to that since its what I intended to say in the
>first place. Why?.. because it's probably impossible. I think
>they would have if they could have.

They can and they did, Mr Gehrman.

I've not even bothered researching this case very much, but know of several special effects recreations of alien autopsies, some, to my untrained eyes, very much more convincing than the blurry, choppy and anachronistic AA film.

First that I can think of are the famous aliens from the Kyle MacLachlan Roswell movie. That predates the AA footage by a couple of years, but is still a valid example. Now, they didn't hack those puppets up, but they exist as examples of considerably more imaginative and believable aliens than the ones in the AA movie. And they were articulated! The AA corpse is very stiff, and, dare I say it, rubbery.

Second, the same effects guy who made the Roswell movie aliens did *another* alien corpse for ABC's 20/20 program after the AA footage came out. This was a recreation to show how it could be done. I believe the same guy did yet another recreation for Scientific American. Very, very convincing footage which had organ removal and examination procedures shown clearly and accurately.

Twins FX Group in Quebec did a recreation of the AA film after it came out. This was an extremely convincing colour recreation of the AA movie with alien corpse, gore, organs, blood, the lot. Identical to the AA film creature, but in focus! Cost? \$2000.

There was a low budget German recreation for tv, too. This was blurry black & white, but they did it all in one shot, unedited takes. You should be aware, Mr Gehrman, that on the one hand the edited AA film argues towards authenticity, and on the other covers up a multitude of possible FX trickery during the filming process. Mostly the latter, judging by the continuity. Somebody else can cover that point, I'm sure.

The Brazillian tv show recreation that was alluded to by another poster. This was very high quality, and was aired on live tv.

Again, another very convincing alien corpse with internal organs, blood etc.

The Sci Fi channel's Roswell: Cover-ups and Close Encounters show did yet another alien autopsy, mimicking the film quality as well as the medical procedures.

The Discovery Channel's UFO's Down to Earth show did another one, again with dissection procedures shown, internal organs, etc.

The Millennium tv show did another alien autopsy, and the X-Files had no less than *two* such autopsies during it's run! Both were quite realistic for the medium.

Also, a UK FX artist mailed Fortean Times with a photo of a recreated AA head - identical to the one in the film - to show just how easy it was to create - and this was in the months after the film came to light. Cliff Wallace of Creature Effects in the UK expressed his opinion that the AA puppet was produced somewhere in Britain, so maybe it was the original creator who sent the image?

Anyway, not impossible to recreate by any means.

Some of this info I had to hand, some I gathered with an internet search that took all of two minutes. I dare say I could pull more examples if I had enough time.

This is not to say that the AA film is unconvincing, or that these examples were all better, just that they do exist, and that it is eminently possible to recreate the AA footage with quite cheap and established FX house techniques. Mr Gehrman should have checked this before making any extreme claims, in my opinion.

I was going to go on and list about six reasons why the procedures shown in the AA footage, and it's duration as shown by the clock, are inconsistent and anachronistic, but it's been done before on oh so many websites, magazines, television shows and papers that most researchers should be familiar with. I'm also not touching Santilli's lies and fabrications, which have been documented by others on the list.

It doesn't look good, Mr Gehrman.

Cheers, everyone!

C. D. Conrad
Perth, Western Australia

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New Energy in Debate Over Alien Life

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Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:33:53 -0500

Subject: New Energy in Debate Over Alien Life

New energy in debate over alien life

Radiation could spark European ecosystem, researcher says

By Alan Boyle, MSNBC

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/362046.asp>

Jan. 26 — What form could life beyond Earth take, and where could it exist? One study indicates that the radiation driven by Jupiter's magnetic field could fuel the minimum conditions for life on Europa, an ice-covered moon. Other researchers argue that organisms beyond Earth — on Europa or elsewhere — would typically be no more complex than microbes.

Such discussions are opening a new chapter in the search for extraterrestrial life, with astrobiology becoming a high-profile scientific pursuit. Researchers are finding that earthly organisms endure in the ice of Antarctica and the depths of the ocean under conditions that were once thought positively hostile to life, and that planet formation could be much more common than previously thought.

When scientists also consider that liquid water, a key necessity for life as we know it, just might exist beneath icy shells on at least two of Jupiter's moons — and could have existed on ancient Mars as well — they are increasingly coming around to the view that life could find a toehold somewhere within alien environments.

What does it take for life to arise? One of the current points of debate relates to how much energy is required to sustain the kinds of biochemical reactions supporting living processes. On Europa, for example, there's no way the sun's feeble rays could penetrate the ice to fuel photosynthesis. And although deep-sea volcanic vents could provide an alternative energy source, as they do on Earth, there's not yet any evidence that such vents exist on Jupiter's moons.

But in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*, astrobiologist Christopher Chyba of the SETI Institute argues that a hail of charged cosmic particles, accelerated by Jupiter's massive magnetic field, could spark enough chemical reactions on Europa's icy surface to fuel an ecosystem in the brine below.

"There may well be lots of other energy sources that might be used on Europa," Chyba told MSNBC. But his aim was to see whether life could be sustained using merely the mechanisms that are known to exist on Europa.

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Marconi experiments in the 20's

From: **Joaquim Fernandes** <jfernan@esoterica.pt>
Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 22:21:48 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:38:10 -0500
Subject: Marconi experiments in the 20's

Dear Members list,

I am researching for my PhD about "The Extraterrestrial Imaginary in the Portuguese Press" and I found some news in our papers reporting some comments of Guillermo Marconi to American and British press, v.g. "New York Times" and "Daily Mail" related to Mars and the "signs" that could be detected from the Red Planet.

I am just verifying how was the Portuguese press reaction and amplification of those claims and experiments, which took place, if I am not wrong, from 1920 until 1924. The US Army had made some attempts to get these signals, according the news.

If there is someone who could check these dates from their clippings it could be give some clues for my day-by-day follow-up on the papers.

I verify that Marconi was at the Azores Islands (in Horta city, Faial Island, on a trip aboard his yacht "Ellectra" and stay there a few days in May 1922 and returned in August.

The local press wrote that probably was sending some signs to Mars when he was anchored at Faial Bay.

Who knows...

Greetings,

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Sanskrit Scholars, Help!

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Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 20:04:35 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:40:44 -0500
Subject: Sanskrit Scholars, Help!

Dear Errol and List Members:

I need a little help with an ongoing story, and I don't have access to either a Hindi or a Sanskrit dictionary up here at the Head of the Lakes.

Does anybody know the meaning of either of these words?

MINDAHLI or BINDAHLI

It sounds like something out of the Bhagavad Gita. Anybody have a clue?

Many thanks!

Joe Trainor

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Re: Get COMETA

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 01:09:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:44:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Get COMETA

I have now read the complete COMETA report. It is now available in English from the Fund for UFO Research. If the Condon report was high school, then the COMETA report is graduate school. Those people really know how to think!

Get It. Read It.
GROK (understand) it.

And prepare for the eventualities!

COMETA recommends (for France) increasing the effort to understand UFO sightings and implications, "so as to no longer be blind, dumb and paralyzed....."

HaHaHaHaHaHa

Couldn't have said it better myself.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:47:48 -0500
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THE AWAKENING THAT LIFE IS FROM SPACE

Each day the earth is bombarded by space dust, spores, meteoroids, interplanetary particles, radiation, fireballs, bolids, meteors, and meteoroids. Some estimates indicate that most if not all of the water on Earth came from space. Periodically even large asteroids and comets find their way to Earth. Fortunately for us when a meteoroid strikes the Earth's atmosphere, it loses some or all of its mass by ablation, vaporization, sputtering and fragmentation. The fragmented pieces fall relatively gently to Earth. Recent studies indicate that bacteria and virus's may be able to survive this ride through space and through our atmosphere. Science has come a long way since the 1800s, when the French National Academy of Science conducted a study and concluded that the entire phenomenon was an optical illusion. Today about 500 reports a month are received indicating that Unidentified Flying Objects are in our skies. Most of these reports are from multiple witnesses and well educated people who use the Internet. According to Dr. Don Johnson of some 100,000 sightings in the UFOCAT Study the highest number of reports occur between 2 and 4:00 AM local time. This indicates UFOs operate when they are least likely to be seen by the public and appear to move with the various time zones. Additionally, our satellites are also regularly picking up unidentified objects that appear to be intelligently controlled.

Professor and Colonel Donald G. Carpenter's book, "Environmental Space Sciences" taught at the Air Force Academy appears to be correct when it states. "From available information, the UFO phenomenon may have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years." The book also discusses the scientific study of UFOs conducted by the Battelle Memorial Institute of 2,199 UFO reports. The results of the study show 434 or 19.7% were unknowns, 240 or 11% had insufficient information, 479 or 22% were astronomical, 813 or 37% were aircraft or balloons, while 233 or 10.6% were others. The of 664 'unknowns' and 'insufficient information' sightings add up to the startling conclusion that 30.6% of the sightings are likely to be UFOs. That is almost a third of UFO reports cannot be explained away even by a respected group of scientists and engineers at Battelle. Colonel Carpenter also writes, "An exciting discovery revealed that the better the quality of the report, the greater the probability that the report will be classified as an unknown." These finding agree with my own observation of Eastern MUFON investigations. I have found that sightings over an extended period of time by multiple and qualified witnesses were most likely to be confirmed as UFOs. The reports frequently state UFOs travel at fantastic speeds with unbelievable maneuverability. Their characteristics show an advanced technology unlikely to be ours. Although, these sightings may represent an unknown phenomenon, the evidence seems to point towards alien visitors.

If we are in fact being visited, the visitors come for a reason. Carl Sagan often noted one of the primary reasons to visit and spread life to Earth would be some form of missionary zeal. Many abductees report a kind of religious awakening after being in contact. Others speculate the aliens are here to farm for food, obtain water, refuel, and mine our minerals. Later in these files we discuss some theories of what might be happening based on the reports of brave people who have come forward with their stories. Each day you are bombarded with information, I caution the reader that we are all searching for the truth. I'm just one person attempting to analyze the data, so keep an open, but skeptical mind. What frightens me the most is that I receive communications from scientists who complain about the closed minds of their colleagues. Despite this there is an awakening taking place in France, Chile and all over the world, that we are not alone.

DNA MOLECULES MAY BE FROM SPACE

Francis Crick won the Nobel Prize for helping to discover 'the structure of DNA,' the master molecule of life. He now believes that the 'origin of life' was from space. He and Leslie Orgel of the Salk Institute may have also discovered the 'origin of all life' on Earth.' The two scientists theorize that life came from a distant planet, and was brought here aboard an ancient space ship or meteorite. Their theory is called "Directed Panspermia" and it may explain how life arose spontaneously on Earth. The scientist's point out virtually all-terrestrial life on Earth is based on a single type of genetic code. If creatures sprang to life in some great "primeval soup," as many biologists believe, it is surprising that organisms with many different kinds of genetic codes do not exist. Crick and Orgel feel that a single code seems to be entirely compatible with the theory that all life descended from a single instance of 'Directed Panspermia.' Its likely the building blocks of DNA could have formed in space providing a starter kit of genetic material for life to evolve rapidly on Earth.

The Darwinian theory has shown that there is change within a species, but it has been difficult to find much evidence that the various species slowly evolved from primitive life forms to eventually become Homo sapiens. There is obviously also the problem of how inanimate objects became alive. Crick and Orgel who have studied the building blocks of life note that the element molybdenum plays a key role in many enzymatic reactions that are important to life. Molybdenum is a very rare element on earth and seems unlikely to be part of a system that developed by chance here on Earth. The human DNA code is amazingly complex and is still being unraveled with some of the most powerful computers in the world working for years on the problem. It appears fairly obvious that life is likely to have developed first on another planet where molybdenum was plentiful. Molybdenum a lustrous brittle silver white metallic chemical element is used in alloys and points for spark plugs. The Atomic number is 42 and its symbol is MO. So even Nobel Prize winners are looking to space for the spark of life.

FLU VIRUS MAY BE FROM SPACE

New studies indicate that even, the flu virus may come from outer space. Additionally, the flu virus may have worse in store for us according to scientists who claim to have discovered an alarming explanation for the epidemic. Dismissing as dogma the conventional medical wisdom that flu is a virus passed by human contact, the distinguished astrophysicist Sir Fred Hoyle, and his colleague at Cardiff University, Chandra Wickramasinghe, warn that we may be on the brink of a global epidemic. In a report to be published in the journal "Current Science," they claim the outbreak was caused by dust deposited high in the atmosphere by passing comets being forced down to earth by energy generated by cooler patches on the sun's surface, known as sunspots. They reach the peak of their activity, the maximum, every 11 years, coinciding, the scientists say, with all major flu outbreaks since 1761, including the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic blamed for 20 million deaths worldwide. The latest cycle began to peak in September and its peak is due sometime this year. Thanks to Stuart Millar.

http://www.newsunlimited.co.uk/Distribution/Redirect_Artifact/0,4678,0-12_4154,00.html.

NEW JERSEY DIGITAL PHOTO OF UFO?

JACKSON - Michael Rogalski writes, "Last weeks article about seeing a UFO on digital camera images taken at Great Adventure theme park may be significant." This could be a meaningful UFO sighting technique at hand. With the new digital cameras people are starting to use, there may be magnetic, thermal, or infra red influences in bandwidths that only video or still camera sensors are able to see. They may show up when people do not know they've taken a picture of a UFO. It is not a secret that some of the "night vision" camcorders companies are simply removing their infrared filter from in front of the standard solid state image sensors. They have always been sensitive to infra red, and it had to be filtered out. You can take a camera, remove the filter, blow out a match in the dark, and still videotape it's thermal signature. I just thought you'd like to know about this, and add it to you book of tricks in analyzing sightings. This could change the level of validation on some of these pictures. NOT seeing it, and taking a picture of it, could lend credibility to a sighting, especially when subjects do not know UFO's can be photographed under these conditions. Thanks to: Mike Rogalski drdisco@worldnet.att.net.

PENNSYLVANIA RECTANGULAR UFOs

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA - On January 17, 2000, the witness reports, "I was visiting my mother. It was bitterly cold, 15 degrees Fahrenheit and very windy." At 6:02 PM, I went out back into her small yard to have a cigarette. About a minute or two passed when I saw movement in the sky. It was mostly dark with indirect distant light from further down the street. The sky was devoid of any clouds and the stars were visible. I looked up quickly and moved further into the yard to see better. I saw three rectangular objects moving in tandem. They were not like anything I ever saw in my entire lifetime. They were moving much faster than any commercial or military aircraft based on my estimate of their altitude. They glowed with a subtle consistent amber color. They were rectangular in shape but with smooth edges. I followed them without a blink for about 6 seconds before they flew out of view over the rooftop. When I first saw them they were in tandem, before they went out of view they were moving out of formation. I was stunned but excited. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

FLORIDA CYLINDER UFO INVESTIGATION

SOUTH PASEDENA --The witness called MUFON investigator Lorraine Gerber to report he had observed a cylindrical object on October 15, 1999. The witness was having lunch and relaxing watching birds in the sky at 1:00 PM. He saw a dark cylinder high in the sky at 70 degrees above the horizon and only a mile away. He got out of his car and walked to a clearing for a better view. The cylinder was dark in color and the bottom looked black with a rim around it. His radio started to make crackling sounds that seemed related to the sighting. He looked to the north and saw a second object following the first object. It was a Lenticular shaped disc that was dark gray in color moving north. As the UFOs disappeared a Stratus cloud beneath the craft appeared to be sucked up to the altitude of the UFO. The first object was the size of a pea at arm's length and it traveled three inches at arm's length. The disc was about the half the size of the cylinder and moved in an irregular pattern. He yelled at some painters to look at the objects, but they had not looked in the right spot. The witness had been sick with a migraine headache and nausea up until the sighting. Suddenly he felt much better and elated because of his sighting. The witness was in the military and he knows various aircraft. Personnel at Mac Dill Air Base were called and claimed they had no aircraft flying at the time. Thanks to MUFON State Section Director Elaine Gerber.

MARYLAND FLYING TRIANGLE

BELCAMP -- While viewing the lunar eclipse I saw a triangle of 11 small dim lights pass between me and the moon on January 20, 2000. The formation traveled to the southeast at a high altitude until it passed from my sight at 11:57 PM. I can say it was higher than the average air traffic, which I witness on a daily basis.

I was observing the lunar eclipse on 1/20/00 at 11:10 PM. I

witnessed a triangular formation of lights in the sky that passed between the moon and me. There were eleven lights in the formation of an equilateral triangle. The triangle shaped formation of lights did not vary in shape at all. The intensity of the light also remained constant, about that of a dim star, but varied in color from amber to faint red. They traveled from northwest to southeast over the Belcam. Thanks to National UFO Reporting Center. www.ufocenter.com.

VIRGINIA DISC HOVERS OVER WITNESSES

RICHMOND -- Thanks for posting our last UFO disc sighting report in your Filers Files #03. However, the sighting actually occurred on 2/10/99 not 10/2/99 and was investigated by Richard Lang (ASD), Frank Mclean (SSD), and myself. I'm sorry for the confusion. Thanks to VA State Director Ricardo Atristain Russ Vincent writes, "Your article about the sighting the vicinity of Ft. Lee was most interesting, since I live a couple miles from there. The old army airfield and deserted dropzone are not used anymore. The area along the Appomattox River has been a haven for strange and unusual sightings since I was a child. The deserted quarries from the 20's, have always had a strange haze around them and might hide UFOs. Thanks to: RussellVincent@yahoo.com

HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA CASE INVESTIGATION - David Nelson saw the car in front of him weave on and off the road and realized the driver was looking at a V shaped UFO hovering 500 yards ahead of him. It was hovering a 100 feet above a pond on the south side of Temple Avenue on November 2, 1993. The bottom of the object was a dull aluminum color with five circular, fluorescent green lights. The sides were gray-black and appeared to be about ten feet thick. He estimated its size to be 75 feet from wing tip to wing tip. When he was almost beneath the UFO, it tilted its sharp nose up at 45 degree angle and shot almost straight up and was out of sight in a second. It left a puff of dark gray smoke. The case was reported to the Colonial Heights Police and the Hopewell News. They covered the original story and a follow up story that brought in more reports. The police noted there had been a similar sighting a week earlier. Thanks to investigators Mark Blashak and VA State Director Ricardo Atristain.

FLORIDA UFO SIGHTINGS JANUARY 15 and 21

MELROSE - Tonda Nooney writes, "On January 15, 2000, my husband and I were having dinner on our deck. The night was clear and my husband noticed, what he thought at first was a plane at 7:00 PM. The object did not move closer or depart during the next 15 minutes. It hovered above the pine trees with red, blue, yellow, green and white lights. When he pointed the UFO out to me, I went inside and got our camcorder. When I started filming the object I had trouble at first focusing it in. I had to focus 50x to get the image. On camera, the object appears round in shape, darting all around in and out of the viewing area. During the next three minutes of filming, the object changed size five or six or 6 times. The colors that were very clear to the naked eye are like sparkling diamonds on film. When you looked with the naked eye, the object appeared to be stationary. I became nervous at one point and decided that I had enough on film and went inside the house. During the next hour, we observed the UFO from our dining room window. It moved approximately 200 yards from the original position above treetop level east of our porch. When we looked for the last time, the object had departed. The UFO was about 300 feet in diameter, but I'm terrible with measurements. This is the first time we have seen something this strange this close. Thanks to Tonda Nooney. Editor's Note: I asked the family to watch each night about the same time to make and to determine if because sometimes the UFOs will return to the same area. We also wanted to make sure they were not observing a celestial object such as Venus.

Tonda wrote again, "We have been watching every night since the 15th and nothing appeared until January 21, 2000. The same object returned again around 7:00 PM,. This time there were two more objects just like it, but these seemed smaller and further to the east. I also have these UFOs on film, along with the original object including a shot of the full Moon for size comparison. Thanks to Tonda Nooney. Bland Pugh the Florida State Director indicates MUFON is investigating the sightings.

ALABAMA

JASPER -- I just read a small article on the sightings web page where you reported a bright object streak across the sky from south to north in Alabama on January 7, 2000. I just wanted to let you know that my husband and I saw it too near Jasper. It was a very bright object moving fast sort of like a meteor. But we both thought it looked strange and we were pretty excited about it. I'm glad we weren't the only ones to see it. :) Thanks to Jenny Butterworth.

ARGENTINA UFO SPAWNS A TORNADO

PUERTO BELGRANO NAVY BASE - On January 18, 2000, a retired sailor Marcos Herminio Faini saw a shiny object at an estimated altitude of 2,000 meters (6,600 feet) and simultaneously the presence of a powerful whirlwind on the ground surface below." The weather station Commandante at Espora Air Base stated that atmospheric conditions at the time were not conducive to the formation of tornados. The sailor said, "I can tell you that after spending half my life at sea, I have seen something very special which I believe to be of scientific value." Faini took a bus 12:45 PM from Mitre, and was startled by a whirlwind on the ground above he the future Fleet Junior Officers School now being built. "The whirlwind was concentric and wasn't moving." Completely out of the ordinary." He stated, "When I visually tried to locate the column of dust, I noticed a glowing object stationary in the southeast." I showed it to the sergeant in charge of the base hospital's military command." "'It's a flying saucer,'" he replied laconically, and the other passengers stared at it, as well. More curiosity seekers joined the group. The object showed some slight movement, always in the same direction." (See the La Nueva Provincia newspaper 1/19/00), Thanks to Scott Corrales, author of Chupacabras and UFO Roundup Vol 5, #4, 1/27,00. Editor: Joseph Trainor

ROBED HOODED ALIENS

Jolene Rae Harrington writes that in Filer's Files #3, "Your advice to potential abductees to be on the lookout for evidence is a good warning." However, as Derrel Sims frequently notes in his lectures there appears to be subconscious suggestions made to abductees to eradicate any such evidence. For example, one abductee recently wrote to me reporting an event saying, "For some reason, I felt compelled to get up and brush my teeth and shower," this in the wee hours of the morning. One action those suspecting they have had an abduction can take even days afterwards is to check for fluorescent traces with the use of a black light. Hopefully by then the urge to destroy evidence will have dimmed. This technique, discovered by Derrel Sims and still under investigation, can reveal traces on clothing, bedding, carpets, windows, and especially on the human body that defy attempts at removal. However, I would take issue with the recommendation to turn evidence over to law enforcement officials. Artifacts in the hands of officials have a way of mysteriously 'disappearing.' On the other hand, a researcher knows how to get physical evidence to reputable, open-minded scientists for further study. Any one who feels they may have such evidence and/or who needs help dealing with their experiences can contact Derrel Sims and his Saber Enterprises/at: dwsims@neosoft.com. Thanks to Jolene Rae Harrington: jrae@earthlink.net .

Editors' Note: I thought MUFON investigator Evelyn Gaulson may have discovered the black light technique first, but I won't quibble about dates. The aliens may be using some kind of a dusting spray on abductees bodies to protect themselves or others. There is some concern that their medical techniques may not be sterile.

HOODED ROBED BEINGS

Joseph A. Marmo writes, "I had some strange experiences in the middle of the night in 1993. I saw three short hooded midget sized characters in my bedroom. The room would be filled with a strange glow that I can only describe as an infrared looking light. I had some very frightening night time experiences at this time as well. I would hear what sounded like many voices moaning and screaming. "I thought I was in hell." Once I

remember saying an "Our Father" (I'm Catholic) because these voices sounded like pure evil. While I said it one of the voices mimicked the prayer in a strange mocking tone. My room mate at the time would see a helicopter flying very low near our apartment the day after these occurrences. I cannot come to any conclusions as to what was going on, but it was extremely frightening and very bizarre. I am a rational person but I have no explanations. Thanks to: Joseph A. Marmo
jmarmo1@rochester.rr.com

UFOs ARE BIBLICAL

D. Alan Eastwood writes, "Among the various approaches to investigating the UFO phenomenon, the Biblical approach is productive for those who accept its historical aspect as accurate." I too have studied the Bible apart from the dogma/doctrines of religious organizations and have found it to have great value in making sense of modern-day UFO-related reports. In my estimation, the history and prophecies contained in that collection of books--as well as the ancient writings of other cultures--shed a great deal of reliable light on the subject from within that conceptual framework (reality tunnel). Those who have not actually read the Bible may be shocked to find that angels are described as looking and acting a lot like human beings (walking, talking, eating meals, etc) but having abilities exceeding those of humans. They are not described as having wings or ghostly appearances. And there are many passages describing aerial objects that match with modern-day descriptions of UFOs. A number of well written books are available to those who wish to explore this avenue, including Barry Downing's book: The Bible and Flying Saucers. It is not surprising to me that some "abductees." I and other researchers I've worked with have found that by using traditional prayers for the removal of oppressive spirits their oppressive visitors departed immediately. Some will say that such a view is religious and not science-minded, but I call those efforts "successful scientific experiments." If others would like to try this, the prayers or formulas are found in books like Francis MacNutt's book: Healing. Thanks to: D. Alan Eastwood eastwood@idsi.net Editor's Note: Some of our investigators report abductees claim some success in using prayer to stop or limit abductions.

AUSTRALIA ABDUCTIONS

Bill Hamilton reports, "Recently Kelly Cahill gave a presentation here at MUFON LA. Her abduction involved a group of six near Melbourne, Australia. This case was thoroughly investigated and included identical marks on different bodies, similar after reactions, ground traces including tripod marks in the soil. Soil samples were taken and a magnetometer revealed a magnetic anomaly at the landing site. Three witnesses produced similar drawings of craft and beings. This is not the only multiple abduction case or the only case with trace physical evidence or witness corroboration. Albeit, many "bedroom" abductions may not be physical events similar to Kelly's and many may be confabulations, but just a few off-road cases like hers is enough to establish a scientific basis for further research. Bill Hamilton skywatcher22@hotmail.com

RUMOR OF LIFE ON MARS GROWS

Cara E. Anderson writes, "I have been working with a Doctor from the Biology Department of the University of Houston on a Planetarium show." In our efforts to find funding and notable scientists to be in our project, my partner has heard from several reliable sources (scientists at NASA AMES / JPL) that NASA has recently accepted that there is undeniable proof of life on Mars. They have not gone public yet but intend to do so in the not so distant future. They have suddenly decided to accept the theory that there is, after all, fossilized microbial life in the Alan Hill's meteorite (ALH84001). "Not only that, but they have discovered a section of the Martian terrain that undergoes seasonal color / color temperature changes that they attribute to be ALGAE." This has come from an extremely reliable source. Editors Note: Rumors of this type continue to come from various sources associated with NASA.

MARS POLAR LANDER SIGNAL?

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) _ Another attempt is being made to contact the Mars Polar Lander after controllers noticed a very weak radio signal that could have originated from the silent probe, NASA said Tuesday. ``This week's test is a real long-shot, and I wouldn't want to get "Anyone too excited about it," said Richard Cook, the spacecraft's Project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. The probe was last heard from Dec. 3 as it was about to enter the Martian atmosphere for a 90-day mission to study the planet's climate and dig for frozen water beneath the surface. It was the second NASA Spacecraft to disappear in three months. Seven senior Russian space experts have been meeting with NASA center directors and may be discussing the similarities between the loss of the Soviet Phobos 2 mission and our own Mars Lander. The last known photos taken from Phobos 2 shows it being intercepted by a UFO while orbiting Mars. The photos can be seen on www.filersfiles.com.

CROP CIRCLE SIGHTINGS UP IN 1999.

VANCOUVER, BC (Wireless Flash) - It looks like Canada and England got the cream of the crop circles last year. According to Vancouver-based crop circle researcher Paul Anderson, there was a 50 percent increase in crop circle sightings in England in 1999 and a 33 percent increase in Canada. Meanwhile, the United States had only 12 crop circles, down from 15 in 1998. Israel, which had never had a crop circle before 1997, had three sightings in 1999. Anderson says it's normal for crop circle sightings to fluctuate around the world and he hopes further research will uncover the reason. Thanks to Paul Anderson, Vancouver, BC; (604) 731-8522; Access Canadian crop circle report at <http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada> Editor's Note: High concentrations of meteorite dust are being found within their boundaries of most verified Crop Circles. The question now is to determine how the meteorite dust was deposited in such a way to form these intricate patterns.

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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. Sam Sherman's audio documentary tape called 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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Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2000 Political Awakening

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:55:37 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 08:49:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #02 - 2000 Political Awakening

>From: George A. File <Majorstar@aol.com>
>Date: Fri, 14 Jan 2000 15:54:32 EST
>Subject: Filer's Files #02 - 2000 Political Awakening
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>IS IT TIME TO MAKE UFOs A POLITICAL ISSUE?

>On Tuesday, I was called by Heather Anne Harder, Ph.D., who is
>running as a candidate for the President of the United States.
>She was a genuinely nice person, but most important to

George,

Dr. Harder contacted me and we have had several hours of talks.
The result was her inclusion in an Art Bell Show on Jan, 26 that
went very well. I suspect you played a role in having her
contact me. If so, thanks. She can play an important role in
this election and I will try to help her as much as is
appropriate.

Regards,

Steve Bassett

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:12:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:00:42 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 09:35:52 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 00:40:18 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcg@netcom.ca>
>>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 21:00:49 -0500
>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 03:23:09 -0500
>>>Subject: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>>>>From: Mike Farrell <vidhunter@hotmail.com>
>>>>Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2000 12:02 AM
>>>>Subject: 60% of Abductees are GAY!(not that there's anything wrong with
>>>>that:->)

>>>>The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia -
>>>><http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/new>

>>>>I think a review of 20th Century science fiction movies and
>>>>books ought to be in order for anyone serious about this
>>>>subject. Three fingered Martians used to be a staple in
>>>>cartoons. Wasn't the Martian in the classic War of the Worlds
>>>>movie three-fingered, with a suction cup at the end. This also
>>>>was a feature of ET in the movie of the same name.

>>>>Those who are not aware of the influence of science fiction are
>>>>doomed to repeat - or create - this data that they think they
>>>>are collecting.

>>>>Any other examples that anybody knows about?

Jerry responded

<snip>

>I don't pretend to know what the abduction phenomenon is or is
>not -- frankly, the whole issue just confuses me -- but of one
>thing I am certain: it doesn't answer to glib solutions of the
>sort proposed here. No wonder "skeptics" have such a
>credibility crisis.

Quoting statistics from (alleged) studies of 'abductees' doesn't
help the skeptical case much either! I'd pay good \$\$\$ to know
what criteria Randle & Estes used to determine which respondents
would be included (or excluded) from their survey.

Honest to God Jerry, all I want are some answers. I have no
'vested' interest in how the chips fall. (Either for or agin ET)
But when I see the sloppy job of reporting (no detailed
information is provided as to how this 'survey' was conducted)
and how such basics as providing numbers from the original
survey are skipped completely by Ph.D's, - then what's a poor

boy to do?

I agree Jerry. The 'explanations' and 'theories' that are thrown up by 'some' are laughable at times. I have yet to encounter anything offered by the "academics" (Loftus, Persinger, Baker, et. al. now to include Randle & Estes) that has earned my intellectual respect. Both as an 'abductee' and as a man still in possession of a working brain, I frankly find most of it insulting to my intelligence. And in this case, my sensibilities as well.

Randle & Estes' claim of 60% homosexuals among the abductee population is not a case of 'science' speaking, rather it's an instance of statistics being used 'politically' in order to defame. Between you and me and the ears in the walls, I think Randle & Estes 'shot themselves in the foot' with this one.

When you question people about their sexual preferences you better be ready to justify it. I don't think they can. I don't think they can justify their statistics either. I wonder how they phrased the question?

"Are you now or have you ever been a practicing homosexual?"

Too 50's 'Joe Mc Carthy' you think? <lol>

Time to lose the bigoted 'Brown Shirt all be better off in the end.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Sims Funding

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:22:45 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:11:55 -0500
Subject: Sims Funding

Press Release

Benefactors Help Fund Derrel Sims' Continuing Implant Research

Dr. Bob and Zoh Hieronimus of Hieronimus & Co. (www.21stCenturyRadio.com and www.ZohShow.com) have made a generous donation to Derrel Sims, noted abduction researcher and pioneer in the study of alleged alien implants, following a startling radio interview he gave along with alleged abductee Bill Bean. In this interview, Bean described some anomalous objects that he spontaneously expectorated from his throat. "For some time I'd had a strange blockage that made eating difficult," Bean reports. "I had been tested by numerous doctors and no one could explain or alleviate my condition." Eventually Bean coughed up some small, unusual objects which he saved as possible evidence, and consulted Derrel Sims.

"What is so exciting about these particular artefacts," Sims reveals, "is that they bear an uncanny resemblance to a surgically-removed object sent to me from a Brazilian doctor. They all appear manufactured. There are also similarities to one of the objects removed during one of FIRST's earlier surgeries." (FIRST, or Fund for Interactive Research and Space Technologies, is the organization Sims formed for the study of the alleged alien implants retrieved in several surgeries.) "We have an exciting opportunity here to compare analysis of objects retrieved from different individuals at different locations and times with only one common link -- all claim to have had experiences involving unknown entities."

When Dr. Bob & Zoh Hieronimus learned of this promising case, they ponied up an undisclosed sum to facilitate proper scientific testing by Sims' team. "I wish more organizations would put their money where their interest and curiosity is," reflected Dr. Hieronimus. So does Sims. "Investigators like me depend on the help of such generous individuals. Not only did Hieronimus & Co. provide a valuable outlet for disseminating information, but they they're willing to fund vital scientific testing to help unravel this mystery."

Details of the analysis of the Bean objects will be released as they become available. Meanwhile, Sims is consulting with a noted cardiovascular surgeon about another promising case involving an alleged abductee with a series of scoopmarks overlaying an anomalous object confirmed by Xray. Derrel Sims is currently presenting his latest research at the UFO Conference in Oslo, Norway. He can be contacted at his new email address dwsims@neosoft.com

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 01:09:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:15:07 -0500
Subject: Get COMETA

I have now read the complete COMETA report. It is now available in English from the Fund for UFO Research. If the Condon report was high school, then the COMETA report is graduate school. Those people really know how to think!

Get It. Read It.
GROK (understand) it.

And prepare for the eventualities!

COMETA recommends (for France) increasing the effort to understand UFO sightings and implications, "so as to no longer be blind, dumb and paralyzed....."

HaHaHaHaHaHa

Couldn't have said it better myself.

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 07:07:57 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:31:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 10:01:52 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Mike:

>Did you try to determine, by contacting local airports, etc., if
>aircraft were involved? What was the date and location? Except
>for your estimate of 30 seconds for the sighting, this seems
>suspiciously like a group of ultralights. I was once fooled by
>such a formation flying in twilight. Were there lights on the
>objects? Could you list your specific reasons for thinking that
>these were not aircraft?

>Clear skies,

>Bob Young

Hi Bob.

Yes, I contacted the local airport control tower. He advised me there were no aircraft in the area. I asked him the altitude of the cloud cover and he advised me 2000 feet. This is how I know that the objects were at least at that altitude. If they were just inside the clouds, then I had estimated the size of each object at approximately 20 feet in diameter.

If they were above the clouds, then there is no way to determine the size of these objects.

The 30 seconds is a maximum estimate, not a minimum. These things were really scooting... Every move was so graceful. Even the 90 deg left turn was as smooth as silk. No jerks, no hesitations, just turn! Actually, it was more of a slide left once the right side of the formation had opened...like the formation was hinged...

Ultra lights I know. I have observed them and their flight characteristics. They are slow, noisy, and I have my doubts that they would be flying in cloudy skys at night. No, there were no lights on the objects. The objects themselves were lights. Individual lights... flourscent white... steady, not blinking. Nothing in their color ever changed. They maintained a constant acceleration rate and brightness.

I don't remember the exact date. I have it written down somewhere in my files. I know it was the First part of Sept., 1967. The time was approximately 8:45 PM. How do I know this? Back then, there was a weekly TV program called 'Peyton Place'. This program was on at the time of the sighting. In fact, I went outside when the program came on, leaving my wife to watch it.

I don't know what these objects were, but I do know what they were not! From my youth, I have been an avid fan of aircraft. At age 12, I became aware of the existance of the ME-262 German Jet Fighter. I often told other people that the Germans had a jet in WWII, and you would be surprised how many people all but called me a liar.

I also followed the Space Program from the launching of Sputnik on Oct. 4, 1957. I would suggest that at one time, I knew almost as much about launch vehicles and missions as many people working in the industry. <g>

I studied anything I could get my hands on. I wrote extensively to NASA, at the George C. Marshall Center, Huntsville, Alabama, requesting information about the various launch vehicles; the Mercury Atlas launch vehicle, etc, always the way up to and beyond the Apollo Moon Missions.

I have an extensive scrapbook of those early years of space exploration. I have 8x10 photographs of the original 7 Mercury Astronauts; a color photo of Alan Sheppard's suborbital flight launch of his Mercury-Redstone rocket; a black and white photo of John Glenn's Launch on Friendship-7, as well as of John in his space suit.

I had the opportunity last year to have him Autograph those photos for me. He was surprised, to say the least, when they were offered to him to be autographed. <G> I even have a complete flight log of the flight of Aurora-7, piloted by Scott Carpenter, another supporter of the existence of UFOs. His flight took place on May 24, 1967 and was for three orbits, the same as John Glenn.

So, Bob, I am not easily fooled by man made aircraft. I have studied the flight characteristics of aircraft. I can tell by the way they move and turn the difference between them and the objects I saw. One of the most difficult things I ever had to identify, was what turned out to be a "refuling" process, high in the skys above my town. This occurred just at dusk, and made the identification of the configuration very difficult. I managed to see what it was when I pulled my car to the side of the road and used my binoculars to view the configuration. It was a very interesting experience, but it taught me that things are not always what they seem to be.

Blimps? Yep, I have seen them day and night. Hang Gliders, ultra lights, Choppers, Satellites, Space Shuttle in flight, even high altitude weather balloons.

Thanks for your interest. Keep in touch.

REgards, Mike

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From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 07:35:41 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:34:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

At 03:22 AM 01/29/2000 -0500, you wrote:
>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 14:14:28 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Dear Listers, Michael, Lesely and Et., (aka, Dr. Al);

>We all get our Ph.D.'s taken away with disgrace when
>we look up, see the sight of the century, and forget to
>take a picture.

>This note is for all and is not about getting excited or
>emotional with a sighting, it's about so many of you listers
>over the few years I've been subscribing to Dr. the Kanappy
>UpDates, wishing to be able to witness a UFO or (and in many
>cases) even wishing you had an experience.

>Truth. I've spoken to many of you out there off line and in
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>painful, most especially if you are a sensitive person, as I am.
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>I've also learned to transfer that angst to those who would
>debunk.

Hi, Jim.

Yep, I know of what you speak. I have been there. As a teen, supporter of the belief in "Flying Saucers," I was laughed at and scoffed at all the time. Growing up into the fifties and early 60's was definitely an experience when it came to the idea that Aliens were visiting our planet.

I have been insulted in virtually every way one can be. Yet, something in me would not allow me to become discouraged. Yet, 45 years of study and in the field research has left me frustrated. Many promises of "disclosure," have come and gone, with nothing changing. Attitudes among the scientists whom we would expect to be the leaders in solving this mystery, continue to amaze me.

These people put their grants ahead of their principals. I have lost respect for these people. I no longer look to them for answers. In fact, just the opposite. When they speak, I more or less tune them out.

I'll take the "encounter" any time it is offered. Why should I allow others to influence my appraisal of who, what and why aliens? are here? I reserve the right to encounter and interpret these experiences for myself. What is life if not an ongoing experience? Who would deny an opportunity to learn, even if the experience is not always pleasant? It is simply life.

REgards, Mike

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:47:52 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:39:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 14:14:28 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <jsmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
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>debunk.

>Oh no, Mo. Not the debunkers do I admonish, but their (many of
>them) holier than thou attitude. "Hah, you think you saw grays,
>well, it was only Gray Poupon. You think you saw a flying
>saucer? Well, it was some kid down the block tossing glowing
>hubcaps across the sky at twice the speed of light in a vacuum.
>You think you got took by aley ens? Well, you were just sleep
>paralyzed." On and on ad nauseum, ad absurdum.

>We know they are full of tyrannosaurus poop. They think they
>are speaking ex cathedra. Well, they are not. They are merely
>making damned fools of themselves for closing their minds. Just
>the act of saying, "It cannot be, it isn't so," makes my blood
>boil. And at 2% Grippahol, that aint easy.

>Truth be known, It may not be so, or it may but for sure, you
>don't know, and neither do I. So try, really hard, to just
>accept the possibility that one of us may have the Motts. And
>until it's all over, if it ever shall be so in our life time,
>then we will all know the truth. And when that happens, there
>will be a whole lot of sheepish faces out there.

>Maybe not. Some people are hard to convince. After all, not
>every unbeliever is a Saint Thomas. Some are Judas Priests.

Dear Jim:

If anyone tries to take away either of your genuine Ph.Ds, let me know. I'm looking at a nifty new printer, and I know this maniac who whacks sheep and stuff, and his wife knows how to clean the skins.

They were about to make drum-heads of something when I complained about my lack of high credentials.

Naturally, you would have to pass the strict standards of the Larry Hatch Ph.D and Storm-Door Company, but that is adjustable to your degree of academic skills and funding.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: I was planning to award myself a few degrees, but fear that might appear unseemly.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 06:02:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:56:39 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:07:31 +0800
>From: C D Conrad <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hello list, hi Errol, everybody,

>I just thought I'd de-lurk and add a few comments into this
>discussion that everybody seems really tired of! Please forgive
>me if I'm being redundant or if you've heard this before. :)

>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:45:11 -0800
>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Yes that's what I said. No special effects expert has been able
>>to recreate the creature. Have they? Is there any place where I
>>said they tried and failed. Some may have but I don't know if
>>that's a fact. All I know is that I haven't seen any such
>>recreations. If there is some mistake in phrasing then I
>>apologize but it wasn't intended. So OK none have tried. I'll
>>certainly agree to that since its what I intended to say in the
>>first place. Why?.. because it's probably impossible. I think
>>they would have if they could have.

>They can and they did, Mr Gehrman.

>I've not even bothered researching this case very much, but know
>of several special effects recreations of alien autopsies, some,
>to my untrained eyes, very much more convincing than the blurry,
>choppy and anachronistic AA film.

<snip>

Dear C. D. Conrad:

There is no need for apologies, your comments are quite welcome.

In my personal opinion, the AA film, etc., have been bashed to
pieces. There is, and always will be a segment of the UFO
community who check their brains at the door.

Unless and until something solid and new come in regarding this
and related stories, it seems useless to rehash them.

There are more interesting matters to discuss, and hopefully
these threads will trend back toward them.

Thank you for de-lurking. I hope you will find time to
contribute to these discussions in future.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Please write to me offlist for some listings and/or maps of
Perth area UFO sightings.

Search for other documents from or mentioning: [chyren23](#)

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Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #336

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 07:49:52 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:10:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #336

Apology to MW #336 (For January 29, 2000)

Once again we hear refrains of Aristotle's crass remains, and would return to crystal spheres enclosed from our most strident fear -- all to fool . . . convince ourselves that we must hold the highest shelves of grace and strong integrity -- "creation's crown", alacrity. TAKE ARISTOTLE AT HIS WORD, as churches did (Aquinas heard) and put your woman at your heel to put her through your strange ordeal. Make her work the lions share, but work for less (or be contraire!) and OWN a hundredth for her boils as she reduces, makes, and toils. Take dominion of your Earth, and treat her like a bitch you've cursed; beat her if she won't conform to arbitrary wills and norms. Throw your filth upon her ground and foul her face to mar, confound . . . to mess up all the weather patterns, raging storms that flood and flatten. . . to drop that polar shelf of ice and raise that wave of flood and fright -- washing Earth from pole to pole, her healing facial harsh and cold!

Depending on a moon, they say, or "just so far from solar rays"; seasons placid, and "predictable", water, heat and food -- some victual. All of this must come together, blessed by God and *his* trite measure, plus some luck to mix right in -- to make that spark for *smarter men*. Likely, "RARE!" they have construed! "We're alone," they BALLYHOO (!), then, hustle on back to their usual work of working too hard to be less than alert!

UFO's are scorned, ignored, or shut behind their screens and doors, and they can say that SCIENCE shows that our concern is indisposed. "What you want's a waste of time," they're quick to say from strident shrines, though we have paid, and dearly too, for what they hold from me and you. Locked beyond the common pale (and stuffed to tunnel, boom, and rail) there exists the covert record of the secrets kept -- collected. Secrets signal strident change, and who gets hurt when rearranged? Power settles as it wills, and change is rampant. Take your fill! This may be what's kept from us -- that *they* lose power, might, and trust -- that we could be as them, to find . . . that we're contrived, unbrave . . . confined.

Meanwhile, we're a laugh (God's treasure!), that we INSIST we use OUR measure; holding to our hubris, meanly, so we can coddle fear obscenely. We would dote on Aristotle, sucking on that tired bottle, living at his charmless center he contrived to suit HIS temper, made SPECIAL when he's alone (to be God's favorite in his home), a "crowning jewel in cosmic crowns" of *loving gods* with angry frowns?

We'd give space folk motivation, tell them how to DO their mission -- paint their feelings, points of view, tell them how they'd pick and choose? Then we'd dictate understanding, argue physics notwithstanding, tell them what their form should be, and how they'd speak like you and me? What a crock, this strained elan, we use to sing our centric song. We'd dictate what we wished was true, forgetting what we always knew, that what we know is likely wrong -- that we could sing more humble songs.

We do these things, retreat from grace, and wallow in our pride's disgrace. We forget the time and distance . . . expanding as we speak -- for instance. We avoid the misty blackness, elude the depths that lead to vastness, retreating to our shallow minds -- in ignorance's grasp confined. We doom OURSELVES to crass perdition, and MAKE confusion -- indecision. We won't see the bigger picture, look beyond a narrow measure, or fund the courage we would need to validate our break-neck speed! We don't look into the sky, except to plant the reason why that puts us at the *point* of *things* -- the universe revolves and swings . . . around *mankind* so proud and haughty, but like J. Prufrock a little dotty. And like a Prufrock, our Aristotle figures in to short and throttle, forcing us, yes, to a center we CONTRIVE, so are embittered.

We won't know what futures bring if we insist and falsely sing the jaundiced praises of a hubris . . . we've contrived to bathe and soothe us. We don't make consistent rules, we shortchange all our children's schools by feeding pap, a tasteless gruel that rots the gut and fouls the stool. We won't make a lasting peace, we'll struggle where we're challenged least, and let the BIG chance slip away if we allow this glad decay. Fail not to search your sky for that which they'd let slip on by. Challenge ALL your institutions, hold them close to constitutions. There is stuff they won't explain, and this is why one MUST complain.

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

Believing you're alone's unbrave, and makes you just a *tool* -- a slave.

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 22 January>

<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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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:53:00 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:13:35 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 09:35:52 -0600
>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:07:07 -0500
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>And speaking of examples, I would say the above is about as
>succinct a statement of the problem of not wanting to think very
>hard about the abduction phenomenon, or of throwing the feeblest
>of pseudoexplanations at it. Eddie Bullard puts it well (The
>UFO Encyclopedia, second edition, page 22):

>"Standards of evidence grow lax among sociocultural theorists
>who satisfy themselves with the discovery of antecedents.
>Shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief, science fiction,
>and movie imagery, these theorists bring home endless analogies
>of dubious worth.

Jerry, List:

Noticing that three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens from another world who have come here in spaceships are traditional figures in 20th Century science fiction and also in some abduction accounts of three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens from another world who have come here in spaceships hardly qualifies as "shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief, science fiction, and movie imagery for endless analogies of dubious worth".

Sounds like a home run, to me.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Betty Hill, k.t. Frankovich on Middleton Radio

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On 30th January, an exclusive 2 hour radio program will be featuring Betty Hill (of Betty & Barney Hill - first publicly disclosed abductee accounts in the US) in conversation with k.t. Frankovich (author of 'Where Heavens Meet' as listed and reviewed on amazon.com)

<http://kt.cjb.net>

or alternatively

<http://members.aol.com/kfrnkovich/>

As well as being broadcast from the Tennessee based radio station and reaching 8 other states, the program will also be broadcast live on the radio program's website in Real audio:

<http://nightsearch.net/indexmain.html>

In particular, Betty Hill, now in her young 80's is (in my humble opinion) a delight to listen to and as sharp minded as ever!

Betty and Barney Hill were the first known UFO abduction cases in 1961 and the subjects of the book "The Interrupted Journey".

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:09:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:37:07 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 21:44:24 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <jmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 00:17:00 -0800
>>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2000 16:27:22 -0500
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 22:45:33 -0600 (CST)
>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>>>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>>>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>>>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>><<snip>

<snip>

Hello List,

Quite a long thread here without much mention of the possible purpose of "the EYES", only appearance.

Other than Mr. Mortellaro's comment and also Roger Evans, whom I believe is correct in stating that we need to think "outside of the box", there were no others.

Note: I'm not an abductee, nor have I ever had an experience with any alien entities, but I don't believe the important thing here is the appearance, but the purpose they (the eyes) may serve.

It may be possible that they serve as a direct pathway, both ingoing and outgoing, for their telepathic communications, such as a "serial cable" connected between computer peripherals for instance, or a "network card" connected to a cable modem, that will allow transfer of both thoughts, images, emotions, etc., from the source to the receiver, much as the computer does... hence the "red lights" mentioned in a previous message in this thread about an abductee regarding the removal of the entities eye cover.

Yes, they could be "machines" for a lack of a better word, or they could be a "biological neural network" equipped with a "scanning" device (the eyes), allowing them to scan our thoughts, fears, and emotions. These "neural networked" entities would therefore be "connected" to a common "server" or

"networking center" where all their gathered images, emotions, thoughts, etc. are stored (the "server" being the mothership, the Nordics, the Reptilians, etc., call it what you want, I think you get the picture).

Mr. Mortellaro refers to this, as does Dr. Jacobs I believe, but maybe in different terminology, as "Mind Melding". The main question of this technique that I have is, how does the actual exchange take place? How does it get from point A (the abductee mind) to point B (through the entities eyes) or vice versa? Any ideas here?

With respect to all here,

Todd Lemire

<http://members.home.net/tlemire/UFOCENTRAL.html>

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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: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:19:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:43:02 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

..... and the flogging of the dead horse continued:

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:07:31 +0800
>From: C D Conrad <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

I agree with the thrust of these comments, but they perhaps deserve further thought:

>I've not even bothered researching this case very much, but know
>of several special effects recreations of alien autopsies, some,
>to my untrained eyes, very much more convincing than the blurry,
>choppy and anachronistic AA film.

Indicating, of course, that professional special effects efforts are much better at presentation than the real thing... <g>

>First that I can think of are the famous aliens from the Kyle
>MacLachlan Roswell movie. That predates the AA footage by a
>couple of years, but is still a valid example. Now, they didn't
>hack those puppets up, but they exist as examples of
>considerably more imaginative and believable aliens than the
>ones in the AA movie. And they were articulated! The AA corpse
>is very stiff, and, dare I say it, rubbery.

Comparing the original to what we "believe" that aliens should look like, or the structure of their dead corpses.

>Second, the same effects guy who made the Roswell movie aliens
>did *another* alien corpse for ABC's 20/20 program after the AA
>footage came out. This was a recreation to show how it could be
>done. I believe the same guy did yet another recreation for
>Scientific American. Very, very convincing footage which had
>organ removal and examination procedures shown clearly and
>accurately.

Actually, the firm that made the mock-up sold them to the public for a couple of years after the movie was released. The Sharper Image catalog carried it form several thousand dollars and I have no idea as to how many they sold.

>Twins FX Group in Quebec did a recreation of the AA film after
>it came out. This was an extremely convincing colour recreation
>of the AA movie with alien corpse, gore, organs, blood, the lot.
>Identical to the AA film creature, but in focus! Cost? \$2000.

>There was a low budget German recreation for tv, too. This was
>blurry black & white, but they did it all in one shot, unedited
>takes. You should be aware, Mr Gehrman, that on the one hand the
>edited AA film argues towards authenticity, and on the other
>covers up a multitude of possible FX trickery during the filming
>process. Mostly the latter, judging by the continuity. Somebody
>else can cover that point, I'm sure.

>The Brazillian tv show recreation that was alluded to by another
>poster. This was very high quality, and was aired on live tv.

>Again, another very convincing alien corpse with internal
>organs, blood etc.

The problem with all of these re-creations is they were attempting to copy something that had already been seen. Each of these would fail the same analysis that the original "film" had undergone. The German doctor sawed through the alien as if he was cutting meat with a serrated edge, and the camera angles in the Brazillian show (which was by far the best) indicated that it had been shot on a set, and not in a closed room (in the original, all four walls are seen as the camera works around the. . . well, whatever).

>The Sci Fi channel's Roswell: Cover-ups and Close Encounters
>show did yet another alien autopsy, mimicking the film quality
>as well as the medical procedures.

>The Discovery Channel's UFO's Down to Earth show did another
>one, again with dissection procedures shown, internal organs,
>etc.

>The Millennium tv show did another alien autopsy, and the
>X-Files had no less than *two* such autopsies during it's run!
>Both were quite realistic for the medium.

>Also, a UK FX artist mailed Fortean Times with a photo of a
>recreated AA head - identical to the one in the film - to show
>just how easy it was to create - and this was in the months
>after the film came to light. Cliff Wallace of Creature Effects
>in the UK expressed his opinion that the AA puppet was produced
>somewhere in Britain, so maybe it was the original creator who
>sent the image?

>Anyway, not impossible to recreate by any means.

Obviously, this is true and has been admitted from the beginning by Bob Shell, Philip Mantle, and Michael Hesemann. The technology is there to recreate the "film", or even produce a better one, so that has never been the real question. The problem has always been the question "WHY?" and to what end.

But these are old discussions that don't need to be repeated.

>Some of this info I had to hand, some I gathered with an
>internet search that took all of two minutes. I dare say I could
>pull more examples if I had enough time.

>This is not to say that the AA film is unconvincing, or that
>these examples were _all_ better, just that they do exist, and
>that it is eminently possible to recreate the AA footage with
>quite cheap and established FX house techniques. Mr Gehrman
>should have checked this before making any extreme claims, in my
>opinion.

The problem has been that the minor flaws that can be quickly found in the copies have not been found in the original. However, that's not to say that some have questioned the procedures and material used in the original.

But no "smoking gun" to prove that the sequence is a hoax has been found after several years of searching. Every time a supposed problem is identified then research has found that it could well be accurate. Keep in mind that the telephone and clock were seized on as too new to be in a 1947 film, and that coiled phone cords were available at that time. That turned out to be false, and it was found that coiled cords were popular in hospital environments in the late 40's to help keep medical personal from tripping over them.

>I was going to go on and list about six reasons why the
>procedures shown in the AA footage, and it's duration as shown
>by the clock, are inconsistent and anachronistic, but it's been
>done before on oh so many websites, magazines, television shows
>and papers that most researchers should be familiar with. I'm
>also not touching Santilli's lies and fabrications, which have
>been documented by others on the list.

If you have something new that hasn't been discussed then you should post it for all to see. The emphasis, of course, is on

the word "new".

There are many reasons to believe that the AA "film" is a fraud and a hoax, and it is unfortunate that absolute proof hasn't been found to put this matter to rest. I would agree with Neil's post in that whatever we think of Ray and his provenance for the "film", we are still left with the images that can't easily be explained. Unfortunately, the endless debate and statements of "fact" that we are seeing posted to the Internet are merely clouding the issue further, as we move further and further from the research that's been done.

We've proven conclusively that the "film" could have been faked, but we've yet to prove that it was.

Steve

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 08:05:26 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:47:44 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:53:00 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 09:35:52 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:07:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>>And speaking of examples, I would say the above is about as
>>succinct a statement of the problem of not wanting to think very
>>hard about the abduction phenomenon, or of throwing the feeblest
>>of pseudoexplanations at it. Eddie Bullard puts it well (The
>>UFO Encyclopedia, second edition, page 22):

>>"Standards of evidence grow lax among sociocultural theorists
>>who satisfy themselves with the discovery of antecedents.
>>Shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief, science fiction,
>>and movie imagery, these theorists bring home endless analogies
>>of dubious worth.

>Jerry, List:

>Noticing that three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens from
>another world who have come here in spaceships are traditional
>figures in 20th Century science fiction and also in some
>abduction accounts of three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens
>from another world who have come here in spaceships hardly
>qualifies as "shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief,
>science fiction, and movie imagery for endless analogies of
>dubious worth".

Dear Bob:

Nobody I know of has addressed the possibility of beings with an
odd number of digits on one hand, and an odd number of digits on
the other,

Given Velcro fingertips, they could not only abduct people, but
throw honest researchers off the scent as well.

Given the highly advanced technology of alien societies,
they must know something about Velcro.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: They must be bored with Teflon by now.

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History Channel 'UFOs Then and Now'

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 12:39:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:55:56 -0500
Subject: History Channel 'UFOs Then and Now'

History Channel 'UFOs Then and Now' starting January 31.

I had a call from one of the producers of a series of 4 one-hour shows for the the US History Channel starting Monday, January 31, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern, I believe.

I know that Dick Hall, Rob Swiatek, Dr. Richard Haines, Dr. Kevin Randle and myself are in some of the programs among many others. I don't know if any of the nasty noisy irrational negativists were interviewed.

Stan Friedman

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:54:47 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 12:24:57 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>From: Neil Morris
>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 17:11:32 +0000
>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:13:19 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 17:13:07 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans
>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hi, Neil!

Previously, I had written:

>>Regarding such containment suits, I suggest you check out an old
>>video called "The Doomsday Chronicles". Within it you will find
>>an official, U.S. government produced documentary about a
>>partial meltdown in Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1959 or 1960, I'm not
>>sure which. This government produced documentary clearly
>>demonstrates the proper usage of radiation and bio-hazard
>>containment suits as I described to you earlier; two layers,
>>self-contained air and all joints taped shut. AA clearly
>>violates all these protocols. In fact, the AA suits look more
>>like fire fighting rescue gear to me.

You responded:

>What relevance has this to events _13_years_ earlier?, other
>than 17 yrs worth of hindsight put into practice.

>At the time of the alleged AA film's events, 1947, there was no
>commercial nuclear industry, the world first nuclear reactor had
>only been built and run just over 4 years previous (CP-1 Dec 2nd
>1942), it would be 1954 before the worlds first nuclear sub and
>1955 before the first US town was fed with nuclear produced
>electricity (Arcos ID 1955) from a still experimental BWR
>reactor. In 1947 these reactors were still just very big Lab
>experiments, even the ones producing the raw materials for the
>"bombs".

Actually, I think it is very relevant. Government development of such things doesn't develop over night. For instance, the stealth aircraft existed for years before we ever "officially" saw one. The general public's perception might be that it was just invented; however we know better than that.

Do you really think that the government is going to wait until they've already built a reactor to say, "Gee, our employees seem to be dropping like flies. Maybe we need to consider some kid of protective suits..." I feel confident that what was standard practice in 1959 regarding safety issues was already well thought out many years before in the earliest days of atomic power development. In fact, I really can't imagine how they could work in such an environment with out such forethought. Therefore if, as you mentioned, the earliest reactor was "in operation by 1942", then the experimentation and development would have been started several years before that. Such work

would have necessitated some kind of hazard suits. I feel that 5 or 6 years is plenty of time to figure out that they need double layers with all seams taped shut and an independent air supply. If anything less was workable, then why change it later? They knew very well what the hazards were long before 1947.

Moving on, I had written:

>>>>Orderly's are not used in the operating room
>>>>under any condition. Operating rooms are restricted to vital
>>>>personal only. And just how much "dissection" did you see while
>>>>working in the ER, Ed?

Ed replied:

>>>I worked (as an orderly) at two hospitals in Albuquerque NM while I was
>>>attending school at UNM.

You wrote:

>I'm not wanting to jump to Ed's defence here, I'm sure he's able
>to do that for himself but unless you have personal experiance
>of operating room proceedures and protocol, you yourself are
>guilty of the offence you accuse Ed of, except that he does
>claim to have personel experiance of PM operating room
>proceedures.

>Do you have such experiance?, so giving you firm ground on which
>to base your comments.

I can only assume in the barrage of AA related posting that you missed my earlier post regarding my experience in the O.R. Early in my career I was both a medical illustrator and a cinematographer assigned to document surgical procedures in the operating rooms at the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Combined with the required gross anatomy classes I completed, this gave me a VERY up close and personal view of work done by surgeons in the O.R. I am very familiar with the work done by real doctors and the AA docs don't walk the walk.

Continuing, you asked:

>Did Bob Shell tell an untruth when in 1995 he passed on the MIT
>test results on the AA film/video which concluded it was
>shot on 24fps film and subsiquently transfered to Euro-PAL video
>25fps.

<snip>

>And I have looked through the full raw footage
>(PAL-video)frame by frame.

No, I do not imply that Bob Shell lied. However, I do question why he would give a video to MIT as opposed to several video production houses where professionals work with film and video transfers on a daily basis. And I do understand the complications involved regarding the difference between PAL and NTSC. In fact, you'll find a recent post I made pointing out that very problem. However, you say you've looked at the PAL video frame by frame (which I do not doubt). I'm not sure what that really proves since film transferred at 25 fps to PAL, which also runs at 25 fps, would not show any repeated frames; it's a one to one transfer! What did you see? I'm just curious.

Regarding my seemingly endless discussion with Ed; my dissatisfaction on this point is that Ed demanded some kind of evidence showing that the film COULD have been produced on video. When Michael Lennick posted his observation some time back regarding the lack of double frames, I pointed this out to Ed. Although he has written time and again how no one comes up with anything, he has never looked at the video and said, "I see no doubled frames!" My beef is why ask for evidence and then not check out the evidence to see if it exists as stated? Regardless of the conclusion one might draw from the evidence, it's a bit insulting to demand that everyone else jump through hoops and not even bother to pop his copy of AA into the VCR! It's the old "Do as I say, not as I do" form of arrogance that I find so offensive.

Thanks for the info about early reactor work.

Take care,
Roger Evans

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>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Dear Listers, this is merely a general comment, one not directed
>at Lesley or Harry or anyone in particular, except you. And you
>know who you are.

>Key words here folks is "stare." Once you've been stared at
>by one of these critters who are especially adept at it, it's like
>the "Mind Meld" only more. The entity gets up really close
>and stares at you. Nose to nose and forehead to forehead, this
>action causes you to have the emotions the entity wants to
>elicit, the physical feelings he (she or it) wants you to have
>and that includes a sexual response and last, the entity may
>cause you to remember what never really happened and plant
>that memory as being real. It can cause you to recall that
>which it wants you to recall.

>It ain't no fun because on one level, you know what is happening
>and cannot do a thing about it.

>It's about control. Yours. Namely it ain't. And during those
>times, just like the times (and they've been few for me) when
>one is witness to a sighting of a UFO, without apparent
>abduction, you are fixed in place, unable to do much of
>anything. Most especially that which under normal conditions,
>you would do, you won't do in that state.

>It's almost as if everything, including time, stops right then
>and there.

>Now, Mr. Randle and Mr. Klass and Mr. or Ms. Whomever, go ahead
>and tell me it never happened. Tell me I'm gay, or that I am
>having a waking dream or one of those sleep disorder thingies,
>sleep paralysis or whatever.

>Then, when I laugh or otherwise react in anger, you won't mind
>all that much. One thing is certain however, that those of you
>who know squat about what you are talking about can still do so
>with a straight face, as if you had all the answers. To an
>abductee or to a witness, it all sounds so lame it isn't funny.
>In fact, it's pathetic. Try harder folks. You ain't there yet.
>Hell, you ain't even close.

Jim,

[what I construed as 'attack' deleted --ebk]

Reading your mail people might get the impression you are the
be-all and end-all of abductions.

You ain't gonna get no answers by whinging on about it.

[And _you_ aren't contributing to the knowledge base here with
remarks like that --ebk]

I get the impression that it is you who know 'squat' concerning the original mail I posted.

[I didn't see your name or address mentioned in Jim's post
--ebk]

I am not arguing as whether anyone has or has not been abducted, just because I haven't been abducted doesn't mean I can't investigate it using my own skills.

As I basically said earlier, based on the description given by what must be by now thousands of people, I made a 3D model (using Lightwave 3D 5.5 for those interested) of the typical alien head.

I found the eyes to be of impossible size.

Thankfully there have been many 'constructive' replies.

Brian Cuthbertson and Lesley Cluff with the built-in sunglasses or night-vision optics idea Mac Tonnie's with the automaton idea (which personally I thought was very interesting)

Thomas E Morris wrote:

>My impression of the alien appearance is that it is not real.
>Maybe some kind of suit or mask to allow them free travel in our
>environment. Maybe something else, but I never felt that it was
>flesh & bone. The eyes are a part of this wardrobe.

Cinde Costello wrote:

>I can't speak for everyone who has seen them but my own
>observations showed me that they look incredibly odd. They are
>more flat than round, almost too big, they have no pupils that I
>saw and no facial features to speak of. I would swear they wear
>some kind of one-piece suit that encompasses the head due to
>their lack of wrinkles, expressions, facial (or even fine body)
>hair, etc.

This by the way comes from an abductee like yourself (maybe you consider her to be lame like the rest of us). [Assumption --ebk]

All these people and more are open to debate.

Then of course we have the inevitable 'Jim mail' which generally consists of:

"You're all a bunch of idiots, only I know the truth, you are all pathetic".

[Since you are using quotes I assume you are quoting Jim directly? I also assume you have the original message from which the 'quote' came? If not stop putting words into Jim's 'mouth' and stick to the facts or face the 'wrath' of the moderator --ebk]

Sleep it off Jim, in the mean time at least we're doing something.

[And you, Dave, back-off and stick to discussion and refrain from assumptive criticism. This is your only warning --ebk]

Dave.

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>>Re: The Eyes Have It

>>From: Dave Bowden
>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 15:16:43 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:32:38 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

Hi Roger,

>Have you considered that each eye of the alien might be an
>"array" much like the eyes of a fly? Since witnesses indicate a
>lack of visible pupil, perhaps each eye is made up of hundreds
>or thousands of individual "tiny eyes" that rotate in unison.

Yes I have considered this, but if you look at the eye of a fly
you'll notice how far it extends from the head, and it is
noticeable to the observer that the eye is segmented.

>I'm a graphic artist, also.

Always nice to speak to a fellow professional, what software do
you use?

I have an old website at:

<http://wkweb4.cableinet.co.uk/dbowden/>

I am no longer with Cableinet but they still have the website
running (the email button doesn't work anymore though).

I'm in the process of making a new site for uploading to
Netscapeonline. There's a little bit but not a lot to do with
UFOs there but at least it will show I know 3D.

>Take care,

you too

Dave.

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From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 13:02:29 -0500
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>From: Ed Gehrman
>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 11:15:32 -0800
>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:15:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 17:13:07 -0600
>To: Roger Evans
>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
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Previously, I had written the following regarding Ed's view of evidence presented by anyone on this list that AA could be fake:

>And what would it prove to
>you anyway? Your fallback position would simply be that just
>because they figured out how to do it doesn't mean that's how it
>was done!

Ed replied:

>Bring me some proof and then we'll see how I react. So far, no
>proof. No proof, no "case closed".

Ed, this is your lucky day. You win!

I am tired of your little dance around the obvious. You demand evidence.

People give you plenty of evidence. You then turn your nose up and say, "Now give me proof!" When some one gives you proof such as Ray's "lies", then you maintain that it's not proof because his lies could be taken a variety of ways. And what is your evidence?

Your evidence is that "Ray seems like an honest man".

Just like the "Doctors sure seem like real doctors."

Is this your evidence, Ed?

This discussion is going nowhere....

You win. The alien is real. The film is real. Ray told the truth.

I am convinced there is no proof in this known world that will convince you otherwise.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Re: History Channel 'UFOs Then and Now'

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:24:18 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 13:09:03 -0500
Subject: Re: History Channel 'UFOs Then and Now'

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 12:39:56 -0400
>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>Subject: History Channel 'UFOs Then and Now'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>History Channel 'UFOs Then and Now' starting January 31.

>I had a call from one of the producers of a series of 4
>one-hour shows for the the US History Channel starting
>Monday, January 31, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern, I believe.

>I know that Dick Hall, Rob Swiatek, Dr. Richard Haines, Dr.
>Kevin Randle and myself are in some of the programs among many
>others. I don't know if any of the nasty noisy irrational
>negativists were interviewed.

>Stan Friedman

May I offer, sir, ". . . the nasty and noisily non-rational
negativists were interviewed." -- in place of your last sentence
above? <g>.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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~ö~

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

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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: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 12:55:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 13:11:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 07:07:57 -0800
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I don't remember the exact date. I have it written down
>somewhere in my files. I know it was the First part of Sept.,
>1967. The time was approximately 8:45 PM

Mike,

The exact date would be of interest to those of us who have extensive UFO databases. Maybe someone else saw the same objects.

Kind regards

Victor J.Kean
Project FT

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 13:07:12 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 14:02:26 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:19:29 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>..... and the flogging of the dead horse continued:

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:07:31 +0800
>>From: C D Conrad <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>Second, the same effects guy who made the Roswell movie aliens
>>did *another* alien corpse for ABC's 20/20 program after the AA
>>footage came out. This was a recreation to show how it could be
>>done. I believe the same guy did yet another recreation for
>>Scientific American. Very, very convincing footage which had
>>organ removal and examination procedures shown clearly and
>>accurately.

>Actually, the firm that made the mock-up sold them to the public
>for a couple of years after the movie was released. The Sharper
>Image catalog carried it form several thousand dollars and I
>have no idea as to how many they sold.

<snip>

Hi Steve, and all,

A couple of years ago, I went by the Sharper Image store here in Atlanta to see their product. I suppose you can't expect a lot for a little under one grand (US); but, even from a distance, these "Roswell, the Movie" reproductions looked were poor. I could see the seams on the side of the dummy.

Also, thanks to Theresa Carlson, I have a copy of all the "reproductions" of the AA film and none compare (she titled it "They Said It Was Good"). As one who was originally a believer in the film, who is now close to the fence but definately on the "doubter" side, none of these secondary attempts could have fooled these rumeys eyes.

BTW, her best evidence that the AA Film was a production was "disappearing blood". There were spots and drips of blood which disappeared or changed in an improbable way which indicated that multiple "takes" were involved in the Film. Some have argued against this evidence by saying that the film segments were out of order; but, those arguments do not stand up to close scrutiny. No one did as much research on the video itself as Ms. Carlson.

Regards,

Terry

(Iced in with ten cases of Grippe awaiting the Super Bowl.)

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:39:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:11:49 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:07:31 +0800
From: C D Conrad <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

> The AA corpse
> is very stiff, and, dare I say it, rubbery.

Yes that's their nature; corpses can feel and sometimes look...stiff and rubbery. They're dead, no life. That changes a lot. But as in life, not all corpses look the same.

I found the remainder of your post interesting and informative. I am not an authority on the AA. I do not have all the answers. This discussion is intended to make folks realize that the case against the AA is not solid and should not be closed. My intention for hanging in there is to keep the door open for new information. I know I can't prove that the AA is legitimate. That was not my intention. I have stated many times that I believe it to be what Ray and the Cameraman say it is... but I have no proof, only circumstantial evidence.

The skeptics, on the other hand, have called the AA a pile of crap and have created a situation that keeps the AA from being given serious consideration. (and they have no proof)

I'm trying to collect all the objections and research that has been conducted by others. To do this I have to expose myself and take chances. Your information is welcome and helpful. Thanks... but keep your mind open. BTW did you have a chance to check out the "discussion of the debris" that was posted awhile back? Do you know of any sites that discuss the debris in depth?

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:59:48 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:17:03 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:12:43 -0600
From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
To: updates@sympatico.ca

Roger,

>Ed, this is your lucky day. You win!

I had no intention of winning. All I was after was that this list, at least, keep an open mind to the possibility that the AA is what Ray and the cameraman say it is. Nothing more. So when someone writes that the eyes of the creature are thus and so, you don't go yelling that we shouldn't consider the creature because its been PROVED a fake. If you are conceding that you now are open to at least considering that possibility, then we both are winners.

I make mistakes; I've made several in some of my posts to this list. I'm glad you and others have pointed them out. I'll try not to make the same mistakes again.

And thanks Errol for letting this discussion drag on. Maybe now it'll head in another direction.

Ed

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 14:58:57 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:22:59 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 08:05:26 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:53:00 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 09:35:52 -0600
>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:07:07 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>>>And speaking of examples, I would say the above is about as
>>>succinct a statement of the problem of not wanting to think very
>>>hard about the abduction phenomenon, or of throwing the feeblest
>>>of pseudoexplanations at it. Eddie Bullard puts it well (The
>>>UFO Encyclopedia, second edition, page 22):

>>>"Standards of evidence grow lax among sociocultural theorists
>>>who satisfy themselves with the discovery of antecedents.
>>>Shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief, science fiction,
>>>and movie imagery, these theorists bring home endless analogies
>>>of dubious worth.

>>Jerry, List:

>>Noticing that three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens from
>>another world who have come here in spaceships are traditional
>>figures in 20th Century science fiction and also in some
>>abduction accounts of three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens
>>from another world who have come here in spaceships hardly
>>qualifies as "shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief,
>>science fiction, and movie imagery for endless analogies of
>>dubious worth".

>Dear Bob:

>Nobody I know of has addressed the possibility of beings with an
>odd number of digits on one hand, and an odd number of digits on
>the other,

>Given Velcro fingertips, they could not only abduct people, but
>throw honest researchers off the scent as well.

>Given the highly advanced technology of alien societies,
>they must know something about Velcro.

>PS: They must be bored with Teflon by now.

No, Lawrence of Hatch, a recent survey of gay aliens
performed by the famous Gripple Institute, demonstrates
that aliens who are gay prefer teflon in their anal probes
three to one.

On the one hand.

One the other, there is one less finger because, well, all of the aliens to a man (well, actually to a thing, as God made them neither male nor female but what they themselves call - sthilly, which I suppose makes them effeminate. Sorry, I digressed)... anyway, they are given one less finger on that one side because they are all lefties and rarely use the right index finger. As a result, only the middle one exists.

This unusual feature throws off researchers every time, hee, hee. Every time.

Yet again, the Gripple Institute scoops Rinse, Kanappy, Bells Palsey and, Dr. Laura on this important issue. Let the games begin.

Jim Mortellaro

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From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 15:24:42 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:24:42 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 08:05:26 -0800
>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 11:47:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

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>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
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>odd number of digits on one hand, and an odd number of digits on
>the other,

<snip>

Larry, all:

Yep, can you imagine, say, three fingers on one hand and ten on the other? Of course one might have ETs that have been disfigured or, like hermit crabs, have ten fingers on one hand and one GIANT finger on the other. Ha! Maybe we shouldn't go there.

But, seriously, John Carpenter first called my attention to this "three-fingured" issue of "secret datails" in his article, Double Abduction Case: Correlation of Hypnosis Data, Journal of UFO Studies, New Series, Vol. 3, 1991, pp 103-104.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Bill Weber <koran@cchat.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 15:34:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:27:52 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 16:56:34 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 21:44:24 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Dear Listers, this is merely a general comment, one not directed
>>at Lesley or Harry or anyone in particular, except you. And you
>>know who you are.

>>Key words here folks is "stare." Once you've been stared at
>>by one of these critters who are especially adept at it, it's
>>like the "Mind Meld" only more. The entity gets up really close
>>and stares at you. Nose to nose and forehead to forehead, this
>>action causes you to have the emotions the entity wants to
>>elicit, the physical feelings he (she or it) wants you to have
>>and that includes a sexual response and last, the entity may
>>cause you to remember what never really happened and plant
>>that memory as being real. It can cause you to recall that
>>which it wants you to recall.

>>It ain't no fun because on one level, you know what is happening
>>and cannot do a thing about it.

>>It's about control. Yours. Namely it ain't. And during those
>>times, just like the times (and they've been few for me) when
>>one is witness to a sighting of a UFO, without apparent
>>abduction, you are fixed in place, unable to do much of
>>anything. Most especially that which under normal conditions,
>>you would do, you won't do in that state.

>>It's almost as if everything, including time, stops right then
>>and there.

>>Now, Mr. Randle and Mr. Klass and Mr. or Ms. Whomever, go ahead
>>and tell me it never happened. Tell me I'm gay, or that I am
>>having a waking dream or one of those sleep disorder thingies,
>>sleep paralysis or whatever.

>>Then, when I laugh or otherwise react in anger, you won't mind
>>all that much. One thing is certain however, that those of you
>>who know squat about what you are talking about can still do so
>>with a straight face, as if you had all the answers. To an
>>abductee or to a witness, it all sounds so lame it isn't funny.
>>In fact, it's pathetic. Try harder folks. You ain't there yet.
>>Hell, you ain't even close.

>Jim,

>[what I construed as 'attack' deleted --ebk]

>Reading your mail people might get the impression you are the
>be-all and end-all of abductions.

>You ain't gonna get no answers by whinging on about it.

Hi, Jim, Dave, (ebk!)

I've noticed myself that there's nothing worse than one of these "uppity" abductees. As long as they're walking with their heads down and eyes averted, properly donning the yoke of insanity, stupidity, or lately, (and not that there's anything wrong with that) homosexuality, and they're quiet about it, then I guess they're ok. But this is high level, complex speculation here, Jim... stuff you couldn't possibly understand or be part of.

You're supposed to shut up until one of the skeptical experts makes a final diagnosis about you. Get it? From now on, no more whining from the inmates - and get back to your room! <G>

Best,

Bill

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>>know who you are.

>>Key words here folks is "stare." Once you've been stared at

>>Deleted almost everything because:
>>1) It is embarrassing
>>2) Not important to this post

>Sleep it off Jim, in the mean time at least we're doing
>something.

Dear Everyone for whom I've made shoes, except me, I still
go barefoot...

The first line is rather persuasive against any angst, directed
or otherwise. As for whining, nah, I just don't think so. Maybe
a little mew once in a blue moon. But even rarely that.

However, if EBK will allow this, I wish to state, categorically,
that the one thing I am not, is an expert or even an ex-spurt. I
don't know, claim to know or even remotely resemble one who has
the truth, knows the facts or claims knowledge in this subject.
I just tell it like I perceive I've experienced it.

Really!

And again, if EBK permits, I want to expand on a point. It is
the issue of the "Darth Vader" stare or mind meld or whatever
one chooses to call it. It is merely an example of how I and
several of my perceived abductee associates claim to have
experienced it. So I know I am not alone in this, as it has been
independently reported. But wait, there's more!

The head bug, gray, big-eyed monster from Mongo, whatever, does
not have to get in your face in order to gain control. Not at
all. If one is in their presence, under their control so to
speak, then it is extremely easy for them to get you to do
exactly what they want you to do. No whining, nothing said
about, "Finally, the truth about their eyes revealed!" Nothing
like that. But I recall one particular time when I was in their
presence, under their control, that I was asked (silly me, it
was a hell of a lot more than merely asking me) to view
something. What I was asked to view is not relevant, and hell,
if I tell you, you are only gonna go ballistic on me anyway, so
suffice to say, I was asked to look at and study something. By
God, man, I just stuck me face up to that surface they told me
to study and I looked and strained and studied as if my forkina

life depended on following those orders. I only wish the critters would offer videos of us doing stuff they "ask" us to do. We do it with such an intensity of will that it scares the crap out of me even now. But it is most likely funny as hell to witness us doing it.

I don't know squat about their eyes. I don't care about their eyes. I damn their black eyes. Never said anything about what they were made of. Never commented on or would, because I haven't a clue.

However, in fairness to you Dave, I have gotten pretty upset at some guys on this list. I have, on one too many occasions pressed "send" when I shoulda' squeezed my crotch instead.

But I never did that relative to any of your comments. You obviously feel very strongly about this issue. Fine. If you find out, please let us know. But know this. I love you, Dennis Stacy and even the great J. Jaime Gesundt. Because without folks like you, I'd have nothing to do but whine at home. And the ever patient Rosie, my beloved of almost (1-1/2 months away on the Ides of March) has up with me been putting, for thirty-one years.

Surely you can do the same for one post.

If not, then may I suggest that you sleep it off? But first, you gotta get really blitzed. If you are still ticked off at me aftter reading this, allow me to present you with the latest in mind bendingly soothing elixir of the gods. I call it, Gripple Codone. Codein and Gripple in a highly sweetened mixture containing a little smack and some thorazine as well as the codein. But just enough to paralyze you until the shaking stops.

Jim Mortellaro

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Naked With Aliens

From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcc@netcom.ca>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 16:51:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:37:44 -0500
Subject: Naked With Aliens

From: Mike Farrell <vidhunter@hotmail.com>
To: <Aussiepost@listbot.com>; <ausufo@listbot.com>
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2000 12:01 PM
Subject: "naked with aliens"

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia -
<http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/new>

PATTERNS OF UFO ABDUCTIONS, PART 1
By Budd Hopkins

Anyone familiar with the subject is aware that UFO abduction reports almost always include accounts of physical examinations performed inside the craft. The abductee usually lies naked and immobile on a flat table while one or more of a wide variety of physical operations are carried out. There is, however, one virtually universal detail in these procedures that has never, to my knowledge, been commented upon in the literature: the abductee never seems to feel any degree of shame or embarrassment about his or her nudity.

One woman told me that during an abduction in her very early adolescence - usually a time of great shyness and confusion about one's body - she felt no more concern about her nakedness in the occupants' presence than she would have felt in the presence of her cat or her tropical fish. This fact is even more surprising when one considers the many accounts in which several humans - sometimes strangers to one another - are naked together in the same craft. The woman in my example had been abducted along with an older brother and a younger sister; all three were nude yet none seemed to feel anything at all about their shared and vulnerable condition.

Fear of the UFO occupants alone does not explain this surprising, even unnatural reaction. There are a number of photos of Nazi concentration camp victims who, after having been taken from their inhuman cattle-car transport, were ordered to strip. The photographs reveal that even under these circumstances these sad, weak, doomed men, women and children still instinctively attempted to cover their nudity with their hands and arms. But with UFO abductees something else, some kind of tranquilizing factor, seems to be at work.

One can speculate that the abductees' calmness about their nakedness results from a combination of quasi-hypnotic trance states, endemic to the abduction process, and simple conditioning. If one has been abducted regularly since early childhood and has each time been undressed throughout the experience, one may come to expect it as a norm. A male abductee once put it to me this way: "That's just the way it is. Your never have your clothes on. You don't even think about it."

What insights can we derive from the abductees' oddly neutral reaction to their state of nakedness, a state apparently devoid of any sexual overtones or embarrassment? First of all, the consistent appearance of this unexpected detail virtually

destroys a basic argument invented by UFO debunkers. Many psychological theorists, both professional and amateur, have attempted to explain away all UFO abduction reports as fantasies of one kind or another.

The most popular current version of this theory has it that people invent these accounts to mask such disturbing events as childhood sexual abuse, incest, molestation at the hands of doctors, nurses or baby sitters, or rape experiences. Other theorists posit a questionable borderline abductee type which they call, grandiloquently, the "fantasy-prone personality," while still others simply insist that these accounts are nothing more than disturbing dreams. If any of these theoretical "explanations" were true for even half the UFO accounts that have been carefully investigated so far, one would expect to find strong erotic overtones or outright shame and embarrassment described by literally hundreds of abductees as they recall their naked condition. IF an abductee account is nothing more than a fantasy masking a rape or childhood seduction or molestation, the circumstances of undressing or being forcibly undressed should provide key traumatic moments in these narratives. Such, however, is not the case.

The near-universality of this detail not only eliminates any blanket psychological "explanation" of UFO abduction accounts, but it also argues for the hard-edged, precise reality of this bizarre phenomenon. These consistent reports of totally unexpected, non-emotional reactions to enforced nudity clearly provide powerful psychological evidence that thousands of people have undergone the same externally-caused, trance-like experience - abduction, control and examination by non-human UFO occupants.

PATTERNS OF UFO ABDUCTIONS, PART 2

By Budd Hopkins

For centuries, thoughts about our anatomy have centered on one organ above all others -- the human heart. Our language speaks of "the heart of the matter," "heart and soul," "having, taking, or lacking heart." The ubiquitous, schematized, twin-chambered heart image appears in the guise of candy-boxes, valentine cards and initialed love messages carved into ancient oaks. We are more familiar with medical operations involving the heart than with any other kind of surgery. Double- and triple-bypasses, heart transplants, artificial valve implants, open-heart surgery and so on are now, literally, phrases in everyday conversation. To hunter, soldier and swordsman alike the heart is the most vulnerable organ -- "aim for the heart, not the head," because the brain, obviously, can survive damage that the heart cannot. Though we try to be of "stout heart," we know this precious organ is extremely vulnerable, and that the chances are great that many of us will die, one day, from its failure.

For any child visiting a doctor for physical examination, one of the most familiar and central procedures occurs when the physician listens to the patient's heart through a stethoscope. In later years many of us will have repeated experiences with an electrocardiogram -- an "EKG" -- during our routine checkups. And clearly the majority of our day-to-day, health-oriented dietary choices are made because of our concern for the well-being of the heart as the center of the cardiovascular system.

How do these facts relate to the issue of UFO abductions? I have now worked, personally, with perhaps three hundred abductees, and I am acquainted with many others through published accounts and the reports of colleagues. In these hundreds upon hundreds of UFO abduction accounts, I have yet to hear anyone state that the UFO occupants paid the slightest attention to an abductee's heart during the physical examination procedures that routinely occur during these encounters. The aliens' interest is almost invariably focused upon the abductee's genitals and lower abdomen. There are frequent additional "operations" involving the abductee's head, and in particular the nasal cavity, the eyes and ears. We also occasionally hear of procedures having to do with the feet, the major joints and the rectum. But never, ever, the abductee's heart. What can we infer from this rather startling fact?

First, it means that the organ we universally consider to be of supreme importance to the health and longevity of the human race is apparently of no interest whatsoever to the alien race, whatever that may be. I have said from the beginning of my investigations into the abduction phenomenon that the UFO occupants are following their own agenda, since there is not a shred of evidence that they are concerned with improving the general health and well-being of their human subjects. Despite the aliens' apparent concern with minimizing the psychological damage these abductions invariably inflict, their forcible taking of human sperm and ova seems to be exclusively for their benefit rather than ours. Nothing to the contrary has, so far, been explained to us, and at no time has our permission for these operations been asked or received. The UFO occupants simply take, while ignoring our simplest and most basic human rights and wishes.

A second inference to be drawn from the peculiar absence of references to the human heart in UFO abduction reports has to do with the veracity of the accounts themselves. Skeptics and armchair theorists of every stripe, casting about for any possible mundane explanations of UFO abduction reports, often claim that these narratives are merely fantasies -- nothing more than hopes and fears and recollected everyday experiences mixed together by emotionally unstable individuals. Now we all know that both fantasies and real-life experiences are incredibly various -- and as complex as human beings themselves. And so if the UFO abduction scenario was only the product of this virtually infinite spectrum of human fantasy and experience, the human heart, our perceived anatomical center, would be turning up again and again as a major object of interest in imagined alien physical examinations.

We should be hearing countless tales of miraculous -- or ominous -- alien heart operations, involving mysterious and widely varying alien equipment. Peculiar-looking EKG's, exotic stethoscopes, in fact an unbounded world of imaginary machinery would emerge in thousands of different fantasy descriptions of an extraterrestrial study of the human heart. But as we have seen, such fanciful heart examinations are never reported. References to the human heart never -- never -- turn up in these abduction accounts.

And so the objective mind must necessarily ask: IF the entire UFO abduction phenomenon is only the sum total of many different individuals' fantasies, why do all these thousands of descriptions of alien physical examinations ignore with absolute consistency the one part of our body about which we are, in real-life medical situations, most centrally concerned?

The reason is obvious: abduction reports are not the product of individual fantasy. Like it or not, the abductees are recalling the simple, staggering truth about real experiences. And that staggering truth conceals the unexpected fact I discussed earlier: that despite their interest in the process of human reproduction, the UFO occupants apparently have no interest at all in the central organ of the human cardiovascular system. The universal absence of this one major detail in all UFO abduction accounts -- a first-rate example of "negative" consistency -- effectively demolishes the skeptics' mundane "fantasy explanation" for the UFO abduction phenomenon.

An unhappy -- one might say "disheartening" -- parallel exists between the two basic inferences I have made: It would seem that the aliens, by concentrating upon their own genetic and reproductive agenda, are indifferent to our physical health and general well-being, while some skeptics, by clinging to their debunking theory at any cost, are doing violence not only to truth itself but also the psychological well-being of those who have suffered from these traumatic UFO experiences. By blaming the victims, as it were, these skeptics force abductees to suffer twice -- once from the abductions themselves and then once more, later, at the hands of those who accuse them of merely inventing fantasies.

But the evidence, now, is clear. To continue referring to these thousands of consistent reports as mere fantasies is not only to ignore the truth but also to risk acquiring a new and ironic adjective: the skeptic's behavior to his fellow man may now truly deserve to be thought of as "heartless."

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To

>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 14:14:28 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility To Scientists
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Maybe not. Some people are hard to convince. After all, not
>every unbeliever is a Saint Thomas. Some are Judas Priests.

>Jim Mortellaro

Jim

Never a truer word said in jest.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 18:23:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:55:12 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:53:00 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 09:35:52 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:07:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

Bob,

>>And speaking of examples, I would say the above is about as
>>succinct a statement of the problem of not wanting to think very
>>hard about the abduction phenomenon, or of throwing the feeblest
>>of pseudoexplanations at it. Eddie Bullard puts it well (The
>>UFO Encyclopedia, second edition, page 22):
>>"Standards of evidence grow lax among sociocultural theorists
>>who satisfy themselves with the discovery of antecedents.
>>Shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief, science fiction,
>>and movie imagery, these theorists bring home endless analogies
>>of dubious worth.

>Noticing that three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens from
>another world who have come here in spaceships are traditional
>figures in 20th Century science fiction and also in some
>abduction accounts of three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens
>from another world who have come here in spaceships hardly
>qualifies as "shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief,
>science fiction, and movie imagery for endless analogies of
>dubious worth".

>Sounds like a home run, to me.

Looks like three strikes, no balls, to me.

I'd be interested in exactly what _aren't_ "traditional figures
in 20th Century science fiction." Considering that hundreds of
millions of words of SF -- possibly many more (who's counting?)
-- have been published over the past century (depending on where
you start counting), and considering that a whole lot of this
stuff conjures up alien beings of just about every description,
you could easily argue that just about _any_ alien somebody
reports encountering is a "traditional figure" in science
fiction. When real ETs (whether here or elsewhere) are
established to exist, we may safely assume that with the vast
quantity of SF out there, some SF writer, or maybe a number of
them, will have predicted what they look like.

What you're proposing, Bob, is a lazy correlation which, for
another thing, doesn't _begin_ to explain the complex dynamics
of the abduction experience. No matter. What's even more
troubling is the application of Von Daniken style reasoning.
Von Daniken would have us believe that just because a painted
figure on a cave wall looks as if it's wearing a spacesuit,
_it_must_be_ wearing a spacesuit.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: royjhale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 12:26:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:58:41 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>>Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2000 23:53:03 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: The Eyes Have It
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Dear all,

>>Since the list is quiet at the moment and the topic of
>>conversation seems to consist of the AA, Martian face and the
>>occasional Pelican I thought I would take the opportunity to
>>share something with you all.

Hi Dave & All,

Sorry I haven't replied to this thread earlier, but my once a year trip to the Holy ET Shrine being the Alien Religious loving freak I am, took a wee bit longer this time round! <g>

Concerning the Eyes of the Grey, I am currently looking through some Archive material of which, I can hope to find the case of an abductee who mentioned the removal of the Eye of the Grey?

Perhaps like some have said, we could possibly be looking at a Lens of some kind? And I have heard of cases where the Eye opened and closed like a film Lens?

The suit idea might be one to go with as well, but if people are talking of Germ and virus protection for these guys, then a Sceptic threw this question at me:

Q: If people are being Abducted by these Greys and experimented on or probed and having insertions of all kinds, do they Sterilize all of their tools before use on the next Guy / Girl? Or have they a way around such problems? And if it is happening could this be a way of explaining some cases of infections & Medical problems of abductees?

I guess what he was getting at was the implying of cross Human Infection through use of dirty tools. Maybe the answer to this also has something to do with the Suit question?

Thanks Dave for an interesting question!

Roy.. Keep Smiling..

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: ed gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 17:29:02 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:00:44 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 13:07:12 -0800
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Terry,

While Theresa's work on the AA is excellent, some do feel that if the footage seems to be out of order, then she's only proved that the rolls are out of order. I've contacted Theresa and asked her about this and so far she hasn't responded.

This is an imporant point to get correct. Do her efforts prove that the AA is a fake? That has been implied so lets settle it now, once and for all,if we can.

You say:

>Some have argued
>against this evidence by saying that the film segments were out
>of order; but, those arguments do not stand up to close
>scrutiny.

When you say "those arguments do not stand up to close scrutiny".What are the counter arguments? Lets see if we can work this out so the list can agree on exactly what Theresa's hard work may mean.

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 21:33:49 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:03:48 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 17:00:39 +0000
>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 20:52:31 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hi Roger,

>>Have you considered that each eye of the alien might be an
>>"array" much like the eyes of a fly? Since witnesses indicate a
>>lack of visible pupil, perhaps each eye is made up of hundreds
>>or thousands of individual "tiny eyes" that rotate in unison.

>Yes I have considered this, but if you look at the eye of a fly
>you'll notice how far it extends from the head, and it is
>noticeable to the observer that the eye is segmented.

It is also possible that the alien eyeball is not spherical. A
complex lens could allow ovoid or more complex shapes.

Regards,

Terry

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: Jsmortell@aol.com
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 22:43:12 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:07:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:47:52 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 14:14:28 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Dear Listers, Michael, Lesely and Et., (aka, Dr. Al);

>>We all get our Ph.D.'s taken away with disgrace when
>>we look up, see the sight of the century, and forget to
>>take a picture.

>>Snipped with a whole lot of respect, 'cause I said them.

>>Maybe not. Some people are hard to convince. After all, not
>>every unbeliever is a Saint Thomas. Some are Judas Priests.

>Dear Jim:

>If anyone tries to take away either of your genuine Ph.Ds, let
>me know. I'm looking at a nifty new printer, and I know this
>maniac who whacks sheep and stuff, and his wife knows how to
>clean the skins.

>They were about to make drum-heads of something when I
>complained about my lack of high credentials.

>
>Naturally, you would have to pass the strict standards of the
>Larry Hatch Ph.D and Storm-Door Company, but that is adjustable
>to your degree of academic skills and funding.

>Very best wishes

>- Larry Hatch

>PS: I was planning to award myself a few degrees, but fear that
>might appear unseemly.

Oh no, Larry... Believe me when I tell you that I've been
assigning myself Ph.D.'s for quite some time. Of course, the
only ones I have which are worth anything are NOT created of
sheep whacked skins, but the dried remnants of deceased,
self-centered and immovable researchers. However in my angst,
between Gripplles, I have switched to the skins of deceased
researchers who have changed their minds on an issue. But only
when the mind change was not effected by a lizard, another
researcher assisting with the mind changing landmark book or
ketoses prior to becoming such.

And, I want you to know that I love guys. This is required of
me. My dad was heavily involved in Opto/Mechanical Aerospace and
military space systems and specialized in Quality Control and
Reliability and so I understand the value of statistics. And
those say I am gay. Hell, who am I to argue with numbers?

Uh, however the marketing genius in me says that all too often, numbers can be adjusted to suit the sit-chee-aishun. Like the time when my brother-in-law invented that new Coke, remember that?

Where was I? Oh, I remember. I was telling you that you can and should paper your wall with the sheepish skins of deceased UFO researchers.

Very truly yours in Grollsch, Gripple and Gin. Ain't it interesting how everything I like starts with a "G"?

J. Jaime Gesundt, Ph.D. in Goofy.

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 23:43:33 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:11:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 12:55:35 -0500
>From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 07:07:57 -0800
>>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I don't remember the exact date. I have it written down
>>somewhere in my files. I know it was the First part of Sept.,
>>1967. The time was approximately 8:45 PM

>Mike,

>The exact date would be of interest to those of us who have
>extensive UFO databases. Maybe someone else saw the same
>objects.

Dear Mike and Victor:

Yes, the exact date would be very helpful, but even an inexact date might be found if the location were given.

Do you have a physical description of the object(s) and a precise location in addition to the approx. date?

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: **Cheyne D. Conrad** <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 19:06:04 +0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:14:16 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Leading a flogged dead horse to water.. :)

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:19:29 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>..... and the flogging of the dead horse continued:

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 05:07:31 +0800
>>From: C D Conrad <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>I've not even bothered researching this case very much, but know
>>of several special effects recreations of alien autopsies, some,
>>to my untrained eyes, very much more convincing than the blurry,
>>choppy and anachronistic AA film.

>
>Indicating, of course, that professional special effects efforts
>are much better at presentation than the real thing... <g>

Grin noted, but my comments actually indicate that pro sfx
artists are much better at presentation than the semi-pro
guys who made the AA puppet. <VBG>

>>First that I can think of are the famous aliens from the Kyle
>>MacLachlan Roswell movie. That predates the AA footage by a
>>couple of years, but is still a valid example. Now, they didn't
>>hack those puppets up, but they exist as examples of
>>considerably more imaginative and believable aliens than the
>>ones in the AA movie. And they were articulated! The AA corpse
>>is very stiff, and, dare I say it, rubbery.

>Comparing the original to what we "believe" that aliens should
>look like, or the structure of their dead corpses.

Actually, my point was to answer to Ed Gehrman's claim that the
AA creature was impossible to recreate. Nothing more than that.
Sfx artists have been doing effects like that for a very long
time.

As to the idea that we have a standard belief of what aliens
should look like, that's probably perfectly true. However, in
the case of the AA creature, it doesn't even fit with the
descriptions made by people who allegedly have seen 'real'
aliens, or of those that described the Roswell corpses. It
superficially fits the picture, but the details are off. Six
fingers? Well, maybe real aliens do have six fingers, but I
struggled to find a single witness account of this at the time
the AA movie was released. Big fat stomach? Looks like they had
a problem with the sculpt, or the person they made the body cast
from was 5+ months pregnant.

Show me an example anywhere in the literature pre-dating the
autopsy flick of an alien that fits the AA creature's
appearance. The only ones that come close are the Hill's

abductors. This is not an aggressive challenge, it's merely my honest inability to find a correlation. And that was the first thing that struck me about the AA creature.

>>Second, the same effects guy who made the Roswell movie aliens
>>did *another* alien corpse for ABC's 20/20 program after the AA
>>footage came out. This was a recreation to show how it could be
>>done. I believe the same guy did yet another recreation for
>>Scientific American. Very, very convincing footage which had
>>organ removal and examination procedures shown clearly and
>>accurately.

>
>Actually, the firm that made the mock-up sold them to the public
>for a couple of years after the movie was released. The Sharper
>Image catalog carried it for several thousand dollars and I
>have no idea as to how many they sold.

Nope, I'm not talking about the Roswell sculpt. He made an entirely new one for 20/20 that was designed to be cut open. Yes, Steve Johnson (the artist in question) did sell the Roswell movie puppets, but it's not the one used for the ABC show, nor for Scientific American. It was very much more realistic (by which I mean organic looking). It was in a similar style, but was more of an 'intruders' type.

><snip>

>The problem with all of these re-creations is they were
>attempting to copy something that had already been seen. Each of
>these would fail the same analysis that the original "film" had
>undergone. The German doctor sawed through the alien as if he
>was cutting meat with a serrated edge, and the camera angles in
>the Brazillian show (which was by far the best) indicated that
>it had been shot on a set, and not in a closed room (in the
>original, all four walls are seen as the camera works around
>the. . . well, whatever).

The Brazillian show wasn't even trying to fool anyone. It was made on a tv set, sure. What really should have given the game away to you, Mr Kaeser, is when the host walked onto the set right in the middle of the procedure!!

That wasn't the point I was trying to make. The point is that there is nothing spectacular in the nature of the AA creature, if it is an effect.

><snip>

>Obviously, this is true and has been admitted from the beginning
>by Bob Shell, Philip Mantle, and Michael Hessemann. The
>technology is there to recreate the "film", or even produce a
>better one, so that has never been the real question. The
>problem has always been the question "WHY?" and to what end.

I assume that question is rhetorical?

You can ask the same about any fraud. The answers are not always simple. In the case of the Hitler Diaries, for example, it was partly money, partly hubris and egotism on the part of the faker; abetted by the gullibility, greed and stupidity of a journalist.

Why does a person lie about a UFO sighting with no chance of monetary gain? You tell me.

Asking why someone would fake the AA picture seems like a silly question. It was extremely financially viable. As I mentioned, a talented fx artist could make the sculpt for under \$5000 US. Plus, look at what the film has done for credibility of our UFO research. It has set us back probably decades. I know that there are personality types who do things with no other motive other than to be iconoclastic, even at great expense. Let us not even get into conspiracy theories about intelligence agencies trying to ridicule UFO research.

Mr Kaeser goes on to say:

>The problem has been that the minor flaws that can be quickly
>found in the copies have not been found in the original.
>However, that's not to say that some have questioned the
>procedures and material used in the original.

Examples, please? If you're talking about something as silly as mould seams down the side of the thing, well no. But on film, the obviousness of the material is never apparent.

Actually there are a host of flaws in the original. Technical flaws spotted in the puppet by fx artists. The body cast was made from a person standing upright, as is evidenced by the tensed leg and buttock muscles. A real corpse is flaccid, it's flesh and muscle sinking onto the surface of the table. The flesh, when the incisions are made, is not elastic, as is real flesh, which retracts from the incision. If the alien looks enough like us to have the same bone structure, knuckles, toenails, etc, why would it differ in this regard? Also, the blood trails demonstrate fraud, as was noted by another poster. That's just three things off the top of my head.

>But no "smoking gun" to prove that the sequence is a hoax has
>been found after several years of searching.

Santilli hasn't supplied the evidence to discover the smoking gun. As soon as we get a strip of film with image from the autopsy, then we'll be in a position to talk authoritatively on this point.

>Every time a
>supposed problem is identified then research has found that it
>could well be accurate. Keep in mind that the telephone and
>clock were seized on as too new to be in a 1947 film, and that
>coiled phone cords were available at that time. That turned out
>to be false, and it was found that coiled cords were popular in
>hospital environments in the late 40's to help keep medical
>personal from tripping over them.

Two words: body block.

>If you have something new that hasn't been discussed then you
>should post it for all to see. The emphasis, of course, is on
>the word "new".

The point is that certain people are ignoring the 'old' evidence. Sweeping it under the carpet. Glossing over the inconsistencies of logic and anachronisms in the film and it's presentation. One feels the need to repeat old evidence when people are not paying attention to it.

This film caused so much excitement when it appeared. And it really did look good for a while. Lots of us thought that this could be it, this could be the final proof. It's not surprising that in the light of the shonky way it was presented, and lacking definitive proof of a hoax, or it's real source, that a lot of people were extremely deflated, and not a few went into denial.

>There are many reasons to believe that the AA "film" is a fraud
>and a hoax, and it is unfortunate that absolute proof hasn't
>been found to put this matter to rest. I would agree with Neil's
>post in that whatever we think of Ray and his provenance for the
>"film", we are still left with the images that can't easily be
>explained.

Yes we can; it's a hoax. That's pretty simple. <VBG>

For what it's worth, I don't personally think Santilli was in on the hoax, if such it was, until later. I don't think his company made the film.

It is interesting to note that in one of Tim Good's books, it may have been Above Top Secret or one of the final UFO Reports, that a US Airforce officer stationed in Puerto Rico (?) is quoted talking about being shown an autopsy film during a secret briefing. It was grainy and old, and rather fits the description of the AA footage. It was said to be a training film, and could have been a recreation made by one of the more well-equipped intelligence agencies (don't the NSA have their own film studios?) Could this point toward the film's origin?

It could be a real film. But it's quite unlikely, given what we know. I'm not dismissing it totally out of hand, or bashing it wildly; I'm trying to be objective as possible.

Cheers!

Cheyne D. Conrad
Perth, Western Australia

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Re: Who is Alexander Kazantzev?

From: Alex Persky <alexvi@mail.ru>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 12:59:20 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:17:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Who is Alexander Kazantzev?

>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:22:04 -0600
>From: Richard D. Nolane <raynaud@total.net>
>Subject: Who is Alexander Kazantzev?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I'm trying to find detailed biographical data on the Russian
>science fiction writer and ufologist Alexander Kazantzev.

Hi,

Alexander Kazantsev was born September 2, 1906 in Akmolinsk (Tselinograd). Then his family moved to Petropavlovsk, he entered school, then to Omsk, where he attended a course of typewriting and stenography, at the age of 13 he got a job of typist. In Omsk he got a primary technical education.

In 1930 he finished Tomsk Institute of Technology. He got a job of chief mechanical engineer at the metallurgical plant in Beloretsk.

The ardor of invention was his permanent attribute. He developed an idea of intercontinental electric gun, which became subject of interest of marshal Tuhachevski and Ordzhonikidze.

In 1939 he made an official journey to the USA, his mission was assembling and installation of equipment at the World Fair in New York. He wrote an essay about this, it was his first publication ("The World of Future").

At the years of the World War II he became one of the founders and leaders of the All-Union Research Institute of electro-mechanics where he arranged production of tankettes-torpedoes for the defense of Moscow, and introduced his new ideas.

In 1946 he became a co-author of the sci-fi scenario "Arenida" (how mankind used an electric gun to destroy an asteroid threatening to Earth), and the first literary work gained the highest score at the all-union competition of sci-fi scenarios.

Many of his scientific forecasts expressed in a form of sci-fi works are now a reality. For example energy super-accumulators and superstores, superconductivity, described in his novell "The Glowing Island" (1939-40), are under development at some institutes of Russian Academy of Sciences.

Soviet Astronaut G.Beregovoy wrote that Alexander Kazantsev in his story "Lunar Road" have predicted the construction of "Lunohod", soviet "lunar tractor", which was developed 15 years later. His grandiose idea of a 4000 km subwater tunnel ("Arctic Bridge") has something in common with similar projects in Japan and Europe.

A subject of ETs and paleo-visitations was one of his special interests.

Alexander Kazantsev was the one who put forward the hypothesis that the Tunguska meteorite was an alien starship ("Explosion", 1946), "this was the birth of Russian ufology", as Felix Ziegel wrote.

Re: Who is Alexander Kazantzev?

>Kazantzev, born in 1906, was the man in USSR who put forward the
>idea in 1946 that it was an atomic powered spaceship and not a
>comet or an asteroid which exploded over Siberia in 1908. He was
>also an ardent promoter of the astro-archeological theories in
>USSR. I saw a recent picture of him and he may be still alive.

>I read somewhere that he was a Colonel, elsewhere that he was a
>scientist, elsewhere that he was only a successful science
>fiction writer (3 of his SF novels were translated in France)...

All this is true, but he is not a scientist, he is an inventor.

Sincerely,

Alex

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UFO/Fireball Event In Argentina On Jan.25

From: Patricia Mason <pmason@ee.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 08:25:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:24:40 -0500
Subject: UFO/Fireball Event In Argentina On Jan.25

Dear All,

At:

http://www.farshore.force9.co.uk/n_ovni.htm

I found info on the UFO/fireball event in Argentina on Jan.25 (below). If anybody has additional info on the event, or can help to contact its investigators, I would like to ask him to e-mail me.

Thank you in advance,

Sincerely,

Andrei Ol'khovатов,

Russia, Moscow
<olkhov@mail.ru>

Argentine Officials Search for 'Ball of Fire' Impact Site
[Original headline: The police look for a fallen strange object in Argentine province]

Buenos Aires (AFP) - Police and personnel of official organizations of the Argentine province of Santiago del Estero (the northwest) announced Friday that they have been searching for an unidentified object [OVNI] likened in appearance to a "ball of fire" that had fallen from the sky last Tuesday [Jan.25] in the locality of Sachayoc, and was also witnessed in the neighboring province of Chaco. It caused a violent tremor to be felt some 450 km to the northeast of the capital Santiago.

In 1982 an explosion followed of a vapor trail in the high layers of the atmosphere took place in Chaco. Shortly after a boy appeared at a Corzuela police detachment holding in his hands a still warm meteorite. [Source originally published: January 28 2000]

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Guests/Stories/Reports For New Talk Show

From: **Stefan Duncan** <swduncan@netzero.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:31:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:29:16 -0500
Subject: Guests/Stories/Reports For New Talk Show

I am just beginning broadcasting at night over the Net and wanted to let everyone know that I would like them to send me their latest UFO sighting reports or opinions, etc on current events and past.

You can email me at swduncan@netzero.net or call at 910-425-2976.

I am broadcasting two hours a night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. I am just beginning the process of initiating guest speakers. If interested get in touch with me and we will plan a date for a live interview. I am also accepting cassette tapes if you want to send a pre-recorded story. I am also accepting stories in reporter's form. The show is non-profit.

I will also do a UFO calendar for scheduled events like conferences, etc. Send me the info.

Thanks everyone.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 14:59:53 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:35:15 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:54:47 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Neil Morris
>>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 17:11:32 +0000
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:13:19 -0500
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 17:13:07 -0600
>>>From: Roger Evans
>>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hi, Neil!

>Previously, I had written:

>>>Regarding such containment suits, I suggest you check out an old
>>>video called "The Domsday Chronicles". Within it you will find
>>>an official, U.S. government produced documentary about a
>>>partial meltdown in Idaho Falls, Idaho in 1959 or 1960, I'm not
>>>sure which. This government produced documentary clearly
>>>demonstrates the proper usage of radiation and bio-hazard
>>>containment suits as I described to you earlier; two layers,
>>>self-contained air and all joints taped shut. AA clearly
>>>violates all these protocols. In fact, the AA suits look more
>>>like fire fighting rescue gear to me.

>You responded:

>>What relevance has this to events 13 years earlier?, other
>>than 17 yrs worth of hindsight put into practice.

>>At the time of the alleged AA film's events, 1947, there was no
>>commercial nuclear industry, the world first nuclear reactor had
>>only been built and run just over 4 years previous (CP-1 Dec 2nd
>>1942), it would be 1954 before the worlds first nuclear sub and
>>1955 before the first US town was fed with nuclear produced
>>electricity (Arcos ID 1955) from a still experimental BWR
>>reactor. In 1947 these reactors were still just very big Lab
>>experiments, even the ones producing the raw materials for the
>>"bombs".

>Actually, I think it is very relevant. Government development of
>such things doesn't develop over night. For instance, the
>stealth aircraft existed for years before we ever "officially"
>saw one. The general public's perception might be that it was
>just invented; however we know better than that.

>Do you really think that the government is going to wait until
>they've already built a reactor to say, "Gee, our employees seem
>to be dropping like flies. Maybe we need to consider some kid of
>protective suits..." I feel confident that what was standard
>practice in 1959 regarding safety issues was already well
>thought out many years before in the earliest days of atomic
>power development. In fact, I really can't imagine how they
>could work in such an environment with out such forethought.

>Therefore if, as you mentioned, the earliest reactor was "in
>operation by 1942", then the experimentation and development
>would have been started several years before that. Such work
>would have necessitated some kind of hazard suits. I feel that 5
>or 6 years is plenty of time to figure out that they need double
>layers with all seams taped shut and an independent air supply.
>If anything less was workable, then why change it later? They
>knew very well what the hazards were long before 1947.

Roger,

This is just not the case here, before 1942 there were no
nuclear reactors and no nuclear "business" just a research
project in a lab at Chicago University, that day in 42 under
the stands at the Uni football stadium when the control rods
were inched out of the CP-1 pile to send it critical there
were still reservations the chain reaction would not even be
controlable and the whole pile might runaway!. It was the
first time it had been done in human history, the maths said
it should work and lucky for Chicago it did!.

The point being 1942 was year zero, they had 1 experimental
reactor it ran for 1 year, 43 saw 2 more commisioned I believe,
and CP-1 shut down, by the end of the war there were 3 or 4 in
service all still in experimental lab environments.

In 1947 we were at year 5 of the nuclear age. I think you apply
a degee of sophistication to the known hazards of the nuclear
business far in excess of what they were perceived to be at the
time. 10 years later in 1957/8 in the atmospheric tests
conducted by the UK Govt on Christmas Island it was thought
unesessary to provide any protection at all for "guinea-pig"
troop brought in to "witness" the blasts even at a range of
5 miles! and with air blast yeald's up to 3 megatons at 1000
feet!

The same year 1957, the UK Atomic Energy Plant/Reactor at
Windscale in Cumbria suffered a fire which released radio-active
dust that covered several hundred square miles, the fire was
fought and brought under control by the local fire dept
without any protective clothing at all, not even it
seems issued by the plant itself. Hindsight is a wonderfull
teacher but unfortunatly at the time we are talking of they only
had 5 very sparse years to look back on.

Of general interest, the few survivors still alive of the
Christmas Island tests, so many of whom died later from cancers,
are still having to fight the UK Govt to this day for
compensation for a lifetime of illness.

>Moving on, I had written:

>>>>Orderly's are not used in the operating room
>>>>under any condition. Operating rooms are restricted to vital
>>>>personal only. And just how much "dissection" did you see while
>>>>working in the ER, Ed?

>Ed replied:

>>>>I worked (as an orderly) at two hospitals in Albuquerque NM while I was
>>>>attending school at UNM.

>You wrote:

>>I'm not wanting to jump to Ed's defence here, I'm sure he's able
>>to do that for himself but unless you have personal experiance
>>of operating room proceedures and protocol, you yourself are
>>gulty of the offence you accuse Ed of, except that he does
>>claim to have personel experiance of PM operating room
>>proceedures.

>>Do you have such experiance?, so giving you firm ground on which
>>to base your comments.

>

>I can only assume in the barrage of AA related posting that you
>missed my earlier post regarding my experiance in the O.R. Early
>in my career I was both a medical illustrator and a
>cinematographer assigned to document surgical procedures in the
>operating rooms at the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Combined
>with the required gross anatomy classes I completed, this gave
>me a VERY up close and personal view of work done by surgeons in

>the O.R. I am very familiar with the work done by real doctors
>and the AA docs don't walk the walk.

Having no medical background my only comment again is framed at time scale, we are again allegedly referring to "doctors" trained in pre-war years, methods and practices change over the years, back in 1995 in discussions regarding this both sides of the argument could produce supporters from the medical world for their case.

>Continuing, you asked:

>>Did Bob Shell tell an untruth when in 1995 he passed on the MIT
>>test results on the AA film/video which concluded it was
>>shot on 24fps film and subsequently transferred to Euro-PAL video
>>25fps.

><snip>

>>And I have looked through the full raw footage
>>(PAL-video)frame by frame.

>No, I do not imply that Bob Shell lied. However, I do question
>why he would give a video to MIT as opposed to several video
>production houses where professionals work with film and video
>transfers on a daily basis. And I do understand the
>complications involved regarding the difference between PAL and
>NTSC. In fact, you'll find a recent post I made pointing out
>that very problem. However, you say you've looked at the PAL
>video frame by frame (which I do not doubt). I'm not sure what
>that really proves since film transferred at 25 fps to PAL,
>which also runs at 25 fps, would not show any repeated frames;
>it's a one to one transfer! What did you see? I'm just curious.

On the "raw footage" video nothing of note regarding the film to video transfer, except for the transfer house's label with serial numbers on one of the run-in sections, it runs through in about 3 or 4 frames I seem to remember.

>Regarding my seemingly endless discussion with Ed; my
>dissatisfaction on this point is that Ed demanded some kind of
>evidence showing that the film COULD have been produced on
>video. When Michael Lennick posted his observation some time
>back regarding the lack of double frames, I pointed this out to
>Ed. Although he has written time and again how no one comes up
>with anything, he has never looked at the video and said, "I see
>no doubled frames!" My beef is why ask for evidence and then not
>check out the evidence to see if it exists as stated? Regardless
>of the conclusion one might draw from the evidence, it's a bit
>insulting to demand that everyone else jump through hoops and
>not even bother to pop his copy of AA into the VCR! It's the old
>"Do as I say, not as I do" form of arrogance that I find so
>offensive.

Unless he's set up for NTSC/60hz here in the UK he won't see them on his UK PAL/50hz copy will he.

>Thanks for the info about early reactor work.

>Take care,

>Roger Evans

Best Regards
Neil.

Neil Morris@Home.

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

Web Sites: Roswell and Alien Autopsy
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/>
The Fort Worth Photographs of James Bond Johnson
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Tonight - Lindy Tucker on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

From: **EBK**
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 11:03:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 11:03:40 -0500
Subject: Tonight - Lindy Tucker on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

/// Lindy Tucker

Most of the UFO reports we hear and read about describe 'objects' flying soundlessly - even those reported 'grounded' are usually silent. However, as our guest tonight and some of her recordings will attest, UFOs sometimes do make sounds.

Lindy Tucker is a writer and researcher for P.U.R.E. RESEARCH (Phenomena Under Reasonable Evidence). She has been collecting the worlds' largest civilian data base on anomalous accoustical sounds associated with UFO sightings over the past 25 years. Further research indicates these to be in the same areas as crop circles are appearing on the North American continent.

The results of her research have been published internationally in such publications as the MUFON Journal, Flying Saucer Review, The Cerealogist, The Bulletin of Anomalous Experience. Lindy works with leading doctors, psychiatrists, scientists, and engineers in her quest for answers for the truth

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 11:11:28 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 11:16:35 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 15:34:34 -0500
>From: Bill Weber <koran@cchat.com>
>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<bigus snipus>

>Hi, Jim, Dave, (ebk!)

>I've noticed myself that there's nothing worse than one of these
>"uppity" abductees. As long as they're walking with their heads
>down and eyes averted, properly donning the yoke of insanity,
>stupidity, or lately, (and not that there's anything wrong with
>that) homosexuality, and they're quiet about it, then I guess
>they're ok. But this is high level, complex speculation here,
>Jim... stuff you couldn't possibly understand or be part of.

>You're supposed to shut up until one of the skeptical experts
>makes a final diagnosis about you. Get it? From now on, no more
>whining from the inmates - and get back to your room! <G>

>Best,

>Bill

Uh, yassuh, Boss (and a shuffle). Ah's sorry, Boss.

However there is one thing you forgot, Billy Bud. We are
restricted to the back of the UFO. Cheeses, I hate it when
that happens. (sighs)

Jim Mortellaro

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60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 11:17:03 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 15:42:16 -0500
Subject: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 18:23:24 -0600
>Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:55:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>What you're proposing, Bob, is a lazy correlation which, for
>another thing, doesn't begin to explain the complex dynamics
>of the abduction experience. No matter. What's even more
>troubling is the application of Von Daniken style reasoning.
>Von Daniken would have us believe that just because a painted
>figure on a cave wall looks as if it's wearing a spacesuit,
>it must be wearing a spacesuit.

Jerry:

Please see the drawings made by witnesses in John Carpenter's
article, Double Abduction Case: Correlation of Hypnosis Data,
Journal of UFO Studies, New Series, Vol. 3, 1991, pp 103-104.

Fingers with suction cups are fingers with suction cups, sorry.

There is also a strong suggestion (Martin Kottmeyer, The REALL
News, Vol. 3, No. 11, Nov. 1995) that the movie Communion, which
opened with widespread advertising and publicity three days
after the experience (initially noticed, according to the
witnesses, only because of it's "missing time") but before the
hypnosis session, was the stimulus for key details of their
abduction story. These include the use of a moving platform to
lower the abductees and an operating theater with rows of seats,
curiously mentioned in Streiber's book and in their account.

They were traveling for many miles on a straight road with
bright Jupiter only a couple degrees up right in front of them -
just where they thought a UFO was. (See my letter in the Journal
of UFO Studies, New Series, Vol. 6, 1995/6, p. 227.)

The two hours of "missing time" in this case could be accounted
for by the proven fact that their time was off (the witnesses
thought they saw the Moon but it had set about 45 minutes
earlier), a change in times zones, and their unadjusted car
clock, and several stops along the road to view Jupiter.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 12:04:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 15:46:53 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 17:29:02 -0800
>From: ed gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 13:07:12 -0800
>>From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
>>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Terry,

>While Theresa's work on the AA is excellent, some do feel that
>if the footage seems to be out of order, then she's only proved
>that the rolls are out of order. I've contacted Theresa and
>asked her about this and so far she hasn't responded.

I think T has had her fill of discussions on the Film.

>This is an imporant point to get correct. Do her efforts prove
>that the AA is a fake? That has been implied so lets settle it
>now, once and for all,if we can.

I'm sorry; but, I can't answer that. You see, in my decades of involvement in the phenomena, I have learned that proof is subjective. Whether someone considers evidence proof depends on that individual's world view. I have no doubt that a good lawyer could prove the existence of intelligent control of UFOs before a civil jury; however, there will be many observers who disagree.

>You say:

>>Some have argued against this evidence by saying that the
>>film segments were out of order; but, those arguments do not
>>stand up to close scrutiny.

>When you say "those arguments do not stand up to close
>scrutiny".What are the counter arguments? Lets see if we can
>work this out so the list can agree on exactly what Theresa's
>hard work may mean.

I cannot argue both sides of this issue. T's evidence once resided on <http://www.uforeport.com/> however that URL now returns no DNS. One of the items scrutinized heavily earlier was whether the sequence of events shown in the original Film released by Santilli were in order. By following the examination, cutting, removal of "organs" by the doctors we concluded that they indeed were in proper sequence.

Also, I have loaned my originals of T's work to Mr. Mantle for his ongoing efforts. I will be glad to resume this on or off list when I get them back.

Regards,

Terry

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 12:18:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 16:00:04 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 18:23:24 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
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>What you're proposing, Bob, is a lazy correlation which, for
>another thing, doesn't _begin_ to explain the complex dynamics
>of the abduction experience.

Good call, Jerry. Abductees report three-fingered aliens...there are three-fingered (and suction-cupped) aliens in science fiction... fine, but even if the abductees encountered the three fingers in science fiction, how and why did they get so fixated on the image that they embedded into a belief that they'd had real experiences? That's the real question.

One possible answer, of course, is that they really did have real experiences. Maybe -- if we assume, which no one has ever proved, that the science fiction imagery genuinely affected the abductees -- it affected them because they'd seen the same thing in reality. Or maybe the science fiction writers (and film makers) who adopted the three-finger image are abductees. This business is far more complicated than Bob Young makes it out to be (and he's not alone).

Anyone who engages in this debate -- actually, anyone who's interested in abductions -- should read David Hufford's classic study of a scary nocturnal experience, "The Terror That Comes in the Night." Hufford studied a Newfoundland belief, that some people are visited at night by an "old hag," who puts frightening pressure on their chests while they lie in bed. Hufford was able to find numerous Newfoundlanders who reported this experience, and also found people in Pennsylvania who'd had it, without the support (or inspiration) in the culture around them. The experience, whatever it was, seemed genuine, and not derived from cultural factors.

One explanation Hufford considered was sleep paralysis, which in one of the last chapters of the book, he examines in great detail, along with other sleep disorders. He finds many similarities between sleep paralysis and the "old hag" experience, but rejects any simple idea that sleep paralysis is the explanation. Perhaps, he says, the "old hag" experience can be considered a variety of sleep paralysis -- but sleep paralysis can't explain its content, and so the experience remains unexplained.

Not quite the same thing as our science fiction/abduction conundrum, since Bob Young and others think that science fiction imagery really does explain at least some of the content of abduction narratives. The similarity, though, is in how facile the explanation is, and how little it really explains.

Greg Sandow

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Update on Colin Andrews' Skin Cancer Surgery

STATEMENT - COLIN'S SKIN CANCER
UPDATE - 29 January, 2000

I want to thank you all so very much for your loving and supportive communications. It has helped me greatly during the time when I have been anxiously waiting on surgery and results.

Synthia and I are relieved now that the cancer has been removed from my leg and it is thought that there should not be anymore problems concerning it.

Today I have one very tender leg but a warm heart and happy mind. Thank you very much for your concern.

Warm regards

Colin

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From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 13:59:07 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 16:39:05 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>From: Neil Morris
>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 14:59:53 -0800
>Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 10:35:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 10:54:47 -0600
>>From: Roger Evans
>>Subject: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hi Neil!

Previously, I had opined thusly regarding the proper usage of containment suits:

>>I feel confident that what was standard
>>practice in 1959 regarding safety issues was already well
>>thought out many years before in the earliest days of atomic
>>power development.

<self snipage>

>>5 or 6 years is plenty of time to figure out that they need double
>>layers with all seams taped shut and an independent air supply.
>>If anything less was workable, then why change it later? They
>>knew very well what the hazards were long before 1947.

You replied:

>In 1947 we were at year 5 of the nuclear age. I think you apply
>a degree of sophistication to the known hazards of the nuclear
>business far in excess of what they were perceived to be at the
>time. _10_ years later in 1957/8 in the atmospheric tests
>conducted by the UK Govt on Christmas Island it was thought
>unnecessary to provide _any protection at all_ for "guinea-pig"
>troop brought in to "witness" the blasts even at a range of
>_5 miles!_ and with air blast yeald's up to 3 megatons at 1000
>feet!

I do not doubt your knowledge of the history of nuclear power and the such. However, the fact that the troops were "guinea-pigs" in the first place means that no protection would have been offered, regardless of such protection's state of the art at that time.

That is to say, even if double layered, taped-shut, self contained suits were available (and I'm not so sure they weren't), would the government have made them available to the troops you mentioned? I think not. That was, after all, the purpose of having them "witness" the explosion so close! At least that's the way OUR government thinks. ;)

Of course, I used the documentary in the Doomsday Chronicles as one of the earliest references to proper containment suit usage that came to mind. There may be other training films that predate it. However, no matter your position regarding just how much the government knew or did not know about the hazards of radioactivity, there is really no excuse for improper usage from

a medical standpoint.

Our collective knowledge of nuclear hazards may not have dictated an air tight suit but certainly the medical field had plenty of history to learn from. We may have to agree to disagree on this point but I stand by my convictions that the suits in the AA film were, from a medical standpoint, useless and only for show. There was nothing gained by using them that a simple surgical mask couldn't have done. In fact, they seemed to make the entire dissection process unduly dangerous.

And on this point, consider the irony: The suits were supposed to prevent contamination yet, because of poor visibility, actually increased the likelihood of a possible cut or nick by a contaminated scalpel. Ask any doctor and he or she will tell you that such things happen far to regularly under the best of conditions in the O.R. Protocols may change; the recognized risks do not.

I do not believe for an instant that a real doctor would even consider working under such conditions, even if they were in the military and taking orders.

Continuing, you wrote:

>Having no medical background my only comment again is framed at
>time scale, we are again allegedly referring to "doctors" trained
>in pre-war years, methods and practices change over the years,
>back in 1995 in discussions regarding this both sides of the
>argument could produce supporters from the medical world for
>their case.

I have read that before. However, all the doctors I know that have seen the footage express the same doubts that I do. I would love to see the names of known surgeons that would stand behind the AA footage 100% and say that what they see appears to be trained medical personnel following common sense safety protocols about preventing contamination. As yet I, personally, haven't seen any.

Take care,

Roger Evans

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From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 15:16:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 16:46:57 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 14:58:57 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <jmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 08:05:26 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 09:53:00 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>>Date: Fri, 28 Jan 2000 09:35:52 -0600
>>>>Fwd Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 03:07:07 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>>>>And speaking of examples, I would say the above is about as
>>>>succinct a statement of the problem of not wanting to think very
>>>>hard about the abduction phenomenon, or of throwing the feeblest
>>>>of pseudoexplanations at it. Eddie Bullard puts it well (The
>>>>UFO Encyclopedia, second edition, page 22):

>>>>"Standards of evidence grow lax among sociocultural theorists
>>>>who satisfy themselves with the discovery of antecedents.
>>>>Shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief, science fiction,
>>>>and movie imagery, these theorists bring home endless analogies
>>>>of dubious worth.

>>>Jerry, List:

>>>Noticing that three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens from
>>>another world who have come here in spaceships are traditional
>>>figures in 20th Century science fiction and also in some
>>>abduction accounts of three-fingered, suctioned-cupped aliens
>>>from another world who have come here in spaceships hardly
>>>qualifies as "shopping the vast supermarket of folk belief,
>>>science fiction, and movie imagery for endless analogies of
>>>dubious worth".

>>Dear Bob:

>>Nobody I know of has addressed the possibility of beings with an
>>odd number of digits on one hand, and an odd number of digits on
>>the other,

>>Given Velcro fingertips, they could not only abduct people, but
>>throw honest researchers off the scent as well.

>>Given the highly advanced technology of alien societies,
>>they must know something about Velcro.

>>PS: They must be bored with Teflon by now.

Mortellaro writes:

>No, Lawrence of Hatch, a recent survey of gay aliens
>performed by the famous Gripple Institute, demonstrates
>that aliens who are gay prefer teflon in their anal probes
>three to one.

>On the one hand.

>One the other, there is one less finger because, well, all of
>the aliens to a man (well, actually to a thing, as God made them
>neither male nor female but what they themselves call - sthilly,
>which I suppose makes them effeminate. Sorry, I digressed)...
>anyway, they are given one less finger on that one side because
>they are all lefties and rarely use the right index finger. As
>a result, only the middle one exists.

>This unusual feature throws off researchers every time, hee,
>hee. Every time.

>Yet again, the Gripple Institute scoops Rinse, Kanappy, Bells
>Palsey and, Dr. Laura on this important issue. Let the games
>begin.

>Jim Mortellaro

Hello Jim,

You write:

>Let the games begin.

Who is playing games here Jim? This thread about Randle and
Estes findings that "60% of abductees are Gay" is a serious
issue. Please tell me how talking about,

"Gripple, Teflon anal probes, surveys of 'Gay aliens' and the
following gobbledy-gook ;

>"God made them neither male nor female but what they
>themselves call - sthilly, which I suppose makes them effeminate.
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>that one side because they are all lefties and rarely use the right
>index finger. As a result, only the middle one exists.

... has any relevance or contributes to the -serious- subject
at mentioned above?

I have difficulty understanding many of your posts just as
simple 'writing.' There has always been something amiss with the
timing, content, and nature of your "humor." Rather than
'contributing' something of genuine value to the threads (more
often than not) your ramblings have a tendency minimize and to
'distract' attention away from the seriousness of the issues
being discussed/debated.

>Let the games begin.

No one here is 'playing' at anything Jim. Like a four year old
running amok in a steel mill, sometimes your 'play' and 'humor'
is poorly timed, ill conceived and very inappropriate. As
someone who loves humor and comedy with a genuine passion, I am
mostly offended by the fact that your posts are simply not
funny.

The topic is: "60% of abductees are Gay"

Your 'jokes' are a case of bad timing dude! You're hurting the
cause of your fellow abductees here, not helping it. But we've
been down this road before so I won't belabor the point.

I hope you realize that I intended this as a constructive
criticism and not a 'flame.' It's 'tough' criticism to be sure,
but only a 'criticism' nonetheless.

From one 'abductee' to another.

Most sincerely,

John Velez

AIC - Abduction Information Center -
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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US Government Admits that Nuclear Weapons Plant Workers
Exposed to Radiation
<http://CNN.com/2000/US/01/29/nuclear.exposure/index.html>

Amazing New Photos From Hubble Space Telescope
<http://www.msnbc.com/news/361283.asp>

Relaunch of ExoScience (Science and Technology) Web Site
<http://www.exosci.com/>

BIOSPHERE
Environment

Biggest Snowstorm in Half Century Hits Middle East
<http://www.sightings.com/ufo6/hlyland.htm>

EXOTICA
Unexplained Phenomena and Fortean

"Mission to Mars: Let There be Life" - New Blockbuster Movie
Said to Feature Cydonia and Face on Mars
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AL <squared> TV #2

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 16:56:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 18:32:38 -0500
Subject: AL <squared> TV #2

... Did an ancient civilization describe a complete solar system fifty-five hundred years ago? If so, how?

... get your free RealAudio™ player and watch AL <squared> TV in streaming video. Look for it a few links down on my splash page.

Lehmborg@snowhill.com

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

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

<Updated 29 January>

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

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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: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 18:19:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:07:41 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>Leading a flogged dead horse to water.. :)

I'm not sure that even pure water can bring this animal back to life. . . .

<snipped>

>>Indicating, of course, that professional special effects efforts
>>are much better at presentation than the real thing... <g>

>Grin noted, but my comments actually indicate that pro sfx
>artists are much better at presentation than the semi-pro
>guys who made the AA puppet. <VBG>

Assuming that you have some concept of what you expect to see in such a sequence.

<snip>

>Actually, my point was to answer to Ed Gehrman's claim that the
>AA creature was impossible to recreate. Nothing more than that.
>Sfx artists have been doing effects like that for a very long
>time.

>As to the idea that we have a standard belief of what aliens
>should look like, that's probably perfectly true. However, in
>the case of the AA creature, it doesn't even fit with the
>descriptions made by people who allegedly have seen 'real'
>aliens, or of those that described the Roswell corpses. It
>superficially fits the picture, but the details are off. Six
>fingers? Well, maybe real aliens do have six fingers, but I
>struggled to find a single witness account of this at the time
>the AA movie was released. Big fat stomach? Looks like they had
>a problem with the sculpt, or the person they made the body cast
>from was 5+ months pregnant.

>Show me an example anywhere in the literature pre-dating the
>autopsy flick of an alien that fits the AA creature's
>appearance. The only ones that come close are the Hill's
>abductors. This is not an aggressive challenge, it's merely my
>honest inability to find a correlation. And that was the first
>thing that struck me about the AA creature.

Your initial point is a good one. The AA "film" sequence can be faked today in a more convincing manner than the original (provenance unproven) sequence. The fact that so many facets were inaccurate could mean they didn't do their homework, or could mean that our view of what we should expect to find is far too narrow in scope. Can you prove conclusively that the former is true? If so, then we can put this matter to rest.

>Nope, I'm not talking about the Roswell sculpt. He made an
>entirely new one for 20/20 that was designed to be cut open.
>Yes, Steve Johnson (the artist in question) did sell the Roswell
>movie puppets, but it's not the one used for the ABC show, nor
>for Scientific American. It was very much more realistic (by
>which I mean organic looking). It was in a similar style, but
>was more of an 'intruders' type.

Again, special effects guys create something that is more myth than anything else, and we sit back and try to decide which one looks more real. Since we only have anecdotal testimony to provide descriptions, how are we to define our baseline for comparison?

>>The problem with all of these re-creations is they were
>>attempting to copy something that had already been seen. Each of
>>these would fail the same analysis that the original "film" had
>>undergone. The German doctor sawed through the alien as if he
>>was cutting meat with a serrated edge, and the camera angles in
>>the Brazilian show (which was by far the best) indicated that
>>it had been shot on a set, and not in a closed room (in the
>>original, all four walls are seen as the camera works around
>>the. . . well, whatever).

>The Brazilian show wasn't even trying to fool anyone. It
>was made on a TV set, sure. What really should have given
>the game away to you, Mr Kaeser, is when the host walked
>onto the set right in the middle of the procedure!!

If they hadn't been trying to fool anyone, then what was the point of the recreation? Of course, the broadcast wasn't in my native language and I don't know what the set up was and it may well have been announced as a recreation at the beginning, but if I had been the producer I wouldn't have set it up that way. When the TV Anchor walked out on the set the entire matter was a dead giveaway, but I began to suspect that it was a recreation when the camera backed away from the action through what should have been a wall.

>That wasn't the point I was trying to make. The point is that
>there is nothing spectacular in the nature of the AA creature,
>if it is an effect.

This is true. For a special effect the AA dummy wasn't worth all that much. Of course, we still haven't proven (except by implication) that it was a special effects creation.

>><snip>

>>Obviously, this is true and has been admitted from the beginning
>>by Bob Shell, Philip Mantle, and Michael Hesemann. The
>>technology is there to recreate the "film", or even produce a
>>better one, so that has never been the real question. The
>>problem has always been the question "WHY?" and to what end.

>I assume that question is rhetorical?

>You can ask the same about any fraud. The answers are not
>always simple. In the case of the Hitler Diaries, for example, it
>was partly money, partly hubris and egotism on the part of the
>faker; abetted by the gullibility, greed and stupidity of a
>journalist.

>Why does a person lie about a UFO sighting with no chance of
>monetary gain? You tell me.

Momentary fame and the psychological boost of knowing more than those around you are two motivations that I can think of off the top of my head. The fact is that most people who have sightings probably don't seek out an explanation, and would rather ignore that which they don't understand.

Yes, we can ask this about any fraud, but it becomes an integral part of proving the fraud in many cases. Yes, the question was rhetorical.

>Asking why someone would fake the AA picture seems like a silly
>question. It was extremely financially viable. As I mentioned, a
>talented sfx artist could make the sculpt for under \$5000 US.
>Plus, look at what the film has done for credibility of our UFO
>research. It has set us back probably decades. I know that there
>are personality types who do things with no other motive other

>than to be iconoclastic, even at great expense. Let us not even
>get into conspiracy theories about intelligence agencies trying
>to ridicule UFO research.

In Great Britain there seem to be many who enjoy "testing" those

who study crop circles or UFOs, and your point is well taken. The fact that Ray probably didn't make an astronomical amount from the "film" (which I would measure in the millions), and lost control of the images early on, didn't help to secure his fortune from this as a hoax. But are we to base conclusions on what "might" be, or even what "probably" was the case?

>Mr Kaeser goes on to say:

>>The problem has been that the minor flaws that can be quickly
>>found in the copies have not been found in the original.
>>However, that's not to say that some have questioned the
>>procedures and material used in the original.

>Examples, please? If you're talking about something as silly as
>mould seams down the side of the thing, well no. But on film,
>the obviousness of the material is never apparent.

Actually, I don't have a lot of time to go back and pull all of the old posts out and repeat them. This question would be better put to Bob Shell, but he's probably too busy to respond.

>Actually there are a host of flaws in the original. Technical
>flaws spotted in the puppet by sfx artists. The body cast was
>made from a person standing upright, as is evidenced by the
>tensed leg and buttock muscles. A real corpse is flaccid, it's
>flesh and muscle sinking onto the surface of the table. The
>flesh, when the incisions are made, is not elastic, as is real
>flesh, which retracts from the incision. If the alien looks
>enough like us to have the same bone structure, knuckles,
>toenails, etc, why would it differ in this regard? Also, the
>blood trails demonstrate fraud, as was noted by another poster.
>That's just three things off the top of my head.

You are comparing this "corpse" to a carbon based life form. Because the "creature" looks vaguely human are we to assume that it has human characteristics after it dies?

>>But no "smoking gun" to prove that the sequence is a hoax has
>>been found after several years of searching.
>
>Santilli hasn't supplied the evidence to discover the smoking
>gun. As soon as we get a strip of film with image from the
>autopsy, then we'll be in a position to talk authoritatively on
>this point.

Agreed. But I doubt that Ray will cooperate any time soon. First one has to prove that a film actually exists, which is still in question.

>The point is that certain people are ignoring the 'old'
>evidence. Sweeping it under the carpet. Glossing over the
>inconsistencies of logic and anachronisms in the film and it's
>presentation. One feels the need to repeat old evidence when
>people are not paying attention to it.

>This film caused so much excitement when it appeared. And it
>really did look good for a while. Lots of us thought that this
>could be it, this could be the final proof. It's not surprising
>that in the light of the shonky way it was presented, and
>lacking definitive proof of a hoax, or it's real source, that a
>lot of people were extremely deflated, and not a few went into
>denial.

Actually, I have yet to find any anachronisms that hold up, with regard to the actual sequence(s). Examples would be of interest. Since this "film" has been examined so intensively there have been numerous allegations of problems, and each has been responded to in a logical fashion. Teresa Carlson's work is about the best I've seen to call it into question, but that deals with technical flaws.

>>There are many reasons to believe that the AA "film" is a fraud
>>and a hoax, and it is unfortunate that absolute proof hasn't
>>been found to put this matter to rest. I would agree with Neil's

>>post in that whatever we think of Ray and his provenance for the
>>"film", we are still left with the images that can't easily be
>>explained.

>Yes we can; it's a hoax. That's pretty simple. <VBG>

Okay. We'll add your name to the long list of those who have written it off as a hoax.

>For what it's worth, I don't personally think Santilli was in on
>the hoax, if such it was, until later. I don't think his company
>made the film.

>It is interesting to note that in one of Tim Good's books, it
>may have been Above Top Secret or one of the final UFO Reports,
>that a US Airforce officer stationed in Puerto Rico (?) is
>quoted talking about being shown an autopsy film during a secret
>briefing. It was grainy and old, and rather fits the description
>of the AA footage. It was said to be a training film, and could
>have been a recreation made by one of the more well-equipped
>intelligence agencies (don't the NSA have their own film
>studios?) Could this point toward the film's origin?

>It could be a real film. But it's quite unlikely, given what
>we know. I'm not dismissing it totally out of hand, or bashing
>it wildly; I'm trying to be objective as possible.

Our views on this are not too different.

I would note that most of the special effects people I spoke with all believed it to be a poor production that they would have done better, and about 50% of the medical people I spoke with believed that it was a real procedure being filmed, and not a stage set. Each examined the sequence from their own field of expertise and saw what they wanted (or expected) to see. Many of those who were later re-questioned (and backed into a corner) on the issue decided to alter their position so they didn't appear to be defending the "film" as real. This includes both Doctors and SFX experts who had initially indicated that the sequence was pretty good. In fact, I think there has been an evolution of beliefs in relation to the AA "film", which has evolved because of the discussion and not because of new information.

There have been several reports of military personnel describing similar films that they had been shown, but all of this is anecdotal and unprovable.

There are those who would state that the AA "film" has had a positive effect on ufology because it has increased awareness, brought more people out to Symposiums and caused more video programs to be produced. But I would add that it has had the impact of polarizing the UFO community, and (as we see here) remains a hot topic of emotional discussion.

This thread was the result of Philip Mantle's request for information for a new book on the "film", and I don't think that it will treat the "film" favorably. I questioned Philip as to whether he had enough new information to really justify a book, and he said that he and Tim had uncovered new information that needed to be brought to light. This is supposed to be an overall wrap-up of the Santilli "film" affair, but the key to this matter still rests with Ray and only he can finally put this matter to rest (or at least put us on the right track toward a resolution).

Take care,

Steve

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 17:21:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:10:26 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 11:17:03 -0500 (EST)
>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Subject: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 18:23:24 -0600
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 09:55:12 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

Bob and listfolk:

>>What you're proposing, Bob, is a lazy correlation which, for
>>another thing, doesn't begin to explain the complex dynamics
>>of the abduction experience. No matter. What's even more
>>troubling is the application of Von Daniken style reasoning.
>>Von Daniken would have us believe that just because a painted
>>figure on a cave wall looks as if it's wearing a spacesuit,
>>it must be wearing a spacesuit.

>Please see the drawings made by witnesses in John Carpenter's
>article, Double Abduction Case: Correlation of Hypnosis Data,
>Journal of UFO Studies, New Series, Vol. 3, 1991, pp 103-104.

>Fingers with suction cups are fingers with suction cups, sorry.

And a feeble wheeze of an explanation is a feeble wheeze of an explanation.

>There is also a strong suggestion (Martin Kottmeyer, The REALL
>News, Vol. 3, No. 11, Nov. 1995) that the movie Communion, which
>opened with widespread advertising and publicity three days
>after the experience (initially noticed, according to the
>witnesses, only because of it's "missing time") but before the
>hypnosis session, was the stimulus for key details of their
>abduction story. These include the use of a moving platform to
>lower the abductees and an operating theater with rows of seats,
>curiously mentioned in Streiber's book and in their account.

Did Kottmeyer ever bother to ascertain whether the two women had actually seen the movie Communion? This is a rhetorical question, because the answer can be inferred from Kottmeyer's usual modus operandi, as in his spurious allegations concerning the relationship of Barney Hill's report of wrap-around alien eyes and the television series Outer Limits. When finally asked (not, of course, by Kottmeyer but by me) about Mr. Hill's viewing habits, Betty Hill -- whose honesty and decency even debunkers don't question -- said flatly, "Never heard of [Outer Limits]. Barney worked nights. If he was not working, we were never home because of our community activities. If we had been home, I am sure this title would not interest us."

>They were traveling for many miles on a straight road with
>bright Jupiter only a couple degrees up right in front of them -
>just where they thought a UFO was. (See my letter in the Journal
>of UFO Studies, New Series, Vol. 6, 1995/6, p. 227.)

For the problems with this hypothesis, see John Carpenter's response in the same issue (pp. 229-30). Unfortunately, Bob's

theory merely underscores the principle, as the Kottmeyer example above also shows, that the farther one is away from the witnesses, the easier it is to make all kinds of sweeping statements about their personalities and motivations and thus to concoct a "solution" that -- pardon the expression, Bob -- only clouds the skies.

As for the Jupiter explanation, Carpenter has some interesting things to say, such as :

"I have discussed [these] data with [astronomer/ufologist/field investigator Walter N. Webb]. He does say that there could have been some astronomical misperceptions by the two women but that is rather insignificant in light of their clearly conscious observation of a huge glowing oval of 'fluffy white light' that descended rapidly and hovered 100 feet away directly over a field to their right with pastel-colored beams shining down toward the ground. That does not sound like Jupiter, Venus, or Sirius, does it? This light source and 'criss-crossing beams' extending to the ground were straight out the right window so that Susan on the driver's side could easily see them without looking up. If they had only seen the distant twinkling of lights, I would have been more concerned with this part of their reports."

For other observations on Young's theory, including his airy assertion that anything he could not otherwise explain is likely "due to wishful thinking," I urge listfolk to read what Carpenter has to say on the personalities, behavior, and actions of the very level-headed woman who reported this still-puzzling experience.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 18:43:51 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:15:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 23:43:33 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Dear Mike and Victor:

>Yes, the exact date would be very helpful, but even an inexact
>date might be found if the location were given.

>Do you have a physical description of the object(s) and a
>precise location in addition to the approx. date?

>Best

>- Larry Hatch

Larry, haven't you been reading what I posted? I have described my sighting at least twice. This time I will be more concise. More descriptive.

Sighting: Sitting on a tree stump in my front yard viewing sky. 7 objects in a - V - formation traveling from North to South, at approximately 45 deg. elevation. First appeared to me as a White Delta Shaped object, presumed a B-57 Hustler Bomber.

Formation made a sweeping 90 deg turn and approached me head on. Objects observed in - V - formation... Objects passed directly overme and proceeded to approximately 80 deg. East. At this point the lead object and the entire right side, pivoted to form an inverted - L - shape. Formation "slid" 90 deg. left, without reducing speed and returned North, from where it had originated. No noise was heard...

Duration of Sighting: Approximately 30 seconds.

Shape: Six disks Oval, or egg shapped; One disk, Half-moon shapped. (Lead disk in - V - formation)

Size: At arms length, each object was approximately 1/4" in diameter. Formation was approximately 1 3/4" to 2" in length and 1 3/4" to 2" wide at the base. In other words, an almost perfect Triangle shape, "had there been" two more ovals between the two end objects. This is purely an estimate.

Color: Flourscent White...solid color...did not blink or flash.

Location: Owensboro, Kentucky 42301 - County: Daviess. USA

Date: Sept.(? First week), 1967 (Can't find my report. When I do, I will post the complete date.)

Time: 8:45 PM

Weather and sky conditions: Cloudy, temp approximately 65 deg. light

wind, 5 - 7 mph (approx.) No thunder or lightning. Cloud ceiling 2,000 ft.

Number of Observers: 1 (that I am aware of)

Name of Observer: Michael Christol

Age: 23 years old.

Sex: Male

Race: Caucasian

Education: High School

Martial Status: Married

Wife's Name: Judy

Number of Children: Two, A boy, 29 months old; A girl, 15 months old.

Religion: Baptist (Born again Christian)

Hobbies: Reading about Science, Aeronautics, Rocketry, Astronomy, Military Technology, UFOs, The Manned Space Program, World and Ancient History, and Geography.

I had been reading about UFOs since I was 12 years old. I had interview three individuals in our county in August, regarding their sightings. This is one reason I was sitting on the stump in my front yard that night, viewing the night sky.

That was when my actual in the field investigations began.

I hope this helps some. I would suggest those interested save this report as a file and they can refer to it in the future, in stead of asking me or another person to repeat it again. <G>

REgards, Mike

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Re: The Eyes Have It

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 12:08:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:24:13 -0500
Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It

> Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 15:40:03 -0500 (EST)
> From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
> Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
> To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 16:56:34 +0000
>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Thu, 27 Jan 2000 21:44:24 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Re: The Eyes Have It
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hi Jim and all,

>If you are still ticked off at me
>after reading this, allow me to present you with the latest in
>mind bendingly soothing elixir of the gods. I call it, Gripple
>Codone. Codein and Gripple in a highly sweetened mixture
>containing a little smack and some thorazine as well as the
>codein. But just enough to paralyze you until the shaking stops.

Good God man! sounds like the sort of thing they could power the space shuttle with.

Make mine a double.

Perhaps I should have a little tipple now and again, it might help me to understand some of the mails I get.

All the best,

Dave.

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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00506 03.01.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 22:43:44 +1100
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:35:22 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00506 03.01.2000

UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00506 03.01.2000

FOLLOWUP Alice Mitchel AUFORN VIC
1800 Callin Code: 00506 03.01.2000

Date Reported: 03.01.2000
Date sighted - 2.1.2000
Day: Sunday
Time Reported: 10.50 pm
Location: Endeavor Hills, Victoria
Reportee: Peter Ho
Report Rep: Alice Mitchel AUFORN Vic

Object

Shape: V shape
Size: Large
Objects: 1
Colour: Black with Dim orange lights
Sound: None
Speed: ?
Duration: 3 to 4 minutes
Direction: Suddenly disappeared
Witnesses: 1

Report:

Sunday night the 2nd Jan at approx 9.30pm, after falling asleep in his chair,, Peter woke up and went Outside to feed his dogs. As it was such a nice night he decided to relax for a while and do a bit of stargazing, which he very often does late at night.

After approx half an hour, he looked up and noticed a large, solid black V shaped object with dim orange lights which were situated along the front end of the object.

Peter said it was a very clear night and he first noticed the object because it was blocking out the Big Dipper constellation he had been looking at previously. There was no sound emitted from the object at all and Peter estimates that it must have been at least 5 times bigger than a Jumbo Jet.

He sighted the object for only 3-4 seconds when Peter says it Just disappeared from view.

There were no other witnesses.

Best wishes Alice Mitchell AUFORN Victoria.

Thankyou Alice 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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UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00510 31.1.2000

From: Diane Harrisona <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 22:44:11 +1100
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:39:59 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting Report OZ File 00510 31.1.2000

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1800 Callin Code: 00510 31.01.2000
FOLLOWUP Jan Stone AUFORN QLD

Date Reported
Date: 31.01.2000
Day: Monday
Time Reported: 7.39am
Location: Sunshine Coast, Queensland
Reportee: Pat
Report given to nearest rep: Jan Stone
Tel:

Report:

Shape: Rectangle
Size: 16 centmtrs
Objects: 1
Colour: Bright white light, with reddish cone tail
Sound: None
Duration: 3.45am to 5.10am
Direction: East Hovering over Mudjimba Island (slightly to the North)
Witnesses: Pat asked around but no one else has come forward yet, she may ask the local paper to publish her story in the hope that someone else saw it.

Pat a very well spoken, educated, older lady was staying at the Discovery Beach Resort on the Sunshine Coast (used to be the old Surf Air) on Friday night, 28th January 2000. Her room overlooked the ocean and the hotel was right on the beach. At about 3.45am on Saturday Morning (29th) Pat woke up from a restless night, (Pat does have trouble

sleeping) and saw a very bright light shining through the window of her room, Pat got out of bed and looked out the window and saw this light which Pat describes as 500 times that of a fluorescent light.

She was looking out to the East over the ocean, Pat says there is a very small uninhabited island about half a mile out to sea from the resort called MUDJIMBA ISLAND, and the light was just above this Island about 2,000-3,000 feet up and slightly to the North of the Island.

The light stayed in the same position and after about a hour Pat noticed a shape, rectangle, with a reddish cone tail end. Then some little flashes of light came out the cone looking tail.

Pat sat at the window watching this light until 5.10am when it started to move upwards and disappeared. Pat says she has never seen anything like it before, and would like to know what it was?

She has never thought about UFO's before but it has now made her think about it and want to know more. She is familiar with the stars and says it was not a star.

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 07:56:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:50:45 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

For some reason I can't seem to leave well enough alone.....

>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 13:59:07 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>And on this point, consider the irony: The suits were supposed
>to prevent contamination yet, because of poor visibility,
>actually increased the likelihood of a possible cut or nick by a
>contaminated scalpel. Ask any doctor and he or she will tell you
>that such things happen far to regularly under the best of
>conditions in the O.R. Protocols may change; the recognized
>risks do not.

>I do not believe for an instant that a real doctor would even
>consider working under such conditions, even if they were in the
>military and taking orders.

If you accept the cameraman's story, these suits were not really required for safety reasons. I believe that he declined to wear his suit while filming at least one of the procedures, in spite of the fact that the medical personnel wore theirs.

I would point out that radiation suits would have been different than bio-hazard suits, which I believe these were meant to represent. Many of the points you raise are still valid, but we're discussing a suit that hasn't really been identified that is being used to protect the personnel from something that is apparently more aggravational than dangerous.

>Continuing, you wrote:

>>Having no medical background my only comment again is framed at
>>time scale, we are again allegedly referring to "doctors" trained
>>in pre-war years, methods and practices change over the years,

>>back in 1995 in discussions regarding this both sides of the
>>argument could produce supporters from the medical world for
>>their case.

>I have read that before. However, all the doctors I know that
>have seen the footage express the same doubts that I do. I would
>love to see the names of known surgeons that would stand behind
>the AA footage 100% and say that what they see appears to be
>trained medical personnel following common sense safety
>protocols about preventing contamination. As yet I, personally,
>haven't seen any.

About 50% of the doctors that I spoke with (and that really represents very few) thought the sequence shown was of an actual procedure and not a re-creation. However, none were willing to go "on the record" with that statement for fear of their reputations and their not really wanting to get involved. So where does that leave us?

There were several doctors involved in some of the early productions that spoke positively about the AA sequences, but they later changed their stories when their claim began to cause

them grief in their professions. Even if we have Doctors who absolutely believes that it was a real event I doubt that they'll be willing to set themselves up as a "sacrificial lamb" for Santilli's circus. This has been a problem for scientists in general when investigating UFOs and it is no different here.

I found it quite interesting that SFX people all viewed it as a fake that they could have done better, and medical people viewed it quite differently with a significant percentage indicating that it appeared to be a real event. Both groups approached it from their own viewpoint and filled in that which was unknown with their own knowledge and understanding of the world around them. In other words, the reality of the AA "film" sequences is apparently in the eye of the beholder (or viewer). This behavior apparently follows the same pattern among ufologists, with most rejecting it as a fraud because there is no provenance for it and it doesn't fit in with what they "believe" to be true. Many researchers also seemed to hit a saturation point, where they became tired of dealing with the issue and simply chose to accept the arguments against it and jumped onto what appears to be the winning bandwagon.

>Take care,

>Roger Evans

All this being said, I'm not convinced that the AA "film" is real, or of a real event. We are left with a series of sequences that are interesting, but without provenance. But just because we haven't proven them to be real, we also haven't proven them to be fakes. That becomes a statement of fact that requires the same proof as needed to prove them real.

We can show that there are facets of them that don't make sense, and that we could produce such sequences using SFX techniques available during the past ten years or so. But that just shows what could be true, or what might have been, and isn't the "smoking gun" proof that will put this matter to rest.

However, the opinions expressed on the Internet have in many cases taken on a life of their own, and some statements of opinion have been raised to the level of "established fact" in the minds of some, which merely clouds the issue further. The end result, in my opinion, is that Santilli's property (whatever the source) remains valuable because of our discussion regarding its validity.

I think that if the discussion were allowed to fade away then Ray would have to prove more in relation to its provenance to maintain its value in a market economy.

To my knowledge, there are no serious investigations into the veracity of the "film" going on at this point and until Ray opens up that is as it should be (again, IMO).

I wish Philip well with his project and hope his book really provide information that is new. But I suspect that "smoking gun" proof would have been shouted from the rooftops by those who would love to scream "I told you so!", and (to my knowledge) that hasn't yet happened.

You take care as well,

Steve

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 05:41:28 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:54:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 18:43:51 -0800
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 23:43:33 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Dear Mike and Victor:

>>Yes, the exact date would be very helpful, but even an inexact
>>date might be found if the location were given.

>>Do you have a physical description of the object(s) and a
>>precise location in addition to the approx. date?

>>Best

>>- Larry Hatch

>Larry, haven't you been reading what I posted? I have
>described my sighting at least twice. This time I will
>be more concise. More descriptive.

>Sighting: Sitting on a tree stump in my front yard viewing sky.
> 7 objects in a - V - formation traveling from North
> to South, at approximately 45 deg. elevation. First
> appeared to me as a White Delta Shaped object,
> presumed a B-57 Hustler Bomber.

<snip>

Dear Mike:

Sorry! I must have mis-keyed and deleted your earlier more
detailed posts.

I just checked, and I have no sightings in that time and place.
I have only one Kentucky sighting for 1967, but its back at the
beginning of the year.

Kentucky has one of the lowest sightings counts of all states in
my data for some reason.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Steve Johnson?

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 14:08:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 09:17:29 -0500
Subject: Steve Johnson?

Dear colleagues,

Steve Johnson of XFX has just moved to Burbank, California. If anyone can supply me with his new postal address, fax number, or e-mail address, I'd be most grateful.

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.
pmquest@dial.pipex.com

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Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 13:12:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 13:39:15 -0500
Subject: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

Hello, UFO-thinkers...

I find myself agreeing with Mr. Velez' comments vis a vis Mr. Mortellaro's 'humor'. Now, Mr. Velez can certainly be obstreporous, and he often seems to have a chip on his shoulder the size of North Dakoka (although, in truth, if I'd been subject to one-tenth the ridicule and abuse he apparently has, I'd probably be a bit permanently ticked off, too.)

But, Mr. Velez is up on his feet, dukes up, and he's fighting - and fighting mad. He wants to know what the heck is going on. I won't take any position on whether, or what is/has happened to him (I have no way of knowing), but I do admire his fighting spirit, and his desire to know.

But everytime I read anything from poor Mr. M, whether it's a "serious" letter or one of his "grippings," I wince. The man is so clearly haunted, troubled, and in pain, his writings are literally painful to read. I agree that his attempts at humor are pathetic, poorly timed, and unfunny -- painfully unfunny. And that is the key -- pain. I think Mr. Mortellaro needs some kind of help. I'm quite seriious. I worry about him. Whatever is/has happened to him seems to have broken his spirit. I'd sure hate for anything to befall him while everyone else is nattering away about whether or not the AA is a hoax.

Purrrrs to all...
wac

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What's On Your Mind?

From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcc@netcom.ca>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 10:45:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 13:43:45 -0500
Subject: What's On Your Mind?

Source: <http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/90/mind.htm>

This appeared in issue 58. It is difficult to deny that something is happening to some of the many people claiming to have been abducted by the Greys; this has lead the more adventurous researchers to seek other possibilities as to what might be behind the phenomenon. Perhaps the most startling, frightening, and in many ways convincing of these is the mind control hypothesis. This is by no means new, Jacques Vallee and others have been hinting in this direction since the late 1960's; but in the last few years it has become increasingly evident that the suspicions of researchers such as Vallee, Walter Bowart and Martin Cannon may be disturbingly close to the truth.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

By Mark Pilkington

Tense nervous headache? Always run down and irritable? Not feeling yourself? Well maybe that's because you're not yourself, rather, you are being controlled from somewhere else by someone else.

Last year "Tomorrow's World" (a British Broadcasting Corporation science programme) featured a man whose Parkinson's Disease symptoms could be controlled by pressing a switch on a handset which in turn operated a tiny device implanted into his brain. No more shaking, no more tears. This is the friendly, caring side of the neural implant, but many people believe that dark forces are at work, trying to take over the minds of their targeted subjects via tiny objects inserted into various parts of the body. These sinister controllers take many forms; some say that it's the CIA or other shadowy intelligence outfits; others that it's the secret world government, plotting for world domination; others still that it's malicious aliens, the Greys, who use implants as tracking devices so that they can abduct their hapless victims anytime, anyplace and operate on them aboard their spacecraft. Sometimes the Greys are working for the government, sometimes the government is working for the Greys, and sometimes the government is working as the Greys, using remote hypnotic devices to trigger off the abduction fantasy as a disguise for what's really going on.

Ex-soldier Timothy Mcveigh, prime suspect in last year's Oklahoma City bombing, has recently announced that he has himself been sporting such an implant after being witness to many UFO encounters on his farm. One might expect this to be an elaborate attempt to plea insanity, but knowing the current climate in much of America, I wouldn't be so sure. But it's not just "over there".

In a letter sent to John Major in 1992, Lennart Lindqvist, international secretary for a group dedicated to uncovering illicit mind control operations, wrote;

"...we have become aware of several victims in Great Britain; reports received from exploited individuals refer to mental hospitals, police authorities and prisons as among the state

institutions involved in the implantation of ... electrodes of radio-transmitting crystals in people."

He goes on to quote a letter from a Mr N'Tumba, a British victim; " Concerning the brain transmitter in my head, it has been performing without my knowledge or consent...What's very outrageous is that I am sharing all my visions, thoughts, images, hearing etc. with people around me as the security services are engaging in a large scale propaganda drive to smear my character, background, behaviour, emotions and motives...I have no privacy at all...." (1).

Lindqvist states that X rays of Mr. N'Tumba's brain , analysed by a Dr. Lindstrom, noted for his pioneering use of ultrasonics in neurosurgery, clearly show an object implanted into his left nostril as well as others blocking the oxygen flow to his brain.

You might be excused for dismissing Mr N'Tumba as a paranoid schizophrenic were it not for the fact that ordinary, respected people, all across America in all walks of life, are reporting similar things. These are the Abductees, and according to some researchers there are up to two million of them. One of these researchers, Dr. David Jacobs, is an associate professor of history at Temple University in Philadelphia; he writes; " Towards the end of the examination, the aliens either implant a small, round seemingly metallic object in the abductee's ear, nose, or sinus cavity, or remove such an object. The object is...small, it usually is smooth, or has small spikes sticking out of it, or has holes in it." (2) Jacobs notes that implants are left near the brain; subjects often wake up with ear or nose bleeds after an abduction and sometimes small objects will drop out when a person blows their nose.

Another researcher is Pulitzer prize winner and professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, John Mack M.D. He says; " I have myself studied a 1/2 to 3/4 inch thin, wiry object that was given to me by one of my clients... Elemental analyses and electronic microscopic photography revealed an interestingly twisted fibre consisting of carbon, silicon, oxygen, no nitrogen and traces of other elements. A nuclear biologist colleague said the specimen was not a naturally occurring biological object, but could be a manufactured fibre of some sort." (3)

A suspected implant that had embarrassed its subject since his teenage years, was removed from a man's penis in 1994 and examined by Massachusetts Institute of Technology physicist David Pritchard. His conclusion was that the object appeared to be a collection of calcified cotton fibres, presumably gained from wearing starchy, tight underpants, that had somehow become embedded in the head of the penis. Mack, however, is not concerned: "...it would not be difficult for the aliens, in light of all the other seemingly miraculous things of which they appear capable, to adapt a small object to the human body by forming it along the lines of the body's own chemistry. If that were the case, the analysis would yield nothing unusual."(4) Dr. Mack's alien allegations made him the subject of a serious inquiry by the school's committee, but after 30 meetings it was decided not to sack him, but only to warn him not to let his enthusiasm for a subject overshadow academic principles and standards.

More recently, a November 1995 newspaper article mentions a California surgeon who operated, on video, on two abductees, and removed implants from both of them. One came from the big toe of a woman, the other from the back of a man's hand; both objects were noticed during X rays for other minor injuries. The objects were seed sized, encased in a thick dark membrane and couldn't be cut with a scalpel; one was T shaped. Once cut open they were found to contain tiny black pieces of a highly magnetic metal. There was no scarring or inflammation of the skin around the objects in either patient.(5)

Another mystery object was removed from an abductee in Ontario Canada in January of 1995; it came from "in back of her left ear"(6), was 1mm long and dark in colour. Analysed under an electron microscope it was found to contain primarily aluminium, titanium and silicon; which a technician with Panasonic Canada, stated "would be a transducer and can be used to transmit signals"(7).

The dark history of US, UK and USSR experiments into mind

control and brain washing since the early '60's is well known and there are many books available on the subject.(8) In America projects such as Artichoke, Bluebird, Pandora, Mkdelta, Mksearch and Mkultra explored the erasure of memory, hypnotic resistance to torture, truth serums, post-hypnotic suggestion, rapid induction of hypnosis, electronic stimulation of the brain, non-ionizing radiation, microwave induction of intracerebral "voices," and a host of even more disturbing technologies. Mkultra is perhaps the best known of these; giving LSD to unwitting subjects including soldiers, students and mental patients, the CIA hoped to utilise its properties as a truth serum and in mind control. Acid guru Timothy Leary is quoted as saying; "The entire LSD movement itself was sponsored originally by the CIA, to whom I give great credit. I would not be here today if it had not been for...the CIA psychologists".(9) All such research was supposed to have stopped in the early '70's, but various sources close to the CIA, including Victor Marchetti who spent 14 years in its service, have stated that the work was just pushed even further underground and frequently surfaces in contemporary torture techniques abroad.

Experimentation with Electronic Stimulation of the Brain (ESB) via implants was a central part of this series of programs. Yale psychologist Jose Delgado developed a device in the early 1960's known as a "stimociever". He demonstrated this dramatically by implanting it into a bull's brain and goading it electronically whilst standing in the ring. The bull charged him but stopped suddenly moments from impact; Delgado had caused it do so via a remote control! Bryan Robinson, of the Yerkes primate laboratory, has conducted remote ESB research on simians, causing mothers to ignore their offspring, despite the babies' cries and turning submission into dominance, and vice-versa. Dr Robert Heath, a neurosurgeon at Tulane University, claimed a world record after implanting 125 electrodes into a subject's body and brain, and subsequently spent hours stimulating the man's pleasure centres. Both scientists concluded that ESB could control memory, impulses, feelings, invoke hallucinations, fear and pleasure. Heath, and many of his colleagues, considered ESB a potential "cure" for homosexuality and other "socially troublesome persons"; this could, of course, be you.. Joseph A. Meyer, of the National Security Agency, America's most secretive defence group, has proposed implanting electronic tags into all those arrested, of any crime, in order to monitor their behaviour at all times. He uses New York's Harlem district as his model in his proposal.

The implant, then, is no fantasy, but how far have its potential implications been implemented? It has often been reported that the CIA has mastered a technology call RHIC-EDOM. RHIC means "Radio Hypnotic Intracerebral Control." EDOM stands for "Electronic Dissolution of Memory." Allegedly these techniques can remotely induce hypnotic trance, deliver suggestions to the subject, induce feelings and emotions and erase all memory for both the instruction period and the act which the subject is asked to perform. They might operate using advanced implant technologies but are such implants even necessary? Many shops use messages transmitted at high frequencies above the hearing threshold to combat shoplifting, some report a success rate of up to 80%. A Dr. Sharp, a Project Pandora researcher for the US army, ran experiments whereby the human brain picked up words that were transmitted via microwaves, thus bypassing the ear. Dr James Lin of Wayne State University discusses the possibilities of using such techniques to aid the deaf, but comments; "the capability of communicating directly with humans by pulsed microwaves is obviously not limited to the field of therapeutic medicine."(10)

In the early 1970's science fiction writer Philip K. Dick and spoon-bender Uri Geller (along with his then mentor Andrija Puharich) both reported contact with what appeared to be a non-human machine intelligence orbiting the earth. Dick called it VALIS, Geller called his SPECTRA. Were they both singled out for microwave communication experiments, or both just equally insane? Further computerised contact was described by Dorothy Burdick in her 1982 book Such Things are Known; she relates;

"Laser-projected Voices tell me, "You are doing what you want to do," but I am never free of their broadcast stimuli which I can feel, and microwave or ultrasonic frequencies of which I may be totally unaware. I cannot be sure that I am not really in pain

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due to natural causes. I only feel unaccountable changes in mood such as depression, euphoria or relief.(11)

The alien abductees report a number of things that could be induced via such devices; buzzing and voices, missing time, inexplicable emotions in inappropriate circumstances (e.g. love for an alien that is raping them), loss of self control, telepathic communication and memories of films projected onto screens. Many report the disturbance of electrical objects in their presence, perhaps a side effect of such implant technologies. Could the whole abduction scenario be a carefully manipulated hypnotic cover for experimentation by government or military intelligence services? Certainly many abductees have reported seeing human military personnel during their experiences (one was actually identified as a human doctor), and others have seen helicopters suddenly become UFOs and vice-versa. Dr. Micheal Persinger, well known for his views that the abduction experience is triggered by exposure of the brain's temporal lobes to electromagnetic fields, was once employed by the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency to remotely induce vomiting in enemy soldiers, which he did successfully. John Mack has also been linked to Mkultra related projects; there is, undeniably, a close relationship between the military and intelligence agencies and UFO phenomenon, but it seems as far fetched as the idea of the Greys themselves to blame them for everything. Then again, if the aliens are all powerful, as they certainly seem to be, why would they need to use implants at all?

So, confronted with the potential reality of such devices we can only wonder how far their use has actually been taken, and, ultimately, who is in control of them. Or, to put it another way, who might be in control of us?

Postscript:

Just prior to uploading this page I found the following posted on Dan Geib's excellent UFO Folklore site. The source is researcher Richard Boylan.

"Among documents recently obtained from the White House under the Freedom of Information Act is an interesting piece of correspondence between former Naval Intelligence Commander and Human Potential Foundation director Scott Jones, Ph.D. and White House Presidential Science Advisor John Gibbons, Ph.D. In a February 17, 1994 letter, following up on a February 4 White House meeting between Lawrence Rockefeller, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Gibbons, Scott Jones wrote:

"Whatever Roswell [UFO crash revelation] turns out to be, it is only the opening round. I urge you to take another look at the UFO Matrix of Belief that I provided you last year. My mention of mind-control technology at the February 4 meeting was quite deliberate. Please be careful about this. There are reasons to believe that some governmental group has interwoven research about this [mind-control] technology with alleged UFO phenomena. If that is correct, you can expect to run into early resistance when inquiring about UFOs, not because of the UFO subject, but because that has been used to cloak research and applications of mind-control activity."

If this proves to be a real document, then perhaps the ideas outlined in this piece may not be so outlandish after all. By now it is probably to late to counter the firmly entrenched beliefs of the ET community, and perhaps this is what "The Controllers" always wanted. I suspect this one will run and run...

Notes and further reading:

1 Quoted in "An Open Letter to the Swedish Prime Minister from a Survivor of Electromagnetic Terror" by Robert Naesland. From Secret and Suppressed; ed. Jim Keith. 1993. It now appears that Mr N'Tumba might actually have been the enigmatic Henry Azadehdel, a.k.a Armen Victorian, orchid smuggler, greengrocer and general UFO nuisance. (See Fortean Times #90)

2 Secret Life; David M. Jacobs. 1992

3 Abduction; John Mack. 1994

4 ibid.

5 Alexandria Journal; Virginia USA. Nov 8 1995

6 CUFORN Bulletin Vol. 15, #1, 1995

7 ibid. Antonio Fernandez, quality control technician with Panasonic Division of Matsushita Electric, Canada.

8 I recommend "In Search of the Manchurian Candidate" by John Marks as a starting point. Martin Cannon's "The Controllers" (see below) should also be considered essential.

9 High Times; Feb 1978

10 Microwave Auditory Effects and Applications; Dr. James Lin

11 Such Things Are Known, Dorothy Burdick. New York: Vantage Press, 1982.

Remote Mind Control Technology; Anna Keeler. In Secret and Suppressed; ed. Jim Keith (1993). Available at MindNet

The Controllers; Martin Cannon (1989). Available at MindNet:

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In Search of the Manchurian Candidate; John Marks (1975)

Revelations, Jacques Vallee (1991)

Journey Into Madness; Gordon Thomas (1989)

Philip K.Dick, the Unicorn and Operation Mind Control

With his box of implants and a mean moustache, Derrel Sims is - Alien Hunter!

For many of the above quoted articles, and more than you could shake an implant at, visit The MindNet Journal, edited by Mike Coyle.

The mind control forum is a site dedicated to exposing "the electromagnetic terror".

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Hell,

Yo Errol, did you let that one slip?

For the record: in the dark hallways of mystery where any single person is looking for deserved truths constantly being refused, honor should be granted to any character lucid enough to arrogate to oneself and to freely distribute PhDs.

Trying to confine Dr. Mortellaro's prose to expressions of self-pity or evidence of personal failure does cast some doubt on the sincerity of your action.

Pity is what you express publicly towards somebody to deprive him/her of any sort of credibility.

You have just done that. This is pitiful (sic).

If you care about Jim, don't make it a public issue. Send him some email! You like John, be my guest.

My assessment of Jim Mortellaro?

[;-)]

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Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 09:45:17 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 17:45:40 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 17:21:24 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 11:17:03 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Subject: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>There is also a strong suggestion (Martin Kottmeyer, The REALL
>>News, Vol. 3, No. 11, Nov. 1995) that the movie Communion, which
>>opened with widespread advertising and publicity three days
>>after the experience (initially noticed, according to the
>>witnesses, only because of it's "missing time") but before the
>>hypnosis session, was the stimulus for key details of their
>>abduction story. These include the use of a moving platform to
>>lower the abductees and an operating theater with rows of seats,
>>curiously mentioned in Streiber's book and in their account.

Let's note that these pop-culture explanations of abductions are unfalsifiable. If I say that the abductees in this case claim not to have seen or read "Communion," Kottmeyer could reply that they're lying, or that they'd forgotten, or that the imagery reached them in various ways even if they didn't see the movie or read the book. And I could never prove he's wrong.

But if the hypothesis isn't falsifiable, then, by common scientific standards, it's not provable, either. Kottmeyer, and now Bob Young, need to think things through more carefully. Young, for instance, needs to grant the possibility that three-fingered aliens with suction cups could appear in science fiction, and also in reality. He then needs to figure out a test of his hypothesis -- a way that we could demonstrate either than the abduction image comes from science fiction, or that it doesn't. If, instead, he simply insists that if the image was in science fiction, any abduction report with the same image was influenced by the science fiction, nobody can ever prove him wrong -- which, as I've said, also means that nobody can ever prove him right.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 20:41:39 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 17:48:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

>Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 13:12:44 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>Subject: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain
>To: UFO UpDates list <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hello Wendy, John, Jim and all

>I find myself agreeing with Mr. Velez' comments vis a vis Mr.
>Mortellaro's 'humor'. Now, Mr. Velez can certainly be
>obstreporous, and he often seems to have a chip on his shoulder
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>hate for anything to befall him while everyone else is nattering
>away about whether or not the AA is a hoax.

>Purrrrrs to all...
>wac

I am not particularly standing in Jim's defence (he can do that for himself) but I would like to say a quick word here.

Wendy,

There are certain people on this list (few and unnamed they are) that whenever I see their name in the header I hit the delete key, I don't even bother to read what they say. Now this might be a bit harsh, and even very biased, after all I'm not listening to both sides of the argument that way, but that is me. If I don't like the person I don't even bother to read what they have written. Yes I might well be missing out on some pearls of wisdom, but I strongly object to their attitude. I can't say its their viewpoint because I do respect that we are all entitled to our own views, I have mine and you have yours. But one thing I must say, If Jim riles you so, do the same, it works for me, it could work for you.

John,

I can't say the same to you because you have posted the "hit the delete key" line to others as well. What I would like to say to you is: It isn't your fault. No one could ever be blamed for being a victim (IMHO) so please, it might not be your way of handling being a victim, but it is for others. You know the

grief, let other victims express it in ways that they can to let it out.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Re: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 16:02:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 17:54:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

>Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 13:12:44 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>Subject: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain
>To: UFO UpDates list <updates@sympatico.ca>

Wendy wrote:

>Now, Mr. Velez can certainly be obstreporous, and he often
>seems to have a chip on his shoulder the size of North Dakoka

We all reflect some of the 'pace, style, and attitudes' of the places we grew up in, and the people we grew up with. I am a born and raised New Yorker Wendy. It's not a "North Dakota" sized chip I have on my shoulder, in fact it's not a 'chip' at all.

That, is probably what you hear in my tone and way of expressing myself. I'm really not an angry person.

>(although, in truth, if I'd been subject to one-tenth the
>ridicule and abuse he apparently has, I'd probably be a bit
>permanently ticked off, too.)

Oh, you'd be more than a little 'pissed!' I'm 'human' Wendy and subject to all the same weaknesses and shortcomings we all are. Although I do not 'hold onto' any resentment or 'anger' towards others as your remark implies, I have been through some very hurtful (and at times very public) humiliations at the hands of the very people I'm trying to report to. I have a lot of love in my life Wendy, (family, kids, grandkids, friends, and tons of animals) so that stuff like public ridicule or humiliation doesn't ever cut so deep as to reach my 'core' or have it stop me from doing what my conscience dictates I must do. You sound like a thoughtful, caring person. I have no doubt that the challenge of adversity would bring out the best in you rather than as you say, make you "permanently ticked off."

>But everytime I read anything from poor Mr. M, whether it's a
>"serious" letter or one of his "grippings," I wince.

Me too Wendy. I like your choice of the word, 'wince.' It is a little "pained" for him that I feel when I read him. In spite of my blunt 'sledge hammer' style of putting it, I didn't intend my post to be a 'flame' or an attack on Jim. To the contrary. I have known Jim for two years and the last thing I would ever do is to 'hurt' or injure him in public or in private.

What I said needed to be said and it needed to be said by a friend. There was nothing -mean-spirited in any of my statements to Jim. It was an honest, gut level response that I hoped would provide him with a little 'wake up' call and maybe even raise his awareness a little and make him a better 'listmate.' Someone (we) can all enjoy, and look forward to hearing from.

That isn't the case. He needed to hear that. More importantly, he needed to hear it from someone he knows cares about him and not from anyone who is simply out to stuff broken glass into his shoes. :) I talk tough to Jim, but I have also been a friend to

him and I have earned the right to be blunt and frank with him. Others that talk to him that way haven't. In fact some of it is just plain meanness.

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>are pathetic, poorly timed, and unfunny -- painfully unfunny.
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>hate for anything to befall him while everyone else is nattering
>away about whether or not the AA is a hoax.

Jim has people around him (and others like myself that he has access to) that care about him and would be willing to help in any way we can. Don't 'worry' about him. He's a big strapping boy of some 55 years old that is fully capable of 'bouncing back' and taking care of himself. He still has enough piss and vinegar in him to overcome what ever obstacles or difficulties may come his way. It's sweet that you were sensitive enough to care about the well being of a stranger. I wish more folks could be that way.

Regards,

John Velez, Longtime veteran of the 'Star-Wars' ;)

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

From: Donald Ledgerd <ledger@ns.sympatico.ca (>>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 17:42:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 17:57:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...

>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 18:43:51 -0800
>From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Jan 2000 23:43:33 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: Recent UFO Sightings Lack Credibility...
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Dear Mike and Victor:

>>Yes, the exact date would be very helpful, but even an inexact
>>date might be found if the location were given.

>>Do you have a physical description of the object(s) and a
>>precise location in addition to the approx. date?

>>Best

>>- Larry Hatch

>Larry, haven't you been reading what I posted? I have
>described my sighting at least twice. This time I will
>be more concise. More descriptive.

>Sighting: Sitting on a tree stump in my front yard viewing sky.
> 7 objects in a - V - formation traveling from North
> to South, at approximately 45 deg. elevation. First
> appeared to me as a White Delta Shaped object,
> presumed a B-57 Hustler Bomber.

> Formation made a sweeping 90 deg turn and approached
> me head on. Objects observed in - V - formation...
> Objects passed directly overme and proceeded to
> approximately 80 deg. East. At this point the lead
> object and the entire right side, pivoted to form an
> inverted - L - shape. Formation "slid" 90 deg. left,
> without reducing speed and returned North, from where
> it had originated. No noise was heard...

Hi Mike,

Just a couple of things. You probably meant a B-58 Hustler and
they were extremely noisy, for those who have never heard one.

Don Ledgerd

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Re: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 16:52:55 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 18:01:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain

>Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 13:12:44 -0500
>From: Wendy Christensen <christensen@catlas.mv.com>
>Subject: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain
>To: UFO UpDates list <updates@sympatico.ca>

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Dear Ms. W.A.C.;

Thank you for your post. Poor timing has always been a problem with me, however on different venues than the abduction (perceived) scenario. Whilst you are certainly entitled to your opinion, as are all on this list, I would like to tell you the truth as I know it to be.

First, the ridicule does not exist. Oh, once in a while I make someone unhappy and or uncomfortable, but that is expected when humor is applied to a serious subject. I swear to you though, on line, the negativity is quite seldom seen. Off line, the overwhelming volume of mail is positive. Usually, folks write in to thank me for lightening up the atmosphere. In his day, the nutcase what wrote of Brobdignag and Lilliput was known as a satirist. In our culture, people think it was a neat story. Some of course think it was a lousy story. Such is life and such is taste - widely distributed.

Please, do not waste your time feeling sorry for me. I am the happiest little puppy you'll ever meet. What I say in jest is just that. It's simple enough. If you take the funny stuff seriously, then you are missing out on a simple truth, that when the subject matter gets to the point where I begin to find it funny, I tear out of my cage and try to add a little levity.

Truth is, many do not find it amusing. Perhaps it is not as funny as I think it is. Perhaps it is more so. But whatever it is, it is not meant to be pathetically received. You are supposed to laugh.

If one cannot do that, there are two most obvious and desirable options, at least in my view. The first is that little place on your browser which allows you to kill the bastard before it strikes. It usually says something like "Delete."

The second is to tell Docca Kanappy, as you have done in this post, how you feel. I allow for the judgment of the good Docca. It's his list. I am without portfolio when it comes to being published or not. I let him decide what is appropriate, cathartic, inappropriate, pathetic or otherwise objectionable. So far, I have not been aksed to refrain from humor. Thus far, I ain't been axed needer.

It is just satire. Lighten up all of you who feel pathos. Lighten up all who are so impressed with some of the status quo in our field that a little nyuk nyuk annoys you into feeling sorry. I suggest applying your energies to people who really need the help.

According to the four shrinks I've seen, the only bad things I suffer from is impatience and a few ill-timed phobias. See, my philosophy in life is, if you cannot laugh at yourselves a little, then the alternative really sucks big time.

The alternative to humor is to be constantly serious and never be able to crack a smile. That, in my opinion, is sick. And to anyone who feels that the attempt at humor which I make is ill timed or inappropriate, think on this. For many of you, it's never appropriate. For a few, it is inappropriate all the time and brings down upon those whom you feel closest to, the wrath of judgment.

I say no to that. We are judged not by making fun at ourselves, but by taking ourselves too seriously, including the asinine non sense we all read, all too often. That's where we get bad raps.

So Docca K, if I am being a bad boy, ask me to go to my room. I shall stay there only on one condition. That is that I be allowed to suck my thumb whilst in there. I have ten fingers divided evenly on two hands. I'll even let you decide which one I should suck on. I do prefer the middle one. Somehow it just ... I dunno ... it just feels right, you know?

Jimmy

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Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 18:57:58 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 00:34:44 -0500
Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

>From: Steven W. Kaeser
>Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 07:56:17 -0500
>Fwd Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 08:50:45 -0500
>Subject: Re: AA FILM - Another Request From Philip

Previously, I had offered the following regarding the
"containment suits" in AA:

>>And on this point, consider the irony: The suits were supposed
>>to prevent contamination yet, because of poor visibility,
>>actually increased the likelihood of a possible cut or nick by a
>>contaminated scalpel. Ask any doctor and he or she will tell you
>>that such things happen far to regularly under the best of
>>conditions in the O.R. Protocols may change; the recognized

>>I do not believe for an instant that a real doctor would even
>>consider working under such conditions, even if they were in the
>>military and taking orders.

Steven writes:

>If you accept the cameraman's story, these suits were not really
>required for safety reasons. I believe that he declined to wear
>his suit while filming at least one of the procedures, in spite
>of the fact that the medical personnel wore theirs.

Hi, Steven!

Well, this is sort of the nut of the whole thing. If they
weren't needed then why were they wearing them?

Continuing, Steven offered:

>I would point out that radiation suits would have been different
>than bio-hazard suits, which I believe these were meant to
>represent.

Exactly! And what is a bio-hazard suit that isn't air tight? As
you say, if the alleged cameraman is to be believed, they could
wear them or not. Since they were useless as actual bio-hazard
suits, why on earth would a trained surgeon risk a nick or a cut
due to the poor visibility the suits rendered? This has never
made any sense to me at all.

Moving on, you wrote:

>About 50% of the doctors that I spoke with (and that really
>represents very few) thought the sequence shown was of an actual
>procedure and not a re-creation. However, none were willing to
>go "on the record" with that statement for fear of their
>reputations and their not really wanting to get involved. So
>where does that leave us?

>There were several doctors involved in some of the early
>productions that spoke positively about the AA sequences, but
>they later changed their stories when their claim began to cause
>them grief in their professions.

I think that they'd be a little more eager to back up the AA scenario if Ray would do the right thing and give them some support in return. After all, he wants them to risk their reputations for his benefit. If he's telling the truth and has the proof, then I see no risk for any doctor. You'd think Ray would be just as eager for their support.

Oh. I forgot... The men in black warned him not to say anything.
;)

take care,

Roger

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Rotating Objects = No Memory

From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcc@netcom.ca>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 20:32:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 00:37:48 -0500
Subject: Rotating Objects = No Memory

Perhaps this explains the phenomenon of alien abduction and memory processes...?

<http://unisci.com/stories/20001/0131004.htm>

People Have Little Memory Of Objects That Rotate

New research in the February issue of the American Psychological Association's Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance suggests that while people easily remember the direction of objects that move toward or away from them, or past them from side to side, they have virtually no memory for the direction of objects that rotate.

In multiple experiments, psychologist David Gildea, Ph.D. and his then graduate student Christy Price of the University of Texas at Austin, showed 48 undergraduate students computer-driven objects that moved either right or left across the screen or rotated clockwise or counterclockwise, or grew larger or smaller, mimicking the way objects look when they move toward or away from you.

During the first phase of the experiment, the students studied the objects as they moved on the screen. The researchers then showed them the same objects either moving as they had previously or in a new direction, or with a different motion.

After several experiments, Gildea and Price found that study participants could accurately recall five minutes later the direction of the motion of both looming (movement toward or away from you) and translating (movement from one point to another) objects but they only performed at the level of chance when trying to remember the direction of rotating objects.

This is particularly curious because looming motion and rotating objects both project fairly complicated patterns of movement on the retina. Looming motions seem to be as complicated visually as rotations and seem also to be processed in the same area of the brain. So, if the complexity of the image on the retina predicts cognitive function, people's memory for looming motion would be approximately equal to their memory for rotating motion. But Dr. Gildea's current experiments prove that it is not.

Why are human beings so poor at remembering the direction of rotating objects? Dr. Gildea theorizes that being able to judge a looming or translating object had consequences for people throughout our evolution.

It was critical, for example, to know whether the animal you were hunting was coming at you or retreating. But there were no similar instances that made a memory mechanism for rotating objects important.

"Apparently," Dr. Gildea concludes, "visual understandings are not organized in terms of the complexity of what is on the retina, but rather in terms of what the practical consequences are for behavior. When it comes to motion, humans are much more concerned with where things are going than with their

orientation."

Therefore, Gilden concludes that the best way to teach people to pull a car out of a spin is to teach them rote rules for doing so, because we do not remember enough about rotations to be able to control the spinning car based on past experiences.

Dr. Gilden plans to continue to study people's inability to remember rotating motion in an attempt to find the point in the visual system where rotating movement is dropped rather than being passed on to higher cognitive and memory regions of the brain.

He believes that because rotations held no evolutionary significance for us, the brain simply developed to ignore them at highly cognitive levels.

(Article: "Representations of Motion and Direction", Christy M. Price and David L. Gilden, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin. Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance. Vol. 26, No. 1.)

Contact: David Gilden, Christy Price

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From: Joseph Polanik <jpolanik@mindspring.com>
Date: Mon, 31 Jan 2000 20:45:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 00:40:10 -0500
Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes

>Date: Sun, 30 Jan 2000 12:18:27 -0500
>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
>Subject: Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Anyone who engages in this debate -- actually, anyone who's
>interested in abductions -- should read David Hufford's classic
>study of a scary nocturnal experience, "The Terror That Comes in
>the Night." Hufford studied a Newfoundland belief, that some
>people are visited at night by an "old hag," who puts
>frightening pressure on their chests while they lie in bed.
>Hufford was able to find numerous Newfoundlanders who reported
>this experience, and also found people in Pennsylvania who'd had
>it, without the support (or inspiration) in the culture around
>them. The experience, whatever it was, seemed genuine, and not
>derived from cultural factors.

>One explanation Hufford considered was sleep paralysis, which in
>one of the last chapters of the book, he examines in great
>detail, along with other sleep disorders. He finds many
>similarities between sleep paralysis and the "old hag"
>experience, but rejects any simple idea that sleep paralysis is
>the explanation. Perhaps, he says, the "old hag" experience can
>be considered a variety of sleep paralysis -- but sleep
>paralysis can't explain its content, and so the experience
>remains unexplained.

It's important to note that the content of the experience is the
only thing that is not explained by Awareness during Sleep
Paralysis, which Dr. Hufford calls 'sleep paralysis'. He writes:

"Can we say that sleep research has "explained" the Old Hag? No,
we cannot. We cannot because what has been gained has been a
description of physiological events that seem to account for the
production of the state, that is, paralysis in wakefulness,
preceeding or following sleep, during which a complex and
frightening experience may take place. The specific contents of
the experience, however, have not been explained. They seem if
anything more odd than they did before. If they are related to
ordinary dreams by the presence of REM physiology, why is their
content so consistently the same without apparent regard for
culture?" (p. 169)

My analogy is this. People go to see a movie at the neighborhood
multiplex cinema. Some people see a science fiction thriller,
others see a western, a romantic comedy, a horror movie and so
on. A literary critic might comment on what people saw and the
themes expressed in each genre. A scientist or phenomenologist
would notice that the same camera can project any kind of movie.

The point is that cultural influences may well explain the
content of the experience while obscuring the common process
involved with nominally different experiences.

>Not quite the same thing as our science fiction/abduction
>conundrum, since Bob Young and others think that science fiction
>imagery really does explain at least some of the content of

>abduction narratives. The similarity, though, is in how facile
>the explanation is, and how little it really explains.

Cultural influences *only* have to explain the content of the abduction experience and not the state of consciousness in which it occurs. The only theory that would rival the cultural influence theory is the literal extraterrestrial hypothesis. If the ETH isn't literally true, then we have to explain why it appears to so many that the abductors are extraterrestrials.

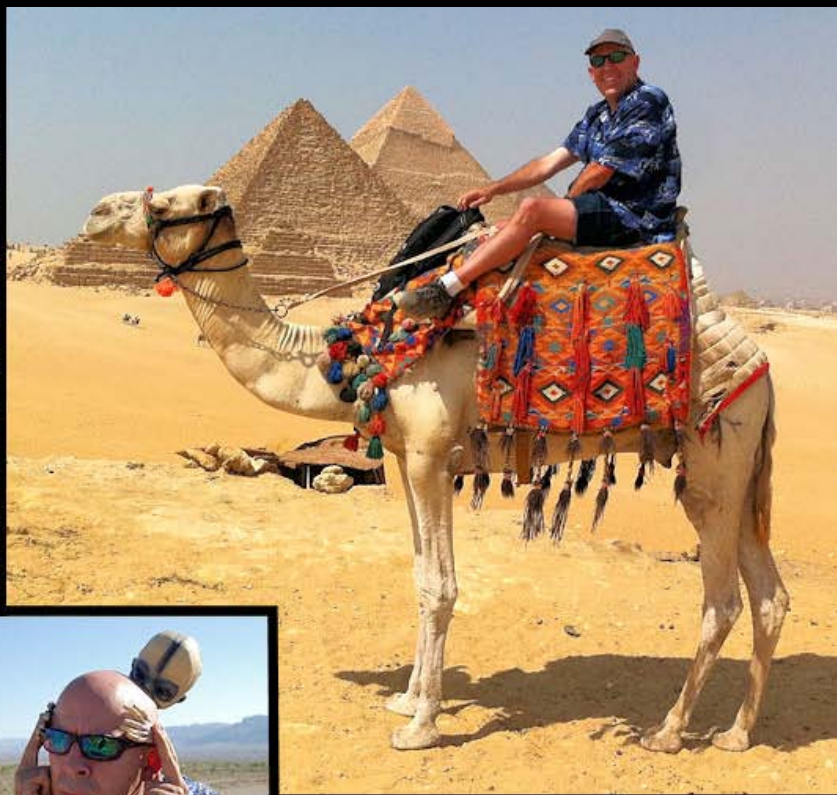
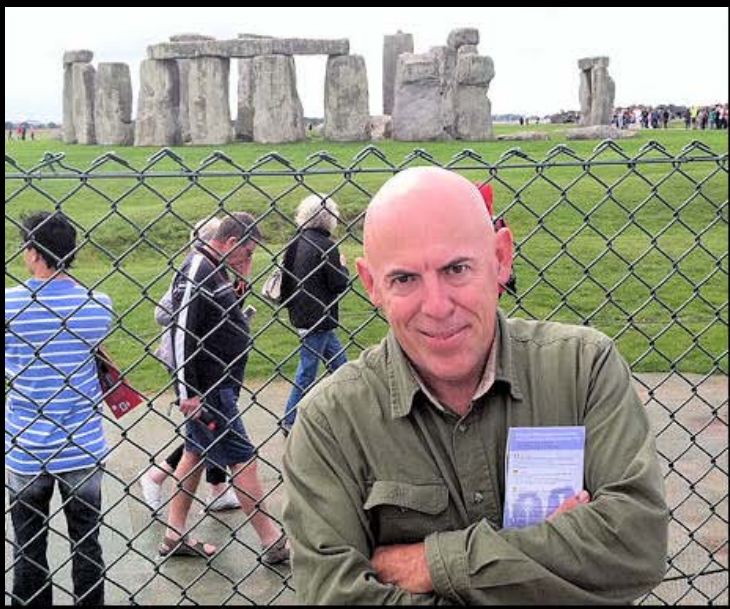
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