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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 19:13:14 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 07:59:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

>From: John Velez
>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 16:52:27 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 18:09:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

Previously, John wrote:

>>>Two weeks ago I proposed that we secure ten non-abductee UpDates
>>>list participants to act as a control group in an independent
>>>test. Claims have been made that the dust in the homes of
>>>'experiencers' contains glass-like beads and other odd silica
>>>particles that do not appear in the homes of non experiencers.

<snip>

Chris Rutkowski added:

>>You want dust samples from people who do not think they are
>>abductees. How do they know that?

John replied:

>The same way we cannot 'prove' that the abductees are actually
>abductees, it would be impossible to prove the opposite. We'll
>just have to take the word of the participants that they have
>(or have not) had a lifetime of UFO/alien related experiences. I
>don't think it'll happen, but wouldn't it be a real mind blower
>if there was actually some difference in the samples that break
>down according to which group the respondents claim to belong
>to?! I'm looking forward to seeing the results of this thing.

Hi, John!

We haven't been in our new house long enough to participate.
However, I wish you great success in your grand experiment; I
think it's worthwhile!

I do believe there is an opportunity that you may be passing up,
though, that sort of relates to what Chris mentioned above.
This is sort of a parallel to an ESP experiment that was done
(at Stanford?) where several hundred students were asked to put
their "yes" or "no" answers to whether they believed in the
existence of ESP in sealed envelopes which were then collected
and kept under double lock and key. These same students were
then given standard ESP tests. Surprisingly, the group that said
they believed in ESP did about 50% (I believe) better than those
that did not believe in the existence of ESP.

I think it would be interesting to find out the correlation
between the existence of these "spheres" and what the general
attitude is toward the belief in ET life. I've always felt that
people that believed in ET life might be more likely candidates
for abduction than non believers. While you may get some
"spheres" in some of the homes of those that believed in ET
life, it would be interesting, indeed, if these "spheres" never
showed up in the homes of non believers!

Since the abduction experience seems to be such a mental
experience as well as a physical one, pre-disposition might

account for how ET's "choose" their targets. By extension, the presence of "spheres" in the homes of those that believe might be an indicator of an abduction or attempt that has yet to surface in one's memory.

Just a thought...

Roger

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 20:51:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 09:05:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 02:26:03 -0500
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hello All,

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>We have an opportunity to conduct a little basic
>science/research on our own _and_ I haven't received a single
>bloody response from anyone! Amazing.

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>>something out of the ordinary in the dust collected from the
>>homes of people who have had, or still have, UFO abduction
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>>Yes, I would be willing to help.

Hello John,

Perhaps you can dust off the following confusion:

A research on UFO UpDates on jvif@spacelab.net displays the following threads.

29.Feb.2000: Mentioned Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!
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23.Feb.2000: Author of Re: Alien Invasion Week on TLC
19.Feb.2000: Author of Re: Roswell Items Sent to NASA
11.Feb.2000: Author of Re: Everything Before This Book A Confabulation
11.Feb.2000: Author of Re:
09.Feb.2000: Author of Randle Responds To Velez - Elsewhere
08.Feb.2000: Author of Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
08.Feb.2000: Mentioned Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
07.Feb.2000: Author of Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
07.Feb.2000: Author of Re: TV Producers and Joe Nickell
07.Feb.2000: Author of Re: TV Producers and Joe Nickell
05.Feb.2000: Mentioned Re: TV Producers and Joe Nickell
05.Feb.2000: Author of Re: TV Producers and Joe Nickell
31.Jan.2000: Author of Re: Velez, Mortellaro, Humor, And Pain
30.Jan.2000: Author of Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
29.Jan.2000: Mentioned Re: The Eyes Have It
29.Jan.2000: Author of Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
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27.Jan.2000: Author of Re: 60% of Abductees Are Gay - Randle & Estes
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26.Jan.2000: Author of Re: The Eyes Have It
26.Jan.2000: Author of Re: The Eyes Have It
23.Dec.1999: Mentioned Re: On False Memory

Please note there was no "Subject: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal".

Yet, Nick Balaskas wrote you this morning (?) in answer to a post you, heck, didn't post?

If I were you, I'd check on Nick.

Serge

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 19:37:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 09:54:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 11:54:02 +0251
>From: Stephen MILES Lewis <elfis@austin.rr.com>
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hello, all John, Steve,

>>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 02:26:03 -0500
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>Subject: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>C'mon guys! Is this list just about blowing a lot of hot air on
>>each other or are there still some people who are interested in
>>looking for real answers? I wonder.

>>Contact me at my e-mail address if you are interested in
>>participating in the control group.

Sorry I missed this one pard, must've been during one of one of
the threads that I tend to jettison when things aren't
interesting - to moi at least.

>>jvif@spacelab.net

>>Sincerely,

>>John Velez, Webmaster AIC

>Dust Bunny Rookie Elfis reporting for duty sir JV,

>Count me in! Within which thread did you post yer
>original suggestion / query for participants - I missed it
>somehow.

>I'm almost more curious to see how many samples
>get opened in route for inspection by the Postal Thugs -
>"hmm... what's this powdery substance in this plastic
>baggie marked 'abductee dust sample - do not break
>seal' " [turns to coworker] "Sounds like there's a new
>type of dope on the streets."

Yes, I intend to send Dust Bunnies, however no DNA analysis must
be done as it would be a combination of Human, Dog, Cat, and ah,
Mollusk (er, Oregon Leopard Slug to be exact - I'm a gardener)

>Send me sampling details (from which rooms? away
>from the cat box, incense burners, and illicit chemical
>stashes I presume?).

>Ready to contribute my two specks worth.

>SMiles
>www.elfis.net

Levity is one of the Hallmarks of this list, however, John may

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have something here. However in all seriousness, I am an Experincer, non-abuctee (thank the God who is there) and would like to contribute our Dust Bunnies to the cause, if I survive the expedition under the Bed (they charge when they're wounded you know) I'll gladly give a sample-of dust.

GT McCoy

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 23:17:12 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 10:52:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 02:26:03 -0500
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>submitted. I already have ten abductees (members of AIC) lined
>up to submit samples from their homes. The only thing missing is
>the non-abductee group.

<snip>

Hi everyone.

Although there is a micro-universe of strange things just waiting to be discovered in this proposed dust study, we should initially focus our attention only to strange things that are in common to other unrelated dust samples.

Someone like me who is willing to put much time looking through microscopes doesn't need to know which of the two groups each dust sample belongs to until after all the dust samples have been carefully examined and observations recorded. It is important though that the specimens come directly to me and are handled by everyone in a consistent manner. Arrangements will be made for others to independently examine all the submitted dust samples through the microscope to see if they too come up with similar or different findings.

In order to simplify things for everyone and get this proposed dust study underway quickly, I have a few suggestions which would help me get initial results in the shortest time. We can always do a larger and more thorough dust study in the future which can involve things such as the chemical analysis of strange trace substances found or even try to grow any micro-organisms which may be present.

I would like to suggest that people who wish to participate in this dust project do the following:

- 1) Wash your hands well and blow them dry if possible.
- 2) Using a new roll of Scotch Tape, cut a length no less than four inches and holding it from the ends only, place it sticky side down on a flat surface. Gently press down so it picks up the entire layer of dust.
- 3) Insert the strip of Scotch Tape with dust in a small unused zip lock plastic bag. Do not fold the scotch tape.

4) Take at least two more dust samples in a similar way. Collect them from different rooms and from different locations (for example, off the floor under a bed, off the top of an undusted door or shelf, etc.). Make sure to identify each zip lock plastic bag so we can later determine where each dust sample was collected from.

5) Place your three or more dust samples in an envelope and deliver it in person or mail it to me at the address below. Please include your name, address and an e-mail address or phone number. I will contact everyone to ask further questions after I have first closely examined your dust samples and finished comparing them with all the others.

6) All findings of this initial dust study will first be made available to John Velez and all the participants and later to all other interested individuals.

Your dust samples can be mailed to me at the address below.

Nick Balaskas
Physics and Astronomy
York University
132 Lumbers Building
4700 Keele Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3

FAX: (416) 736-5516

Please wait a few more days for possible changes or additions to the above steps as proposed by John Velez or others through UFO UpDates before we officially get this dust study underway.

Nick

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Respond to O'Reilly's UFO Farce

From: Joe Murgia <Ufojoel@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 00:33:44 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 10:56:48 -0500
Subject: Respond to O'Reilly's UFO Farce

I think we should all contact Mr. O'Reilly and let him know how uninformed his guest was and how it would have been nice to have had Officer Craig Stevens on the show. Maybe even have Stanton or Bruce M. on to give "our" side of the story. You guys should try to get on these news shows more often.

Joe in Tampa

From: www.sightings.com

(Note - Thanks to Michael Ramsey for securing this transcript of the O'Reilly program.)

From Michael Ramsey <enumaelish3600@netscape.net>
2-29-00

To: enumaelish3600@netscape.net
From: Wendy Blair <wblair@emediamillworks.com>

Show: THE O'REILLY FACTOR
Date: February 24, 2000

Contact Bill O'Reilly at:

oreilly@foxnews.com

This is a rush transcript. this copy may not be in its final form and may be updated.

BILL O'REILLY, HOST: In the Back of the Book Segment tonight: Are they coming from outer space?

On January 5th of this year, Millstadt, Illinois, police officer Craig Stevens says he saw a large triangular object floating through the sky. Three other policemen confirmed the sighting. UFO investigators are now checking it out, and one theory is that the object was a stealth blimp.

Joining us now from Seattle is Peter Ward, a professor of geological studies at the University of Washington, and author of the book "Rare Earth."

So, Professor, you know, these sightings come -- continue, and the -- you've got this cop, and he says he saw this thing, it was a UFO, and three other cops say, "Yeah, we saw it, too," caused a lot of excitement in the Midwest, and when you hear this, what do you think?

PROF. PETER WARD, "RARE EARTH" AUTHOR, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON: Well, the U.S. government for the last 50 yrs. has supposedly been hiding things in hangars. U.S. scientists for the last 50 years have been looking into these supposed sightings, and we as a group have decided to move on, and that's what I suspect that

these people in the Midwest ought to do, is move on.

O'REILLY: Have you ever heard of a scientist who does believe in UFOs, extraterrestrials? Is there anybody around with any authority that does believe?

WARD: I'd probably get in trouble if I say that there is. I know of no one, actually, certainly in my circles and the people that I associate with and work with. No.

O'REILLY: All right. So, in the academic world, UFOs have been totally debunked. Is that fair, though? There's a lot of phenomena out in the sky. I mean, we've had astronauts say, "Hey, we saw something really weird." We've had policemen all over the place. I mean, I talked to one woman -- and a very, very honest, credible woman who I've known for years -- say, "I saw something in Nova Scotia, and it changed my life." Do you just discount these things?

WARD: Well, what I've tried to do in our book "Rare Earth" with Don Brownlee -- we -- we haven't tried to say, "How often is there intelligent life in the universe?" and, obviously, if it's a UFO, it's being driven by something with intelligence. We've asked the question "How often are there even worms or very lowly animals in the universe?" and a lot of information in the last five years suggests that there's not much out there. Bacteria, yes, but evolved creatures -- worms, jellyfish, bunny rabbits -- not too many.

O'REILLY: In our solar system, right?

WARD: Not just our solar system. In the universe.

O'REILLY: OK.

WARD: The universe is a very lowly place.

O'REILLY: But how far have we been able to penetrate in the universe? I mean, we -- we -- there are still places that our technology can't bring us, correct?

WARD: Well, that's true, and maybe this is a failure of imagination on our part, but a lot of new information doesn't come from looking out into space. It's looking at the rock record on earth, fossil record, and other -- paleontologists tells us an awful lot about how difficult it was on the planet for the evolution of life, and this planet appears to be in a very benign part of our solar system and especially our galaxy.

O'REILLY: So because we had such a difficult time evolving over mil -- was it billions or millions of years?

WARD: Oh, billions of years.

O'REILLY: Billions. OK. That you -- you don't believe that another planet could replicate what we did.

WARD: Well, there are so many planets. There's 400 billion stars in our solar system, and Carl Sagan didn't invent billions and billions for nothing. These numbers are huge. So to say that there is not another earthlike planet is crazy. However, to say that we could travel in a spaceship and never find one is probably also crazy. Maybe.

O'REILLY: All right. So somewhere out there...

WARD: Way out...

O'REILLY: ... way, way out there...

WARD: Way out there.

O'REILLY: ... there could be people going on spring break right about now.

WARD: Well, maybe not people. But yes. Yes.

O'REILLY: Well, you know, whatever they are.

WARD: Whatever they are.

O'REILLY: Why -- why do people want so much to believe in UFOs, because it's a huge, huge industry, as you know. Look at "The X Files." And I -- I mean, people just can't get enough. Why?

WARD: I -- because we want them to be there. We want there to be something less -- maybe less mundane than our own lives or our own existence, and yet in -- the more I look and the older I get, I realize this planet really is pretty unique, at least in this solar system and probably in the cosmos.

O'REILLY: Do you get angry when people like Whitley Strieber make a lot of money writing books that they've been captured by aliens and all of this stuff? Does that anger you?

WARD: No. It makes me laugh, but what I do get angry -- having written this book, in the last couple of weeks, we've gotten a lot of press about it. I get really angry and almost threatening e-mails and phone calls from people saying, essentially, "You've taken by toys away. How dare you."

O'REILLY: Oh, don't worry about the threatening e-mails, Professor. We -- we're very used to that here. You have to take that with good humor. If they're interested enough to write you, that -- that's a compliment. But there are people who get very emotional about UFOs and aliens and all of that, right?

WARD: Oh, there -- there certainly are. There certainly are.

O'REILLY: Have you ever analyzed that and why they -- they're tied in? It's got to be more than just their -- look, you -- you've got to be a moron to be bored these days with the computer, right? I mean, just turn it on and...

WARD: Well, that's...

O'REILLY: You know, come on. There's got to be a reason why we want there to be so -- you know, some space guy to come down.

WARD: Well, let's ask the chief of SETI. I was debating him last night, and here's a person who really wants there to be aliens because he spent 150 million bucks looking for them.

O'REILLY: Who's this?

WARD: Seth Shostak down in the Puerto Rican Arecibo Radio Telescope. He's the head of the SETI Institute. They are looking and are soliciting money, and I -- personally, I subscribe to the idea we should look. I just don't think we ought to spend a lot of money doing it.

O'REILLY: Does this guy believe there are aliens out there waiting to come down?

WARD: Oh, his job depends on it, so I...

O'REILLY: Yeah, so -- this is a huge industry. We've got to talk to this guy, so we'll book him, too.

All right, Professor. Thanks very much.

WARD: Sure.

O'REILLY: And we hope everybody's not depressed that the aliens -- because I don't -- I've never seen them anyway, but I have seen a lot of politicians who I have very strong suspicions about.

Thanks.

WARD: Thank you for having me.

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From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 01:25:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 11:00:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 02:26:03 -0500
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>Contact me at my e-mail address if you are interested in
>participating in the control group.

John,

Does the fact that I've had sightings affect my being a control
sample gatherer? Just wondering.

May inquire ask non-UFO-related people I know and ask them if
they'd be willing to participate in this study.

Michel M. Deschamps

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Errol Please Post... This Is Not A Joke

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 01:36:31 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 11:09:49 -0500
Subject: Errol Please Post... This Is Not A Joke

Sorry to inform you that my close cousin recently sent me an email, it was supposed to be a funny.

It wound up containing a virus. I have no idea which of you may have been sent the mail. It occurred when I was eating dinner. Came back to see my computer running, modem on - sending data.

When I found out what happened, I spent the \$25 bucks it cost to call McAfee. It was worth it. Took just a few moments to correct.

The instructions which accompany this mail are sent directly from McAfee, but you may have some trouble as I did... if so, there are instructions and phone numbers to assist you in the attached (below).

This is no one's fault. The virus worm will force the infected machine to sign onto the internet every thirty seconds and attempt to send the virus to the entire email address file.

Many of you must have gotten it.

I attach the instructions, telephone numbers, et.al., below.

Yet again... with my condolences.

Jim Mortellaro

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Subj: DO NOT OPEN MY EMAIL FILE
Date: 02/29/2000 6:20:17 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: jrshark@dreamscape.com (John R. Mako MAI, SRA)

Hi All! Looks like today, I was infected with an email virus which sends itself to everyone in my internet address book. Don't open any attachments to emails sent today, 2/29.

Since I am getting some messages back, it looks like some of you have been infected. I have already cleaned my machine.

Below are the instructions to remove the w32/Pretty.worm virus.

Manual Removal of W32/Pretty.Worm

Creation of the REGEDIT.SCR File

1. Click on the Start button. Highlight Programs, then click on MS-DOS Prompt.
2. At the C:\WINDOWS> prompt type the following: copy regedit.exe regedit.scr <then press ENTER on the keyboard> exit <then press ENTER on the keyboard>

Backup the Registry

IMPORTANT: Before beginning to manually remove W32/Pretty.Worm from your computer make sure to backup the Registry. This will safeguard your Windows installation. You can recover your Windows configuration by restoring the backup if an error occurs during the removal process.

1. Click on Start. The Start menu will appear.
2. Click on Run.
3. Type REGEDIT.SCR in the Open field.
4. Click the OK button. The Registry Editor window will appear.
5. Click on the Registry pull-down menu.
6. Click on Export Registry File.
7. In the File Name field type "backup" (without the quotation marks).
8. In the Save In field be sure that the desktop is selected (if it is not, click on the pull down menu and select "Desktop").
9. Select "All" in the Export Range group box.
10. Click on the Save button. The registry will then be saved.
11. Click the X in the top right corner to close the Registry Editor.

You now have a backup of your Registry saved as "backup" on your desktop. NOTE: If you need to restore the Registry you can double click on the "backup" file located on the desktop. Once these instructions are complete and everything is running properly you may delete this backup file by right-clicking on it then left-clicking on Delete from the pop-up menu that appears.

Edit the Registry

1. Click on the Start button. The Start menu will appear.
2. Click on Run.
3. Type REGEDIT.SCR in the Open field.
4. Click the OK button. The Registry Editor window will appear.
5. Click on the plus (+) sign next to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE.
6. Click on the plus (+) sign next to SOFTWARE.
7. Click on the plus (+) sign next to Classes.
8. Click on the plus (+) sign next to exefile.
9. Click on the plus (+) sign next to shell.
10. Click on the plus (+) sign next to open.
11. Highlight the folder named command.
12. Double-click on the word "default" on the right side of the screen.
13. Delete the "Files32.VXD" text that is found in the Value Data field.
14. Now type the following into the Value Data field exactly as it appears (after the colon):"%1" %*
15. Click the OK button then close the registry editor.
16. Restart the computer.

Deleting Pretty Park Files

1. Click on the Start button.
2. Highlight Find then click on Files or Folders.
3. In the Named field type FILES32.VXD
4. In the Look In field make sure the C: drive is selected then click the Find Now button.
5. The computer will then search for the file named FILES32.VXD. When it finds it the file name will be displayed at the bottom of the dialog box.
6. If the file is found right-click on the icon that appears to the left of the file name. A pop-up menu will appear. Now left click on Delete. Answer YES to any questions about placing this file in the recycle bin.
7. Now delete the FILES32.VXD text that was typed in the Named field and type PRETTYPARK in its place. 8. Click on the Find Now button.
9. The computer will then search for any files named PRETTYPARK. When it finds it the file name will be displayed at the bottom of the dialog box.
10. If the file is found right-click on the icon that appears to the left of the file name. A pop-up menu will appear. Now left click on Delete. Answer YES to any questions about placing this file in the recycle bin.
11. Click the X in the top right corner to close the Find dialog box.

You are now clean from W32/Pretty.Worm

If you have problems, call McAfee at 1-801-492-2600 (long distance charges only will apply), or 1-800-950-1165 (\$25 fee).

McAfee Technical Support

Jim Mortellaro

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From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 05:15:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 11:11:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 10:07:17 -0800
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
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>>the non-abductee group.

Jim writes:

>I also missed seeing your first request for this. But I think it
>would be better to gather the control-group dust from those not
>on this list at all, and from friends or neighbors whom you know
>are not at all interested in UFOs, or who deny their existence.
>That's because those of us on this list (well, most of us) have
>had some predisposition to being open towards the reality of the
>UFO phenomenon. That's why we're on the list. In many cases that
>predisposition stems from being a known abductee -- at least
>known for sure to the abductee. But in some cases that
>predisposition may have been prompted by being an unknowing
>abductee -- one who has not yet recalled any memories associated
>with it, and has not yet observed anomalous scars or missing
>time, etc. So, if anomalous "dust" shows up in the homes of some
>of the latter, this would cast needless doubt upon the matter.

>But if what's wanted for controls are only those who are _not_
>currently undergoing frequent alien abductions of which they are
>all too aware, then your procedure seems OK to me.

Hiya Jim,

This is, after all, the 'Internet' and that fact alone
guarantees that the tests will not meet up to strict scientific
standards. We'll try to do the best we can under the
circumstances. That doesn't mean we shouldn't try it though. The
results, whether fer or agin should prove interesting and
there's nothing wrong with us doing a little investigating for
our own heads. If something like this could be funded, then you
can mount a 'serious' attempt to try replicate the original
study. This is a little experiment that I've proposed among
ourselves. I don't have or make any pretensions that the results
be taken as gospel or that it can ever stand up to a strict

scientific scrutiny.

Let's 'do it' the best we can and take the ensuing results with a grain of salt. The results could prove to be interesting in spite of any shortcomings in the execution. It may even instigate more serious efforts to replicate the original study later on by others with funding in hand who are far more qualified than myself. Like I said, let's do the best we can under the limited circumstances and not place demands and standards on it that the medium we are using simply does not allow. We shouldn't let those 'limitations' stop us or 'invalidate it' before we even try.

I'm sure there are several folks who want to kill this baby in the cradle. Later for them. Let's press on. There are many others who are as interested in seeing the end results of this whether it is executed with 'absolute perfection' or not! Someone somewhere will always find fault with anything anyone does anyway. Nature of the beast. :)

Let's just do it. We can all have fun kicking the 'sandcastle' apart later. Let's get it built first!

John Velez

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 09:37:37 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 11:16:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 19:13:14 -0600
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: John Velez
>>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 16:52:27 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 18:09:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

>Hi, John!

>We haven't been in our new house long enough to participate.
>However, I wish you great success in your grand experiment; I
>think it's worthwhile!

>I do believe there is an opportunity that you may be passing up,
>though, that sort of relates to what Chris mentioned above.
>This is sort of a parallel to an ESP experiment that was done
>(at Stanford?) where several hundred students were asked to put
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>presence of "spheres" in the homes of those that believe might
>be an indicator of an abduction or attempt that has yet to
>surface in one's memory.

Indeed. As long as it stops there, the thought that is.
Someone might get the idea that balls in dust bunnies is related
to just being predisposed to abduction and not abdcuted. A
little too new age for this dust bunny.

If there is a correlation, Roger, it is likely a genuinely
physical one, relating to the technologies used by aliens in
getting themselves here and us there, eh?

If it's physical, then it's just that, physical evidence of a
physical, not a psychical, phenom. Most likely. Damned hard
enough figuring out the physical nature of this crap without
immediately complicating the phenom with something even more
esoteric.

We got balls in dust bunnies? Good. Let's figure out if so and why without getting it all mucked up with, ESP, channeling and the kisser on Mars.

No I did not misunderstand you. I just cyphered that someone with a little less sense might jump in and wake up J. Jaime with the extention.

Here, let me give you an example.... your kids' marbles don't count.

Just a thought.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

From: Kelly McGillis <kellymcc@netcom.ca>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 10:58:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 11:20:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 16:52:27 -0500
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>1. Kelly suggested the following;

>>And perhaps there is a third group you may wish to test. This
>>would be a group of people who experience Awareness during Sleep
>>Paralysis (ASP).

>Kelly, the original study _does not include_ an ASP group and in
>deference to the wisdom of the old 'KISS' concept (Keep It
>Simple Stupid!) I don't see any reason to introduce it into the
>sampling now. The original claim is, that there is a difference
>between the content of the dust in the homes of 'abductees' as
>opposed to 'non-abductees.' We're just trying to see if _those
>results_ (without introducing a third or fourth control group
>which was _not_ included in the original) can be replicated.

>Yours is an interesting suggestion and it deserves to be checked
>out at some point. After we do this, -you- may wish to initiate
>such a study yourself. I would be happy to contribute a sample
>to it. Because we have more supply than demand, dust is cheap in
>New York at the moment and I have plenty to spare. :) Thanx for
>your interest.

You're welcome! I did not mean to muddy the waters by introducing
a third group - as I said, I am not a scientist. And since I am
not a scientist, I could never conduct a scientific study of my
own. And KISS means "Kelly's Incredible Secret Society" not
"Keep it Simple Stupid".

Good luck with the Dust Bunny Research! Sounds so scientific to
me, that perhaps I shall initiate my own study! I would
endeavour to call it: Kelly's Incredible Scientific Success:
Black Gucky Bathroom Mold and the Incredible Incidents of UFO
Sightings - an Incredible Co-relation Factor! Incredible!

I just was trying to help.

Kelly

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NIDS Responds to Klass-ic Stupidity

From: **National Institute for Discovery Science** <nids@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 20:05:25 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 17:23:58 -0500
Subject: NIDS Responds to Klass-ic Stupidity

National Institute for Discovery Science - <http://www.nidsci.org>

The following is the NIDS reply to a recent article in the Skeptics UFO Newsletter (SUN) #62 by Philip Klass suggesting that the recent multiple police officer eyewitness case on January 5, 2000 was based on the police officers mistakenly seeing the planet Venus. The NIDS report of the case can be found at: <http://www.accessnv.com/nids/>

Rebuttal to SUN #62, March 2000

by

Eric W. Davis, Ph.D.

Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society

Member of the American Astronomical Society

Senior Member of the American Inst. for Aeronautics & Astronautics

The SUN author suggests, on the basis of extremely brief excerpts taken out of context from eyewitness testimonies, that a parsimonious explanation for the Illinois UFO case of Jan. 5 is that the UFO "might be" Venus. The SUN author then faults the NIDS analysis because NIDS investigators did not consider this a possibility.

NIDS considered but rejected stars or planets as possible explanations for this case on the grounds that the majority testimony identified the UFO as a large (200-600 feet linear, 40-60 feet thick) triangular-shaped object possessing (on its underside) downward pointing white lights arranged at the corners, a red light near the center, possible additional red lights spaced at intervals across the underside and near the perimeter, and a row of multicolored lights along one side between two corner white lights.

There also appeared to be large windows with light emanating through them, but these could have possibly been openings or light sources. The bright white lights on the corners were described as blinding to the eye and lighting up the area below the craft.

A witness estimate of the brightness of the white lights was that they were much brighter than a police cruiser spotlight.

Witnesses observed the UFO to be hovering, slowly rotating about a vertical axis, a combination of the first two followed by slow linear motion, and slow linear motion or hovering followed by sudden linear accelerations sending the object across the sky to the witness's apparent horizon.

The UFO was flying at low altitude, described by witnesses as being tree top or 1000-2000 feet above ground.

The object flew northeast to southwest from Highland at 4 a.m., later observed at Lebanon and Shiloh in Illinois, changed its course to northwest and then changed course again heading southwest.

At 4:30 a.m. it was sighted at 10,000 feet altitude near Dupo, changing direction from southwest to north then to east while

maintaining that altitude (knowing that this altitude is very approximate), yet at this time Venus was still less than a degree above the horizon and very difficult to see.

The object hung around the Dupo area for about two more hours.

These facts together do not argue in favor of a planet or star explanation for the UFO.

They argue in favor of an aerial object, a craft, possessing extended physical dimension, shape, complex array of lights along with slight sound.

The present data is insufficient to determine whether this object was a special access (black) program vehicle or something of unknown origin.

The planet Venus was not above the horizon until it rose at 4:25 a.m. on January 5 in Illinois/Missouri and it was -4.07 visual magnitude.

At 4:30 a.m. Venus was $0^{\circ} 45'$ (corrected for atmospheric refraction) above the horizon when it could first become visible to local observers, but generally difficult to see because of the surrounding trees, rolling hills and structures known within the localities of the UFO sighting.

Venus was at $4^{\circ} 38'$ (corrected for atmospheric refraction) below the horizon at $110^{\circ} 52'$ azimuth (between E and SE) when the UFO was first sighted near Highland, Ill. in the northeast part of the sky by the first witness at approximately 4 a.m.

At this altitude below the horizon, Venus will not be seen any earlier in this time frame due to refraction. (The refraction angle correction for visible star/planet altitude above/below the horizon is measured in arc minutes, $1/60$ th of a degree, which decreases in value as objects approach zenith, and 30 arc minutes is the maximum refraction correction at the horizon.)

The second witness saw the UFO in Lebanon approximately ten minutes later when Venus was still $2^{\circ} 49'$ (corrected for atmospheric refraction) below the horizon ($112^{\circ} 23'$ azimuth).

The police log in Lebanon also noted that witness one's report was recorded at 4:10 a.m. ten minutes after he sighted the object in Highland.

Jupiter (-2.51 visual mag.) rose at 12:11 p.m. on January 4 and set at 1:15 a.m. on January 5 so it was not in the sky during the January 5th event.

Mercury (-0.77 visual mag.) was well below the horizon near the sun until it rose at 7:02 a.m. that morning.

Vega (visual mag. 0.10, NE), Arcturus (visual mag. 0.02, E), Sirius (visual mag. 1.6, SW), Procyon (visual mag. 0.5, SW), Rigel (visual mag. 0.3, W), Betelgeuse (visual mag. 0.6, W) and Capella (visual mag. 0.2, NW) are the only relatively bright stars at or above the horizon after 4 a.m. January 5. But again, they (visual magnitudes and sky positions) do not fit the facts as described by the eight witnesses as an explanation for the UFO.

A thorough forensic investigation requires consideration of all facts and details gathered from complete eyewitness testimony, and not just from selected excerpts from same such testimony.

Anything short of this is irresponsible.

The testimony transcripts were put on the internet to make clear to interested readers the evolution of events as described by the witnesses interviewed by NIDS.

It is erroneous that the SUN author would extract selected excerpts from witness testimony out of context as described in SUN #62 (March, 2000) so as to frame a simple explanation for the Illinois UFO.

For example, the SUN author neglected the rest of witness one's

testimony describing how the object "kept moving" and "kept getting closer" as he continued to watch it in the northeastern sky until it was close enough to him that he could see the underside and side of the object, describing it's size, array of red lights and windows on it. The object kept moving on to the southwest.

Venus was below the horizon and between east and southeast at the time.

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Satellite Decay Cross References

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 12:37:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 17:51:46 -0500
Subject: Satellite Decay Cross References

Satellite Decay Cross References for Sightings in China, Tibet,
and East Africa

Hello List,

The clipping below may be of some assistance towards
identification of sightings in China, Tibet, and East Africa.
Thanks go out to Jonathan McDowell Harvard-Smithsonian Center
for Astrophysics Newsletter for this information.

The ASTRO-E X-ray astronomy satellite was launched on Feb 10.
However, the first stage of the M-V launch vehicle (serial
M-V-4) went off course. An anomalous vibration was detected 25
seconds after launch. At 41 seconds ceramic heat shields in the
first stage nozzle apparently broke and fell off, and thrust
vector control on the nozzle was lost.

Stage 1 separated at 1 min 15 s; stage 2 separated at 3 min 38
s. The third stage burn completed at 5 min 21s. Last signals
from M-V-4 were received at 20 min after launch; the payload
probably separated from the third stage at 23 min.

Although the upper stages were able to fire and make some
correction to the trajectory, ASTRO-E ended up with a perigee of
only 80 km and an apogee of 410 km. It may have reentered on the
first orbit at around 0230-0300UTC somewhere between East Africa
and Tibet or western China (depending on the altitude at
injection); Space Command don't seemed to have cataloged any
objects from the launch.

Todd Lemire
<http://members.home.net/tlemire/UFOCENTRAL.html>

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"We would rather, I suspect, fear the unknown than convert it to
the known. What we may fear more deeply than the unknown itself
is the prospect of actually knowing it. Happily for all of us
there are people like yourself who refuse to be bound by such
mass refusal of reality, who are not afraid to seek and learn."

Coral Lorenzen: Flying Saucers - The Startling Evidence of The
Invasion from Outer Space

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Re: An Open Letter to the International UFO

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 10:53:42 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 18:02:14 -0500
Subject: Re: An Open Letter to the International UFO

>Date: Fri, 25 Feb 2000 01:11:15 -0500 (EST)
>From: Kathleen Anderson <KAnder6444@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to the International UFO Congress
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 23 Feb 2000 02:54:52 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to the International UFO Congress
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 22 Feb 2000 16:45:35 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: An Open Letter to the International UFO Congress
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Why do so many people on this list worry so damned much about
>>supporting biographies and Curriculum Vitae? Huh? Doesn't what
>>the dude have to say matter much more than his CV?
>>Who are we to determine who is righteous enough to speak our
>>minds and who are not? Seems that is the purview of those who
>>put on the show.

>Sorry, not sure which comment is yours Jim. I am airing my
>opinion for these reasons. And I am in agreement with Robert.

>Mr. Reed has never clarified "whom/who" he spoke with at MUFON
>in Seattle. As State Section Director I remain clueless. If it
>was National UFO Reporting Center and Peter Davenport, that
>doesn't work as he was out of the country. There are those that
>have contacted the University of Washington and no one can find
>a Dr. Reed ever working there. We can't even verify he's a
>doctor.

>What is so secretive about the location. I hike a lot and would
>like to know the general area of the trail. What's to lose? I'd
>get abducted so something?

>I don't think titles make you an authority in the ufo field but
>I take it very personal when someone makes up stories just to
>get attention. It wastes my time and tests my patience and
>trust. I am speaking in general here. It deludes serious
>investigation and makes most of us look like a monkey's a#@.
>Excuse my un ladylike language but I get rather irate when
>feeling we are being played the fool.

>Kathleen Andersen

This Reed idiot also claimed he spoke with Peter Davenport.

I was one of the first to begin exposing Reed's fraud and in a
conversation I had with Peter, he stated that he would have
remembered such a call even if it was a "what if" type of
calling regarding the recovery of an EBE.

Reed is a fraud and was presented with more than a fair share of
opportunities to come forward and present his evidence. But as
everyone knows, when it came time to put up or shut up Reed
wasn't up to the task.

Royce J. Myers III

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<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy)

<http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog> (UFO Hall o' Shame)

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 14:26:15 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 18:30:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

>From: Jim Mortellaro
>Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 09:37:37 -0500 (EST)
>Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 11:16:21 -0500
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal

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>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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Jimmy replied:

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>out if so and why without getting it all mucked up with, ESP,
>channeling and the kisser on Mars.

Hello, Jim...

I think that you do misunderstand me. I am not in any way
implying that the existence of "spheres" causes one to be
predisposed to an abduction. I am suggesting that the "spheres"
could be evidence of ET presence whether the home owner is aware
of it or not. What would be significant is if people that do not

believe in ET life never have "spheres" while people that do believe in ET life show the presence of "spheres", regardless of how small the percentage.

For instance, let's assume that the findings of the original study show 50% have spheres while the other half recalls no abduction and has no spheres. And of the 50% that have them, only half recall an abduction. This would indicate that of the total group, only 25% correlated to the ET phenomenon in any way shape or form.

On the other hand, if everyone in the group that had spheres (regardless of whether they recalled an abduction or not) was predisposed to believe in ET life while those without spheres did not believe in ET life, then the ET connection is broader and provides a more useful profile of what may have happened in the forgotten past or what could still happen in the unseen future.

As it stands, merely the presence of spheres provides no real correlation, especially if the spheres show up in the homes of people that clearly do not recall an ET experience. Knowing each participants' disposition on ET life, however, might fill in the missing part of the equation; especially when it comes to dealing with the inevitable discrepancies between those that have spheres and those that don't.

In short, we may find that belief in ET life may be a more common denominator than a recalled abduction when it comes to explaining the presence of these spheres.

Later.

Roger

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 14:48:05 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 18:34:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

In reference to:

>From: Peter Brookesmith Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 17:19:20 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Feb 2000 18:14:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

To whit he offered:

>I can also get you good English dust from Moore Castle at good
>rates. Ladies Caroline & Isobel's servants are unbelievably lax
>and they have tons of the stuff over there. None of them has
>been abducted either, except perhaps by the occasional
>Frenchman, but we overlook that.

>Seriously, I'll sign on for this one, even though I agree with
>almost every word that Chris "Laugh A Minute" Rutkowski raises
>in objection.

And he refers to `_me_` as "Laugh a Minute"? Sheesh.

>best wishes
>Pananbrush D. Motesweeper
>Genetic Sport

Peter, (and I say this with all the heartfelt emotion intended):

"Nyuk! Nyuk! Nyuk!"

Respectfully yours,

Chris Rutkowski

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Nobody in particular

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Re: Errol Please Post... This Is Not A Joke

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 17:07:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 18:36:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Errol Please Post... This Is Not A Joke

>Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 01:36:31 -0500 (EST)
>From: Jim Mortellaro <jmortell@aol.com>
>Subject: Errol Please Post...This Is Not A Joke
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Sorry to inform you that my close cousin recently sent me an
>email, it was supposed to be a funny.

>It wound up containing a virus. I have no idea which of you may
>have been sent the mail. It occured when I was eating dinner.
>Came back to see my computer running, modem on - sending data.

>When I found out what happened, I spent the \$25 bucks
>it cost to call McAfee. It was worth it. Took just a few
>moments to correct.

Jim-

You're very lucky. The Pretty Park worm can cause your system
to become unusable if you try to remove it incorrectly.
Information pretaining to this worm virus can be found at
<http://www.f-secure.com/v-descs/prettyp.htm> and includes
instructions similar to those you had forwarded.

Do not delete files32.vxd until you've made the registry
changes listed, and keep in mind that there are two locations in
the registry where it might be added and both must be checked.

If you delete the .vxd file without making the appropriate
changes to the registry and restarting the system you won't be
able to run any executable programs on the system, which
includes the registry editor.

Steve

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The Pelican Writes...

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 22:27:16 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 18:40:31 -0500
Subject: The Pelican Writes...

Magonia 70 will be out in the next few days. Pelican-fanciers may appreciate a preview of our feathered friend's column. The Pelican is always anxious to read your comments.

THE PELICAN WRITES . . .

The Pelican has been wondering, somewhat disingenuously, how it is that different accounts of the same UFO incident can give the reader very different impressions as to what really happened.

Take the famous incident of 17 April 1966 when Dale Spaur and Barney Neff chased either a UFO or the planet Venus - depending on which version you read - across part of Ohio and into Pennsylvania. The Pelican has indulged in some ufological exegesis on two accounts of the incident, a credulous one by J. Allen Hynek (1) and a sceptical one by Robert Sheaffer. (2) Together they serve only to deepen the mystery rather than providing enlightenment.

So far as the Pelican is concerned, the biggest mystery in this case is: Why did Spaur and Neff chase the UFO - or what they thought was a UFO - in their car? Hardly any ufologists express surprise when they hear of cars chasing UFOs, so perhaps the problem needs to be spelled out clearly. If police officers in a helicopter spot a stolen car then they can easily follow it and relay its position to officers on the ground, who can then arrange to intercept it. On the other hand, if police officers in a car spot a stolen helicopter they would not be able to chase it very far because a car is constrained to follow the roads, but a helicopter can easily move in any direction. Attempts to use a car to chase any airborne object would be useless, as well as endangering other road users.

Well, given that the two officers were crazy enough to attempt to chase something in the sky, what could they have really been chasing? According to the believers, they must have been chasing a UFO because there were a few other reports of the object having been seen. Sceptics insisted that Spaur and Neff had been chasing Venus. Sheaffer says that the sky at the time of the incident was "quite clear", but does not give the source of this vital piece of information. Hynek does not mention the state of the sky.

As the UFO was seen in the east when the chase began, Sheaffer says that if it really was a UFO the men should have seen two objects - the UFO and Venus. But surely he means three objects? Hynek says: "On that morning Venus was just a few degrees to the upper right of the moon." So, surely, if the men started chasing Venus, would not the fact that it remained in the same position relative to the moon tend to destroy the illusion that it was something moving through the atmosphere? Neither Hynek nor Sheaffer discuss this problem.

Anyway, Spaur and Neff were chasing something which, Sheaffer decided after studying their accounts of the incidents and a map of the route they took, remained in the eastern sky, rising slowly throughout the chase. Sheaffer thus concluded that they were chasing Venus, because it was very bright and in the east at the time. Or was it the moon? How could they have failed to

notice it if, as mentioned above, it was close to Venus? It is all very puzzling to the poor old Pelican.

However, if someone saw the object, from a different vantage point, being pursued by the police car, then it must have been a Genuine UFO. It so happened that Officer Wayne Huston was monitoring the radio conversation between Spaur and his office in Ravenna. Huston was at East Palestine, Ohio, where he saw the object when the pursuing police car was still about five miles away. He said: "As it flew by, I was standing by my cruiser. I watched it go right overhead. It was shaped something like an ice cream cone with a sort of partly melted down top. The point part of the cone was underneath; the top was sort of like a dome. Spaur and Neff came down the road right after it. I fell in behind them."

This is taken from Hynek's review of the case. Sheaffer manages to give an entirely different impression, by rubbishing Huston's testimony. He writes: "It can be shown, however, that Huston's account of the object's approach is internally inconsistent. Huston claims that he first sighted the object when cruiser P-13 was about five miles away. But he told Weitzel that the UFO appeared to pass overhead in a matter of seconds, leaving him little opportunity to observe the object. If Huston actually did spot Floyd when it and its pursuers were reportedly five miles away and if the object's speed did in fact match P-13's 80-85 m.p.h. velocity at this point, Huston would have had the object in view for at least three and a half minutes."

So, did Huston underestimate the time the object was in view and thus get a good look at it, or did he just get a fleeting glimpse and thus get a false impression of the details, or was he telling a pack of lies? This is where we need a good investigator. Both Hynek and Sheaffer rely heavily for their accounts on the work of William Weitzel, who investigated the case for NICAP.

According to Hynek: "Much credit must go to William Weitzel, instructor in philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Branch, who with care, industry, tact, and persistence brought together the many details of this Close Encounter account."

Sheaffer is less impressed. "Unfortunately, Weitzel's enthusiasm for the UFO phenomenon caused him to overlook some obvious inconsistencies and, worse still, to be blind to significant changes in the witnesses' stories as time passed."

Both Hynek and Sheaffer agree that the case was not properly investigated by Project Blue Book, which was at that time headed by Major Hector Quintanilla. As Sheaffer puts it: "There was in principle no reason that Quintanilla could not have launched an in-depth investigation into the sighting, and after a period of weeks or months he might have produced an entirely satisfactory explanation for every major aspect of the sighting. But the news media pressure was on."

Thus, in the absence of a proper Blue Book investigation the task was left entirely to amateurs, who no doubt had their own axes to grind. But apart from any criticisms of their efforts, this case raises another important issue - the question of the reliability of eyewitness testimony.

Sheaffer's technique in dealing with UFO reports is to doubt the accuracy of testimony whenever acceptance of it would leave sightings unexplained. In his book *The UFO Verdict* he devotes a chapter to discussing the problem of witness reliability, but much of the inaccurate reporting he mentions seems to arise from the fact that the witnesses did not know what they were looking at.

However, he gives as one example the crash of a de Havilland 110 fighter at the Farnborough Air Show on 6 September 1952 in which 28 spectators were killed and 60 injured. He quotes the writer Stephen Barlay who said that of the thousands of eyewitness reports received only one letter was of some use and that most witnesses "got the split-second time-sequence of disintegration backwards, filled in bits with imagination, and preferred theories to reports". (3)

But the Pelican has discovered another, probably more reliable,

account of this air crash investigation written by the man who was given the task of examining the wreckage, aircraft engineer Fred Jones. (4) Jones gives the true reasons for the disappointing reports from spectators. "In the event... it transpired that fewer than a dozen witnesses had told stories that coincided with the now known facts of the disintegration. They all described correctly what they had seen but, by a quirk of circumstance, all those thousands of people saw the accident only after it started, and the few who did get it right were over near to Cove Radio Station, and nearly under, or to the starboard side of, the aeroplane as it approached the aerodrome." Jones was looking for evidence of what happened at the start of the incident and eventually obtained it from a cine film taken by a professional cameraman. An important point to consider is that many witnesses were not in a good position to see exactly what happened. Even more important is the fact that it all happened so quickly. The starboard wing started to buckle, then the wing was torn off and the aircraft disintegrated. Jones remarks: "All this takes time to describe, but it actually occurred in less than half a second." The Pelican wonders how many readers could accurately remember a fairly complex sequence of events presented to them unexpectedly, and lasting for only half a second? No, this is not a good example of witness unreliability.

Back to the great UFO chase. Can we make any sense of it? Not much; there are too many loose ends, and accounts of it have become too distorted by either credulity or scepticism, though, as Sheaffer says, we would have a satisfactory explanation if it had been competently and impartially investigated at the time.

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>>>the dude have to say matter much more than his CV?

<snip>

And in my ever continuing quest for a page to call my own, here is my latest version! It's just going to keep getting better and better! See, I have thought of something unique. I am going to build and destroy homepages - my own of course! And they all hold great clues to UFO mysteries and other enticing things.

Thanks for your patronage and curiosity,

Kelly

<http://msnhomepages.talkcity.com/RomanceRd/kellykiss/>

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Re: Errol Please Post... This Is Not A Joke

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 19:21:34 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 07:43:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Errol Please Post... This Is Not A Joke

>Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 17:07:28 -0500
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Errol Please Post... This Is Not A Joke
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Subject: Errol Please Post...This Is Not A Joke
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Sorry to inform you that my close cousin recently sent me an
>>email, it was supposed to be a funny.

>>It wound up containing a virus. I have no idea which of you may
>>have been sent the mail. It occurred when I was eating dinner.
>>Came back to see my computer running, modem on - sending data.

>>When I found out what happened, I spent the \$25 bucks
>>it cost to call McAfee. It was worth it. Took just a few
>>moments to correct.

>Jim-

>You're very lucky. The Pretty Park worm can cause your system
>to become unusable if you try to remove it incorrectly.
>Information pertaining to this worm virus can be found at
><http://www.f-secure.com/v-descs/pretyp.htm> and includes
>instructions similar to those you had forwarded.

>Do not delete files32.vxd until you've made the registry
>changes listed, and keep in mind that there are two locations in
>the registry where it might be added and both must be checked.

>If you delete the .vxd file without making the appropriate
>changes to the registry and restarting the system you won't be
>able to run any executable programs on the system, which
>includes the registry editor.

>Steve

Thank you Steve:

For those of you who are not confident in such matters, it pays
to call the experts. The only charge for the 801 number is a
long distance call. Expect no more than 10-15 minutes at the
most to make the repair.

I chose the \$25 fee using the 800 number. For those who cannot
afford that, and I understand there are many, get yourself a
cheap (\$0.05 a minute) service and make good use of it. It will
cost you no more than ONE DOLLAR for a 20 minute call.

McAfee people are very savvy. They walk you thru every step.

Jim Mortellaro

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From: Michael Christol <mchristo@mindspring.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 19:26:50 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 07:45:45 -0500
Subject: SPACE_LINK WEB_PAGE Gone

Just a short note to let all of you know that I have removed
"SPACE_LINK WEB_PAGE" from the web.

It will no longer be available.

With all the new websites dealing with UFOS and Paranormal
information now available, and more coming daily, I feel my site
will not be missed.

Thanks to those who have visited in the past.

REgards, Mike

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Need Copy of McCain on Fox

From: **Stephen Bassett** <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 01 Mar 2000 23:58:11 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 07:51:34 -0500
Subject: Need Copy of McCain on Fox

To the list:

X-PPAC would be very interested in getting a copy of McCain being asked about the Gersten law suit on Fox.

If anyone taped this, would you please send a copy to X-PPAC.

You will be reimbursed for any expense.

Thank you,

Stephen Bassett

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>>>the dude have to say matter much more than his CV?
>>>Who are we to determine who is righteous enough to speak our
>>>minds and who are not? Seems that is the purview of those who
>>>put on the show.

>>Sorry, not sure which comment is yours Jim. I am airing my
>>opinion for these reasons. And I am in agreement with Robert.

>>Mr. Reed has never clarified "whom/who" he spoke with at MUFON
>>in Seattle. As State Section Director I remain clueless. If it
>>was National UFO Reporting Center and Peter Davenport, that
>>doesn't work as he was out of the country. There are those that
>>have contacted the University of Washington and no one can find
>>a Dr. Reed ever working there. We can't even verify he's a
>>doctor.

>>What is so secretive about the location. I hike a lot and would
>>like to know the general area of the trail. What's to lose? I'd
>>get abducted so something?

>>I don't think titles make you an authority in the ufo field but
>>I take it very personal when someone makes up stories just to
>>get attention. It wastes my time and tests my patience and
>>trust. I am speaking in general here. It deludes serious
>>investigation and makes most of us look like a monkey's a#@.
>>Excuse my un ladylike language but I get rather irate when
>>feeling we are being played the fool.

>>Kathleen Andersen

>This Reed idiot also claimed he spoke with Peter Davenport.

>I was one of the first to begin exposing Reed's fraud and in a
>conversation I had with Peter, he stated that he would have
>remembered such a call even if it was a "what if" type of
>calling regarding the recovery of an EBE.

>Reed is a fraud and was presented with more than a fair share of
>opportunities to come forward and present his evidence. But as
>everyone knows, when it came time to put up or shut up Reed
>wasn't up to the task.

>Royce J. Myers III
>eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy
><http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy)
><http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog> (UFO Hall o' Shame)

The only points which I consider important out of all this, is not the defense of a person whose credentials are suspect, but defense of:

- 1) That person's right to speak his or her opinion
- 2) The right of an entity (conference, etc.) to allow that person to voice his opinion in the venue.

It is then up to you to agree, disagree or otherwise boycott the event. Nothing more. Nothing less.

My boss Dr. J. Jaime has not been invited to any of these events. And look at all his degrees. In his case, no one even wishes to hear his opinions. See what I mean? No?

Well then, try wincing and feeling sorry for him. All them degrees, all that protfolio, Prince among men and no venue to spit it out.

So much for my Curriculum Vitae theory.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 04:26:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 08:39:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt Proposal - Again!

Hello All,

Ok, Here's the latest and the greatest.

The "abductee" group will be composed of 15 individuals (myself included.) Out of necessity, (people have careers, families, and reputations to protect) I cannot reveal their identities on the open UpDates list. Their identities and locations are known to me. I will be contacting them privately.

The 15 'control group' (non-abductees) will consist of the following volunteers. Note, I have left one spot open in case anyone else wants in on it. (Or I have missed someone! Please drop me a line if you volunteered and I missed your name.)

1. Jan Aldrich
2. Chris Rutkowski
3. Sean Jones
4. Mike Woods
5. Rebecca Schatte
6. Todd Lemire
7. Brian Cuthbertson
8. GT McCoy
9. Peter Brookesmith
10. S. Miles
11. Laura Miller
12. Mark Cashman
13. Luis R. Gonzales Manso
14. Errol Bruce-Knapp
- 15.

Listen guys, I know of no other criteria for placing anyone on either list other than taking people at their word. There really is no other rock solid way to do it. We will assume that those who claim to have had a lifetime of UFO/abduction experiences are 'abductees' and that those who have never had those experiences (or recollections of it) are not abductees. If we allow ourselves to get stuck debating this one (albeit important) point this thing will never get done. Please let me know if I forgot anyone in the control group.

A. Collecting/storing/documenting/shipping of samples.

I need a mailing address for everyone participating in the dust sampling. I will be sending you a "kit" which will contain several small sealed and sterile plastic containers as well as some colored wax for re-sealing the container later.

*Very important! Any containers that Nick receives that arrive with a 'broken seal' will be discarded. (That takes care of identifying tampering by 'border cops' looking for dope!) At least this way we will know whether they have been re-opened in transit.

Also included will be a simple 'form' that you can fill out as you gather your samples. It will ask for basic info such as date sample was taken, location in home where sample was taken, etc.etc.

I would like to suggest that people who wish to participate in this dust project do the following:

- 1) Wash you hands well and blow them dry if possible. Lysol antiseptic spray will take care of any little 'buggers' on your skin.
- 2) Using a new roll of Scotch Tape, cut a length no less than four inches and holding it from the ends only, place it sticky side down on a flat surface. Gently press down so it picks up the entire layer of dust.
- 3) Break the seal on the sterile container provided, (do not use any containers that arrive to you with a broken wax seal. Simply discard it and notify me immediately.) insert the strip of Scotch Tape with dust into it, and close it. Do not fold the scotch tape. A small colored 'birthday' candle will be included so that you can 're-seal' the container with a drop or two of wax along the edge of the container cap. The containers will be numbered. Just fill in the information requested next to the corresponding number on the form provided.
- 4) Take at least two more dust samples in a similar way. Collect them from different rooms and from different locations (for example, off the floor under a bed, off the top of an undusted door or shelf, etc.). Make sure to identify each container on the form so we can later determine where each dust sample was collected from.
- 5) Place your three or more dust samples in the bubble envelope that will be provided and deliver it in person or mail it to Nick Balaskas at the address below. Please include your name, address and an e-mail address or phone number on the form. Nick will contact everyone to ask further questions after he has first closely examined your dust samples and finished comparing them with all the others. Nick will be using a high quality stereo microscope with both low and high magnifications and equipped with a built in video system to be made available to us for the duration of the study.

With the video system we would be able to make a complete record of everything we examined which could then be made available to hundreds of others so they can verify our findings and catch anything we may have missed. Unusual items common to many dust samples examined would be sent to the scanning electron microscope for much closer examination and elemental analysis.

- 6) Nick will make all findings of this initial dust study available first to John Velez and all the participants; and later to all other interested individuals.

Your dust samples can be mailed to Nick at the address below.

Nick Balaskas
Physics and Astronomy
York University
132 Lumbers Building
4700 Keele Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3

FAX: (416) 736-5516

That's it kids. Considering we don't have a 'budget' for this, it's as good a job as we can do under the circumstances. If any one is unhappy or unsatisfied with the methods we have chosen let me know and you will be removed from the volunteer list.

It's going to take me a week or so to put everything together and get it out to you guys. I'll post a note to UpDates when I'm ready to go. In the meantime, please send me your snail mail addresses privately. Mark the e-mail: Private/dust bunny. Look for the 'kit' to arrive in the mail shortly afterward.

I want to thank you all for your time and cooperation. It is appreciated. Who knows? Maybe something 'interesting' will come out of it! :)

If I've accomplished nothing else, I have somehow managed to drag that 'White man who speaks with forked tongue,' Brookesmith out of the horse stables long enough to let us know that although he is knee deep in dust and dung, he is still alive and

well. <lol>

Thanx again guys.

John Velez

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"Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind."

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Hmmmm... pelicanists (named after the "favored" - by some -
recent "explanation" of the Arnold sighting) unite in leaving
out important stuff.

I can appreciate Rimmer's discussion of the Spaur-Neff sighting
so long ago. Certainly there are mysteries. But for me there
are two parts, not just one. First... what did the officers see
(nearly) above them which began this UFO sighting, and second,
what did they chase. Why not include the initial sighting as
part of it? Of course, Sheaffer, etc., split it into two parts
and argue Venus for the second part.

ANOTHER WITNESS:

Pelican has included some valuable information in his
extra brief summary:

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>watched it go right overhead. It was shaped something like an
>ice cream cone with a sort of partly melted down top. The point
>part of the cone was underneath; the top was sort of like a
>dome. Spaur and Neff came down the road right after it. I fell
>in behind them."

>This is taken from Hynek's review of the case. Sheaffer manages
>to give an entirely different impression, by rubbishing Huston's
>testimony. He writes: "It can be shown, however, that Huston's
>account of the object's approach is internally inconsistent.
>Huston claims that he first sighted the object when cruiser P-13

>was about five miles away. But he told Weitzel that the UFO
>little opportunity to observe the object. If Huston actually did
>spot Floyd when it and its pursuers were reportedly five miles
>away and if the object's speed did in fact match P-13's 80-85
>m.p.h. velocity at this point, Huston would have had the object
>in view for at least three and a half minutes.">

>So, did Huston underestimate the time the object was in view and
>thus get a good look at it, or did he just get a fleeting
>glimpse and thus get a false impression of the details, or was
>he telling a pack of lies? This is where we need a good
>investigator. Both Hynek and Sheaffer rely heavily for their
>accounts on the work of William Weitzel, who investigated the
>case for NICAP.

It is amusing to note the failure to apply some logic here, if
Huston was even approximately correct.

In the earlier statement about the chase Pelican points out that
Spaur and Neff were traveling eastward from Ohio into
Pennsylvania. One may presume from the above that Huston was
initially east of Spaur and Huston and that he was looking
Westward when he first saw "Floyd" (the UFO). (Makes me think
of "Bubba" of Gulf Breeze fame.) Anyway, all this time Venus was
low in the east, so how could Huston have been looking at a
stationary Venus and have mistaken that for amoving object
initially to the west? The possible fact that Huston didn't get
a good look at it, whether for a few seconds or for a few
minutes, is of lower important here than the testimony of the
initial sighting direction and that it "flew overhead."

Remember, Sheaffer follows Maccabee's First Rule of Debunking:
any explanation is better than none.

Incidentally, I have met Weitzel. He got high marks on all of his
investigations back in the 60's. (He dropped out of UFO
investigation maybe 30 years ago and has recently returned.)

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SAUCER LANDS ON ANCIENT
PYRAMID IN WILTSHIRE, UK

"Driver Clive Stevens is seeking the truth behind mysterious coloured lights he saw over Silbury Hill (in North Wiltshire, UK) in the dead of night."

"He said the flashing lights formed the shape of a flattened oval 'rather like a flying saucer' and he is hoping other motorists might have spotted them and tell him what they mean."

"Mr. Stevens, 25, of Upper Isbury in Marlborough, was driving home on the (Motorway) A4 past the Waggon and Horses pub in Beckhampton when he saw the shimmering blue, green, white and red lights in the distance."

"'It looked like a helicopter landing pad on an oil rig with all the bright lights,' said Mr. Stevens, a consultant on water softening devices who was returning home after dropping off a friend in Chippenham," a city about 125 miles (180 kilometers) west of London.

"He said it was on a clear night with a bright moon but he could not see people on top of the (Silbury) hill, just the lights forming an oval which he estimated as being two-thirds the size of the hilltop."

"On top of the hill was a whole pattern of lights in a traditional flying saucer shape. They were blinking red, white, green and blue, he said."

"'I could not tell if it was hovering, or if it was stationary on top of the hill. It really scared me because I was on my own; there was no other traffic about, and you hear these stories of alien abductions.'"

"Mr. Stevens said he was also well aware that the hill stands in the centre of an area where mysterious crop circles are frequently found."

"He said that as he drove past the hill the light dropped behind the hill, and although he did look in his mirror, he did not see it again."

"He added, "I am not frightened to admit I was scared stiff, and I could not get along the A4 quick enough.'"

"Mr. Stevens, a keen military historian, said he doubted the light could have been from a helicopter or aircraft. Nor does he think the lights were caused by hoaxers because they would have had to be on the end of long poles."

"'It was very cold on Sunday morning (February 20, 2000), which makes me think that if there were hoaxers there, they would have needed their heads read,' he added."

The sighting took place at about 4 a.m.

"Doug Sheppard, landlord of the Waggon and Horses pub, said he was in bed at 4 a.m. on Sunday, and he had heard reports of strange happenings at Silbury. But, he said, 'I don't know if it's connected at all, but my telephones went down at the weekend. When BT (British Telecommunications--J.T.) came to repair it, they said it was an exterior line fault.'"

Silbury Hill is one of the most ancient sites in Britain. It's an earthen pyramid that covers five acres and is constructed of over one million tons of earth, apparently moved by hand.

According to Aubrey Burl, author of Prehistoric Avebury, Silbury Hill is an estimated 4,000 years old and is said to be the burial site of King Kunedha, a legendary monarch of the Beaker Folk. The king's body, clad in golden armor, is said to lie at the base of the man-made mound.

Silbury Hill bears an amazing resemblance to the pyramid of Cuicuilco in Mexico, which geologists maintain had to have been built before 8,000 B.C.

Nearby Beckhampton and Abury Hill have been the site of intensive archaeological efforts recently, but it is not known if these activities have anything to do with the landing of the saucer. (See the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald for February 25, 2000. See also Prehistoric Avebury by Aubrey Burl, Yale University Press, 1979, pages 128 to 136. Many thanks to Gerry Lovell of Far Shores for forwarding the newspaper article.)
(Editor's Comment: This seems to be Pyramid Week at UFO Roundup. See the next story.)

EGYPTIAN MAGAZINE SAYS A DEAD ALIEN WAS FOUND AT GIZA IN 1988

A strange story about the Great Pyramid of Giza appeared in the March 2000 issue of the Egyptian magazine Rose El-Yussuf.

According to the article, in 1988, French Egyptologist Louis Caparat "discovered a secret room in the Great Pyramid of Cheops (his Greek name. The pharaoh's true name was Khufu--J.T.)."

The alien humanoid "was found in a crystalline transparent case. At first the alien appeared to be hibernating," or in a state of suspended animation.

Caparat reportedly "also found a papyrus text" which described Pharaoh Khufu meeting with the alien, who told him that some day his space-traveling species would arrive from the stars. The alien supposedly suggested the design of the pyramid and persuaded the Egyptians to build it as his resting place.

"Caparat sent a message to a colleague in Spain, Francisco de Braga, a biologist, inviting him to come to Egypt" to take blood, cell, tissue and DNA samples from the dead alien.

But when Dr. de Braga arrived in Cairo, he was detained by the Egyptian Ministry of State Security and put on a plane back to Madrid.

According to Rose El-Yussuf, the dead alien was taken to a laboratory at an undisclosed location by Egyptian military intelligence. (Many thanks to Wisam Mohammed and Alfredo Lissoni for this story.)

(Editor's Comment: Take this story with a grain of salt, readers. Mysterious dead bodies have been turning up in the Great Pyramid since Abdullah Al-Mamun first broke into the structure way back in 813 A.D. Abdullah, who was the son of the famous caliph, Haroun Al-Raschid, hired a crew of Egyptians who laboriously bored a hole right through the Pyramid's wall.

According to author Peter Tompkins, "Some Arabian authors have reported that Al-Mamun found in the sarcophagus a stone statue in the shape of a man. They say that within the statue lay a body wearing a breastplate of gold set with precious stones, an invaluable sword on his chest, and a carbuncle ruby on his head the size of an egg, which chone as with the light of day." See Secrets of the Great

Pyramid by Peter Tompkins, Harper and Row, New York, N.Y., 1971, page 15.

On the other hand, there have been a lot of strange goings-on at the Great Pyramid since 1996, including secret UNESCO teams visiting, unmarked military vehicles and black helicopters seen at Giza, and the recent round of heavy construction.. It's anyone's guess what is really going on out there.)

TWO CYLINDRICAL UFOs SIGHTED OVER NAPLES

On Wednesday, February 23, 2000, "two cylindrical UFOs were observed circling over a housing development in Agnano," a section of Napoli (Naples), the famous Italian seaport city 180 kilometers (125 miles) south of Rome.

"According to the account in the local newspaper, the two OVNIs (Italian acronym for UFOs--J.T.) ascended to a very high altitude in a zigzag motion, with one rising much faster than the other. The two objects fled before onlookers could take a photograph. (See the Italian newspaper Il Giornale of Napoli for February 24, 2000. Grazie a Edoardo Russo di Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici per questo rapporto.)

SILVERY UFO SPOTTED IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA

In early February, Italian businessman Omar R. went on vacation to Argentina. While stopping overnight at the Hotel de Turistas on Lago (Lake) Verde in Chubut province, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) southwest of Buenos Aires, Omar spotted a peculiar-looking object hovering above the lake.

"Over the lake hovered a perpendicular silver metallic disc. Its surface caught the gleam of the sun. It was very shiny, reflecting the bright sun. The gleam moved over the disc's surface as it slowly moved across the lake, away from us."

Omar shot a single photograph with his new digital camera. After transferring the image to a floppy disc, he mailed it to his family back in Italy. The family sent it to the Centro Ufologico Nazionale (CUN) for analysis. (Grazie a Alfredo Lissoni di CUN d'Italia per questo rapporto.)

CRUCIFORM UFO SEEN IN CENTRAL COLORADO

On Sunday, February 20, 2000, at 7:40 p.m., Michael D. and a friend were driving on Interstate Highway I-25 from Fort Collins to Denver, Colorado. As they were passing near the highway exit nine miles (15 kilometers) west of Platteville (population 1,515), they spotted something strange in the sky.

"We saw a bright star--a brilliant green light drop from a cloud above," Mike reported. "We were heading south to Denver from Fort Collins when we saw it. It was not a meteor.. The person I was with does not believe in UFOs. It shocked me, too."

"The object was huge and in the shape of a cross. We were in the high country at an altitude of about 5,600 feet. Pretty rural area.," he added, and they had the UFO in view for several minutes. (Email Form Report)

STAR DUST--RIDDLE OF THE MYSTERIOUS RADIO MESSAGE

The mystery of the Star Dust, the British Avro Lancaster airliner that disappeared in August 1947, took a couple of strange new twists this week, as Argentina's Army and Air Force teams collected human remains from the newly-discovered crash site.

The wreckage of the propellor-engine Avro Lancaster Mark III Tudor airliner was discovered in January on a glacier on Mount Tupungato, one of

the highest peaks in the Andes.

On Wednesday, February 23, 2000, a team of 17 Argentine Army soldiers, under the command of Lt. Col. Ricardo Bustos, "spent eight hours looking for human remains" at the crash site, packed them in trunks, and loaded the trunks aboard mules for the precipitous climb down the mountain to their base camp.

Meanwhile, a special survey team of the Argentine Air Force took digital photos of the 600-meter crash site, plus video footage, in an effort to determine what happened to the plane.

The Star Dust was on the last leg of her flight from London, traveling from Punta Asuncion in Argentina to Santiago de Chile when she vanished shortly after 2 p.m. on August 2, 1947.

Aboard the aircraft, an RAF Avro Lancaster bomber of World War II which had been converted for civilian use, were eleven people, including six passengers and five crew members.

The crew consisted of pilot Capt. Reginald Cook, a former RAF Bomber Command pilot with hundreds of hours' experience in flying Lancasters; First Officer Norman Hilton-Cook, Second Officer Donald Checklin, Radio Operator Dennis Harmer and Stewardess Iris Adams.

Among the passengers was Paul Simpson, 44, a "King's Messenger," or personal diplomatic envoy for King George VI (father of Queen Elizabeth II--J.T.)

The wreckage was found on a glacier at 5,500 meters (18,700 feet). Mount Tupungator is a stratovolcano approximately 6,550 meters high (21,484 feet) and is located about 500 kilometers (300 miles) west of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina.

Argentine Air Force experts under Major Luis Estrella speculated that the Star Dust had struck the glacier three times when it crashed, which resulted in the debris being scattered over such a wide area.

Another theory is that a sudden loss of elevator control caused the Lancaster to "nose-dive right into the glacier."

"The British Ministry of Aviation's 1948 crash report hypothesizes that ice buildup on its wings had brought down the plane."

Ice clogging the airplane's pitot tubes might have caused a false reading in the altimeter, causing Capt. Cook and his co-pilot to think they were higher than they actually were.

A mid-air explosion has not been ruled out, either.

Investigators are now looking into a strange radio message that Radio Operator Dennis Harmer sent off just before the airliner crashed. The transmission was picked up by the Fuerzas Aereas de Chile (FACH), the air force of Chile. According to FACH, Harmer transmitted the same message three times in Morse code.

The message was SSTENDEC.

One theory is that Harmer's message was shorthand for "Steep Descent."

Another theory is that Star Dust had made radio contact with a ship out in the Pacific Ocean--the S.S. ten Deyck.

(Editor's Comment: That's a possibility! Is such a vessel listed in the Lloyd's Registry for 1947? We'd appreciate hearing from any of our readers on this one. Meanwhile, many thanks to Jim Hickman for the update on the Star Dust case.)

GALILEO COMPLETES THIRD FLYBY OF IO

The spacecraft Galileo completed its third flyby of Jupiter's volcanic moon Io on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 2:32 p.m. Universal Time (UT).

"Galileo passed to within 199 kilometers (124 miles) of the surface of Io, the innermost of Jupiter's four large satellites."

"We're thrilled that the flyby went well," said

project manager Jim Erickson. 'If all continues as planned, this raw data will round out our Io photo album and the wealth of information gathered during the Io flybys back in October and November (1999).'

"Scientists hope that the flyby will allow them to see changes in the surface of the dynamic moon since the pictures taken during the two close flybys in October and November. During those flybys, Galileo saw several volcanic eruptions in progress, including one that generated a fountain of lava 1.6 kilometers (one mile) high."

Galileo's flyby last week was not without incident. A surge of high-energy radiation in Jovian space caused two "false resets" of Galileo's main onboard computer.

A third reset "put Galileo into safe mode for most of Thursday," February 24, "The software that prevents such computer glitches from triggering safe mode had been" turned off so Galileo could begin transmitting the data back to Earth.

The spacecraft resumed its transmission of flyby data to Earth on Sunday, February 27, 2000.

Next up for Galileo is a flight to Ganymede, another one of Jupiter's larger moons. The spacecraft will perform a flyby of Ganymede, which is as big as the planet Mercury, in May 2000.

Scientists are very much interested in Ganymede's unusually strong magnetic field. It is almost as strong as Earth's, which is very unusual for a small world. Indeed, Ganymede is the only other world in our solar system to display a dipole magnetic field like Earth's. (Many thanks to SpaceViews for February 28, 2000 and Science Frontiers for March/April 2000, "The Ganymede magnetic Paradox," page 2.)

NEAR FINDS A GEOLOGICAL ANOMALY ON EROS

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft continued its orbital survey of the asteroid Eros last week.

NEAR arrived in orbit around the asteroid, which is 33 kilometers (20 miles) in diameter, on Monday, February 14, 2000. The spacecraft's arrival on Valentine's Day was most appropriate, since the asteroid is named after Eros, the Greek god of love.

On Thursday, February 24, 2000, at 5 p.m. Universal Time (UT), NEAR "fired its thrusters" in "what project officials called a successful maneuver. The Orbit Correction Manuever (OCM)" dropped the spacecraft's periapsis (low point of orbit--J.T.) from 321 kilometers (195 miles) to 200 kilometers (125 miles). NEAR's apogee (high point of orbit--J.T.) remained at 366 kilometers (277 miles).

"NASA hopes to lower NEAR into an orbit as low as 50 kilometers (30 miles) above Eros by May, where it will remain for several months for close-up observations. After swinging back out into a high orbit for global mapping work late in the year, NEAR will return to Eros by the end of the year, flying within a few kilometers of the surface and possibly touching down on it at the end of its mission next year."

Also last week, NASA turned on NEAR's X-Ray and Gamma Ray Spectrometer and Laser Altimeter. The spectrometer will be used to determine the asteroid's elemental composition, while the laser altimeter will be used to survey the topography of Eros.

While flying around the asteroid, which is essentially a large mountain drifting through space, NEAR photographed an interesting geological anomaly. The spacecraft's instruments picked up signs of a "layering" of deposits on the surface.

"Project scientist Andy Cheng thinks the layering could be evidence that Eros was a remnant of a much larger parent body that broke apart."

"The global (layered) feature may be a signature of ancient geologic activity (for example, volcanism--A.C.) on the parent body of Eros," he said. 'The size of the putative parent body and the time at which it

would have disrupted, no one knows, and all we are saying is that it must have been larger than the present diameter of Eros."

"The NEAR data shows that Eros has an older surface than Gaspra (an asteroid visited by Galileo back in 1991--J.T.). Gaspra is less heavily cratered because it has not been exposed to (meteor) bombardment as long," said Cheng. "However, since we are still uncertain about collision rates in the asteroid belt at present and in the distant past, we cannot exactly state an age for either asteroid." (Many thanks to Space Views for February 28, 2000.) (Editor's Comment: This layering effect sounds really weird. If Eros is primarily composed of basalt, then that means the ground was periodically covered by fast-flowing, soupy lava flows from vent or shield volcanoes on the parent body. If the layers are sedimentary rock, like sandstone or shale..wow! That means Eros's parent body was a world like Earth, with oceans, lakes and seas.)

from the UFO Files...

303: A VISITOR FROM THE GARDEN OF ALLAH?

Located in eastern Turkey, about 320 kilometers (200 miles) southeast of Ankara, the wine-making province of Cappadocia is an ancient land. Back in 300 A.D., the province belonged to the Roman empire and was ruled by a prefect or colonial governor.

The strangest incident in the long history of Cappadocia took place in February of 303, when Diocletian was the emperor of Rome.

At that time, the city of Caesarea Maritima was the capital of Cappadocia, and Fabricius had just been appointed the prefect. He was very eager to please Diocletian. Due to the gradual disintegration of the Roman empire, outlying provinces such as Cappadocia were slipping out from under the emperor's control. In many lands, the prefects were hiring private armies and treating Imperial lands as their own personal estates. And Diocletian wanted to make sure that he got his majority share of the revenues from his Cappadocian vineyards.

So, when Diocletian's decree against Christians was issued, Fabricius enforced it with particular vigor. Among the people executed during the first round of summary arrests were the parents of young Dorothea of Caesarea.

Dorothea was a young unmarried woman given to trances and mystic experiences. She spent a lot of time wandering the Ihlara Valley (near modern Urgup, Turkey), which, like Sedona, Arizona, USA, has a large number of weird rock formations. She was always talking about an "enchanted garden" to which she was a frequent visitor.

In January 303, during the severe cold of a Turkish winter, news of Dorothea reached the ears of Fabricius, and he ordered her arrest.

So there was Dorothea, at her parents' small house in Caesarea, cooking kiremit kebab (roast lamb with tomato, mushroom and cheese--J.T.) when the Roman soldiers knocked at the door. The centurion came right to the point. "Are you a Christian?"

Dorothea nodded. "I am. Jesus is my true husband, and I see him often in the garden."

"The woman is a lunatic," a soldier muttered.

"Lunatic or not, the prefect has issued a warrant for her arrest," the centurion replied. "Take her to the citadel."

Upon her arrival in the citadel's prison, "she was stretched upon the rack, and offered marriage if she would sacrifice" to the gods of Olympus, "or death if she refused."

Dorothea refused, saying, "Jesus is my only spouse, and death is my desire."

When he learned that she had turned down all offers of an arranged marriage, Fabricius thought,

Well, if she doesn't like men, then perhaps she prefers women. And he sent two women of that persuasion who had been Christians but recanted to "seduce" the prisoner.

The ploy backfired. "But the fire in Dorothea's heart rekindled the flame in theirs and led them back to Christ."

"When she was set once more upon the rack, Fabricius himself was amazed at the heavenly look she wore and asked her the cause of her joy."

"Because I have brought two souls back to Jesus," Dorothea replied, "And because I will soon be in the heavenly garden rejoicing with the angels."

The full force of Roman law was brought against her. Her jailer wrapped a *festus*, a leather strap studded with iron, around his fist and punched her repeatedly in the face. Then iron plates were heated in a brazier, and, as soon as they turned red, were applied against her ribs and thighs.

The outcome of her trial was pre-ordained. Like her parents, she was sentenced to be executed. Hearing the verdict, she cried out, "Blessed are you! Blessed are you, O Lover of Souls, who calls me to Paradise and invites me to your nuptial chamber."

On February 6, 303 A.D., Dorothea was marched out of the citadel to the main plaza of Caesarea. Onlookers booed and jeered as she walked along, wrapped in her heavy woolen cloak, surrounded by Roman soldiers. Among the crowd was a Roman lawyer named Theophilus, who had heard her testimony in court and had thought it absurd.

"Dorothea!" he shouted, "Send me some apples and roses from your enchanted garden!"

She stopped for a moment, turned to face Theophilus and said somberly. "Very well. You shall have them."

Dorothea climbed the ladder to the wooden scaffold and quietly knelt. The centurion who served as the executioner finished sharpening his sword. The crowd of three hundred onlookers gathered around the scaffold.

And then it happened.

A figure appeared at the foot of the ladder. It was a boy about 10 or 12 years old with curly blond hair. On this cold February morning, he wore nothing but a skimpy tunic, but the cold didn't seem to bother him. He carried a wicker basket in his hands.

The amazing thing about this apparition is that it was witnessed not by Christians but by pagans. Those nearest the ladder let out a cry of astonishment. Some shouted that it was Apollo. Others pointed at the basket and claimed it was Ganymede, the cupbearer of the Olympian gods.

Dorothea looked down at the curly-haired boy. Some form of wordless communication passed between the two. Then, removing her shawl, Dorothea leaned forward on her knees and awaited the fatal stroke.

Thunk! The young woman's head rolled across the scaffold floor. The boy with the basket vanished. A louder clamor went up from the crowd.

That evening, the lawyer Theophilus was at the city baths. The main topic of conversation, as might be expected, was the apparition. He too had seen the boy with the basket but he didn't want to talk about it.

And then the gatekeeper tapped Theophilus's shoulder. "There's somebody here to see you."

As he entered the anteroom, Theophilus turned pale. Standing there was the same boy he had seen that morning at the foot of the scaffold. The boy lifted his basket, saying, "Here are the items you requested."

Heart pounding, the lawyer peered into the basket. He saw three roses and three ripe apples of a strange golden color. Fruits which could not possibly have flourished during a Cappadocian winter.

Blinking in disbelief, he extended his quivering hand toward an apple. Could it be real? His fingertips caressed the smooth skin. It was!

Like a man in a dream, Theophilus lifted the apple to his lips. He bit into it and was both stunned and delighted by its weird pleasing taste.

The boy said, "She awaits you in the garden."

And then he vanished.

According to the Acta Sanctorum, "he was converted to the faith and then shared in the martyrdom of St. Dorothy."

Since Vatican II, the Roman Catholic Church no longer recognizes the story of Dorothea and Theophilus as completely factual. Mainly because there's no mention of Dorothea in the Eastern Orthodox Church calendar.

But maybe they're looking at the wrong scripture. Here's a selection from al Quran (the Koran)--Sura 56: 11-20.

"Those are the favored ones

In the Gardens of Bliss;

A throng of the ancients,

And a small band of the latecomers,

Upon beds interwoven with gold;

Reclining upon them, facing each other.

While immortal youths go round them,

With goblets, pitchers and a cup of limped drink.

Their heads do not ache from it,

And they do not become intoxicated.

And with such fruits as they care to choose."

Perhaps Dorothea of Caesarea should consider becoming an Islamic saint. Because it appears that she visited the Garden of Allah about three hundred years before the birth of Mohammed."

(See Pictorial Lives of the Saints by John Gilman Shea L.L.D., Danziger Brothers, Baltimore, Md. 1887, pages 82 to 84. Also The Quran--A Modern English Version, translated by Majhid Fakhry and Mahmud Zayid, Garnet Publishers, Reading, UK, 1997, page 349.)

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>STAR DUST--THE MYSTERY
>DEEPENS

> On Tuesday, February 15, 2000, the Air Force
>of Argentina dispatched a full-scale expedition to
>Mount Tupungato, a lofty peak in the Andes
>where the Star Dust, a British airliner with four
>propellor engines, vanished back in 1947.

> The wrecked fuselage of the Star Dust and
>two of its Rolls-Royce Merlin engines were
>discovered in January by Juan Carlos Mouso,
>an Argentinian aviation enthusiast, and mountain
>climbers from the 11th Mountain Infantry Regiment.
> The purpose of the expedition is "to solve the
>mystery of what caused a British Lancaster aircraft
>to crash 53 years ago." The Star Dust disappeared
>in a snow squall over the Andes on August 2, 1947
>while flying from Asuncion, Argentina to Santiago
>de Chile, the last leg of its flight from London.

> The Star Dust was an Avro Lancaster Tudor,
>which had been a Royal Air Force (RAF) heavy
>bomber during World War II but was converted to
>civilian use after the war.

> Eleven people were on board the aircraft,
>including a crew of five and six passengers.

> The crew consisted of the pilot, Captain
>Reginald Cook, a former RAF Bomber Command
>pilot with hundreds of hours of experience flying
>Lancasters; First Officer Norman Hilton-Cook;
>Second Officer Donald Checklin; Radio Operator
>Dennis Harmer and Stewardess Iris Adams.

> Among the passengers was Paul Simpson, 44,
>a "King's Messenger," or personal diplomatic envoy
>of King George VI (father of Queen Elizabeth II--J.T.)

> "This is an expedition requested by the
>investigating federal judge," Alfredo Manuel Rodriguez,
>"for a special Argentine armed forces patrol to find
>the remains and clear up what caused the accident,"
>said military spokeswoman Gabriela Cantinga."

> "The crash site, littered with the plane's
>shattered fuselage and three frozen torsos was
>only discovered in mid-January by a five-man team
>traversing the 21,484-foot (6,500-meter) Tupungato
>volcano in western Mendoza province," about 500
>kilometers (300 miles) west of Buenos Aires, the
>national capital.

> The wreckage is spread across a glacier on
>Mount Tupungato at an altitude of about 17,600

>feet (5,500 meters)
> "The cause of the disaster remains under
>debate. Official reports raised the possibility of
>pilot negligence while others have theories that
>it was a result of sabotage in a competitive airline
>market."
> "We've never really known what happened.
>It's always been suspected from the very start
>it was sabotage,' said John Parker, brother-in-law
>of pilot Capt. Reginald Cook."
> "It could have been engine failure or navigational
>error as well, of course,' said Parker who spoke to
>Reuters from his home in Melbourne, England."
> "Strewn about the (crash) site are pieces from
>two of the Rolls-Royce Merlin engines, a propellor,
>woolen jackets, a shoe with RAF on the sole, green
>berets presumably belonging to the crew and a
>tattered passport."
> The remains of four humans were also found at
>the site, leaving another seven unaccounted for.
>Included in the seven is royal envoy Paul Simpson.
> Other theories concerning the Star Dust include
> (A) The Lancaster was struck by lightning.
> (B) The Lancaster was destroyed by a bomb
>with a detonator rigged to go off when the aircraft
>climbed above 22,000 feet.
> (C) The Lancaster was shot down by the
>Saturn-shaped UFO seen at Bauru, Sao Paulo
>state, Brazil ten days before the mishap.
> (D) Aboard the aircraft was Lieutenant Naomi
>Selff, the U.S. Army nurse who reportedly told
>mortician Glenn Dennis about the aliens being
>autopsied at Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947.
> The mysterious mid-air explosion and crash
>of the Star Dust took place one month after
>the incident at Roswell. (Many thanks to Jim
>Hickman for this news story.)
>(Editor's Comment: Another possibility is that
>the bomb was meant for the royal envoy. Who
>Killed Paul Simpson? Sounds like a novel by
>Agatha Christie. Round up "the unusual suspects"--
>Winston S. Churchill, Clement Attlee, Anthony Eden
>and the Duke of Windsor. Wow! Hercule Poirot
>would have a great time with this whodunit.)

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Remove From UFO UpDates List

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Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 19:52:14 -0500
Subject: Remove From UFO UpDates List

Dear Errol.

Please remove my name from the UPdates mailing list.

Thank you for sharing with me the vast amount of information you have posted to this point.

I am retiring from ufology as a Researcher and Investigator.

I will still have my active email address if you or any of the members of this list wish to contact me directly in the future.

I have enjoyed being a part of the list and wish each and every one of you (the suscribers) well in your endeavors to gain the ultimate disclosure in this field.

Thanks again Errol.

REgards, Mike

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 21:25:55 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Mar 2000 15:08:03 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8

>Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 13:54:00 -0300
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:04:55 +0000
>>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>> UFO ROUNDUP
>>Volume 5, Number 8
>>February 24, 2000
>>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>>STAR DUST--THE MYSTERY
>>DEEPENS

>> On Tuesday, February 15, 2000, the Air Force
>>of Argentina dispatched a full-scale expedition to
>>Mount Tupungato, a lofty peak in the Andes
>>where the Star Dust, a British airliner with four
>>propellor engines, vanished back in 1947.

<snip>

>How about the most plausible explanation. The aircraft hit the mountain
>while in cloud or during bad weather. Just like thousands of others
>have. Happens all the time.

>Don Ledger

Absoltley, Sir, I could see the wheezing Poirot saying:
"Hastings, (who is also wheezing due to the altitude) this is
not a seemple crash but a part of somtheeng much largere."

GT McCoy (an Agatha fan thanks to my wife)

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'The O'Reilly Factor' Tries Again

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@FUSE.NET>
Date: Fri, 03 Mar 2000 15:54:27 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 03 Mar 2000 16:00:48 -0500
Subject: 'The O'Reilly Factor' Tries Again

Through the rumor-mill, there is word that 'The O'Reilly Factor', on The Fox _NEWS_ Channel, is to have another go at the UFO-thing tonight, times are 8:00 p.m. and repeat at 11:00 p.m. E.D.T.

We'll see if they try to make-up for the unfair and unbalanced hatchet-job that they brought against the UFO topic during their last little uninformed fling.

KY

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Reed Hoax

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 04:13:42 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Mar 2000 07:32:26 -0500
Subject: Reed Hoax

As many of you know, Jonathan Reed and his partner Robert Raith are at the International UFO Congress conference in Nevada trying to sell their scam to the public.

If anyone is going to IUFOC, I would love to have some photos of Reed and his accomplices for my website. Please let me know if anyone out there happens to get some pictures of these dirtbags. Thanks!

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

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Alfred's Odd Ode #341

From: Alfred Lehmborg <Lehmborg@snowhill.com>
Date: Sat, 04 Mar 2000 05:48:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 04 Mar 2000 07:34:17 -0500
Subject: Alfred's Odd Ode #341

Apology to MW #341 (For March 4, 2000)

The skies above me flash with light that most won't see; they're filled with fright. Or -- listening to some skeptibunky they permit . . . become its flunky. Wallowing in crass denial, they avoid their test and trial they could use to find the grace for satisfaction sans distaste.

Sold a bill of goods they need to live their lives on callused knees, they take the word of those they know will keep them stupid, calm, and slow. THOSE dismiss imagination, refuse its valid protestation, and depend upon *convenient* culture. Our dreams become the fare for vultures.

There is more to life, I KNOW, that wheels, darts, and hotly glows, beyond the limit some impose to keep their high ground, don't you know. Its perceived by many thousands, spans the years that NUMBER thousands -- left its traces on the ground and on some film that's most profound.

It's chiseled into ageless stone. It's evidence we're not alone, and PROOF denied by charmless scholars addicted to their churlish dollars . . . proof retreating with our pride in ridicule and phony fright. We don't hear the real story, so we won't earn our stab at glory, with our heads shoved, hard, between . . . our hapless cheeks -- it's, yes, obscene.

We are *WARNED* what would occur if folks are *shocked*, *upset* -- *disturbed*. Wanton panic would ensue, mass suicide -- come all unglued! Riot's in the streets occurring, markets crashing, cultures lurching -- institutions are involved, and chaos rules! It all dissolves. . .

Cities razed in mass confusion, darkness claiming harsh intrusions, mobs of people looting, stealing, shocked, assaulted -- senses reeling . . . culture's web would come apart (!) insanity in fits and starts (!!), and we'd DESERVE that awful harvest, sowing as we had in earnest, if that doom's in fact the case, and we're a pointless "washed up" race. But, there's no proof that that occurs, and much more proof we're unperturbed.

Remember, then, the middle ages. Turn way back -- historic pages. Think back to a time well known when *other* lands we didn't know, and stuff of legends filled our minds -- the western lands "new stars" that time. Hearing *stories* of new races, FOREIGN to us, no relation, it's just like now, that other time. Did WE "freak out" and lose our minds? Did western culture fall to ruin? No, it didn't. Something's brewing.

And please don't think me over callous, filled with venom, spite, or malice, but the FEW that freak that way, and lose their minds to chaos, say -- kill themselves or worse . . . unblinking. . . good RIDDANCE to their blood, I'm thinking! Subtract them from the gene pool, cousin! They're not worth bemoaning, fussing . . . any culture comes apart (?) if folks from space are found (?) be smart (!) -- it DESERVES to "crash on down" and crumble on that fresh new ground!

. . . Makes you wonder who hangs ON to old ways that are not so

sound. Who hangs on to their pollutions -- glad corrupted institutions? Those, the few, professing doom! Those, who forecast shadowed gloom! Those, the ones, the few who lose, when truth is offered unconfused. Most of us would profit grandly I've a feeling, some understanding. Read between the lines, yourself, and lead yourself to better health.

Lehmberg@snowhill.com

Perhaps I didn't make this clear -- if our culture implodes on an admission of the actuality of an extraterrestrial intelligence, it flatly DESERVES to implode. I've a suspicion that this *admission* could have been made around 1947 (the year before I was born), and the *implosion* would, now, be well behind us. We'd also be living in the asteroid belt, and our respected Earth would be a garden -- but you knew I was going to say that.

Additionally, don't use Orson Well's "War of the Worlds" broadcast to feather your whiny, skepti-feebroid, and nay-saying bed. That 1930's broadcast was inadvertently HAND TOOLED to incite panic, and the reaction of the people to it was no different than a genuine broadcast informing its listeners that the *Red Chinese* (say) had landed in a small American town and were killing and pillaging an actual hapless citizenry. Under those circumstances (?), I submit that we performed passably well! Remember, minimal DEATHS occurred in THAT regrettably misunderstood debacle, and FEWER suicides. Finally, we all accept that we are at our best when conditions are at their most trying -- let's move on into the truth . . . though the heavens fall -- we'll make better heavens.

Restore John Ford! <You knew I was going to say that, too.>

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

<http://www.alienview.com>

Updated Every Saturday

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

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.
\$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 a skepti-feebroid stake.

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Re: UFOs, Or A Light Show?

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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Subject: Re: UFOs, Or A Light Show?

Oberg on Shuttle Spritzing

>From UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Source: ABC News

><http://abcnews.go.com/sections/science/DailyNews/ufo990217.html>

>UFOs, Or A Light Show?

>Science Battles Wishful Thinking

>By Jim Oberg

>Special to ABCNEWS.com

>As humans explore space, it's reasonable to imagine that other
>beings in the universe are doing the same. Encountering
>explorers from other planets have been a staple of science
>fiction for decades.

>Videotapes from space shuttle missions have persuaded some folks
>that NASA astronauts have already encountered alien visitors.

>On the space shuttle mission STS-48 in September 1991, a TV
>onboard Discovery spotted moving white dots suddenly changing
>direction when a flash of light appeared. Although nearby debris
>frequently appears on shuttle videos, the combination of flares,
>streaks and changing directions grabbed imaginations.

>Answering a congressional query the following month on behalf of
>a curious constituent, NASA had four Houston experts - including
>one astronaut, astronomer Karl Henize - examine the videos.

>"The objects seen are [Discovery]-generated debris, illuminated
>by the sun," they reported. "The flicker of light is the result
>of firing of the attitude thrusters on [Discovery], and the
>abrupt motions of the particles result from the impact of gas
>from the thrusters."

>That didn't wash for some viewers, who believed they
>were seeing alien visitors or Star Wars-like battles.

>Popular Interpretation

>Enthusiasm for the UFO interpretation of space pictures isn't
>restricted to a narrow band of crackpots, as any Web search
>demonstrates. Mainstream writers and major TV networks also
>promulgate these misinterpretations. Aside from enhancing the
>public's paranoia about government cover-ups, it can have a
>poisonous effect on public support for space exploration if a
>substantial portion of voters becomes convinced by such theories
>that space experts, astronauts and scientists are lying to them.

On the contrary, the effect on the citizenry is to demand MORE
exploration of space in order to prove or disprove the
truthfulness of lack of it, demonstrated by our fearless elected
political leaders. When the truth be known and understood by
all, only by continued exploration will it be so.

Don't be fooled by the hubris of the good Oberg. Les Auberge
Des Duex Signa, or is that Des Duex Pelicans... Forgive my
Puerto Rican.

>Such space tapes are no surprise to NASA; the agency shrugs them
>off as just one more phenomenon of space flight.

But what else is there for NASA to do? Admit to additional
errors, I mean other than inches to centimeters?

>The STS-48 images were being collected as part of an ongoing
>NASA study of unusual lightning.

You guys got that part right. Good men. Stout thinking.

>The project was coordinated by NASA scientist Otha "Skeet"
>Vaughan, in Huntsville, Ala. He has collected and analyzed about
>500 hours of tapes over two decades of shuttle flights, probably
>watching more space video than anyone else.

Coordinated by whom? I've shot skeet, it ain't nuttin special,
prefer trap and sporting clays myself. Ah, but that makes me
one a them postal shooters who must be watched closely. Anyone
who carries a nug (I am also dyslexic) must be a bad guy.

>Just Debris

Just hubris.

>Vaughan, who retired from NASA last month, said such dots appear
>frequently. "They're an ordinary part of space flight," he says.
>"It's obviously just more shuttle debris."

>Astronauts aboard the STS-48 mission agree.

>Mission specialist Mark Brown says ice formed on the shuttle's
>main engine bells after the remaining fuel was dumped in space.

>"These crystals would break free of the engines and float around
>the shuttle," he says. "When illuminated by sunlight they looked
>like small diamonds floating in space, disturbed only when the
>maneuvering rockets fired - the plumes from the rockets would
>hit them and send them off in different directions."

>Shuttle co-pilot Ken Reightler says: "We saw a lot of this on
>STS-48 because we had a dump nozzle that was leaking." The same
>nozzle leaked on the shuttle's next mission and "created the
>same shower of ice particles - but this time apparently no one
>misinterpreted them as UFOs."

But of course, and as the dump nozzle was leaking, it leaked in
such a manner as to move the spacecraft oops, it didn't
move. Well, uh, OK, then it leaked in such a manner as to leak
just in time, whilst spritzing, uh ...never mind.

>'Fireflies'

Signa, Swans, Pelicans.

>Small particles flaking off manned spacecraft have been around
>since John Glenn saw "fireflies" outside his capsule in 1962.
>Apollo astronauts saw them so often they were nicknamed "moon
>pigeons." A NASA study in 1971 traced them to propellant leaks,
>water dumps, pyrotechnic separation and other ordinary events.

Swamp gas. And let's keep your moon out of this.

>Yet claims for an extraordinary interpretation of the STS-48
>images persist, coming from respectable and seemingly rational
>people. Jack Kasher, a physicist from Nebraska, has published an
>exhaustive analysis showing why they cannot be debris. "The only
>feasible explanation," he concludes, "is that they actually were
>spacecraft out in space away from the shuttle."

>Mark Carlotto, an imaging specialist in Massachusetts, published
>a 1995 report in the Journal of Scientific Exploration, claiming
>that "beyond a reasonable doubt" the objects could not be
>explained as known phenomena.

>Shedding Light

Whilst darkening mind, intellect and inspiration. Not to mention imagination.

Damn it, I told you not to mention imagination!

>Two factors - sunlight and the steering-jet pulses - explain the >videotape.

Three actually, add a totally closed mind.

>The shuttle TV cameras observed lightning on the night side of >Earth. But as the shuttle circled toward the day side, it rose >into sunlight even while the camera remained fixed on the >still-dark horizon behind it. So objects near the shuttle >suddenly become illuminated - and it's precisely at sunrise that >the most famous "shuttle UFO videos" show the appearance of >these dots.

>The autopilot normally fires the shuttle's steering jets to keep >the craft on course. Telemetry readouts from STS-48 show exactly >such a jet firing at the time of the mystery pulse.

>Space junk and thruster gas are a lot less exciting than alien >visitors and space battles, so the popularity of UFO >explanations for such videotapes will persist. But if recent >studies prove anything, it is that the less one knows about >space flight, the more likely one is to swallow the idea of >space shuttles spotting UFOs.

When my dad was a young man, he would stand in front of the mirror, eyes sharp and piercing, and recite Shakespeare. "To be or not to be .. " he would recite the soliloquy from Hamlet.

He is to this day, an inspired man. Genuinely interested in those whose indomitable spirits led to great discoveries. I remember his telling me the story of Christopher Columbus over and over again. From when I could remember remembering, he always said it the same way. I must've asked pop to "Tell me the story about Christopher Columbus, Daddy. Please!?" a hundred thousand times. And off he'd go. I could never get enough.

What that did of course, was prompt my little brain to love the adventure of discovery. Even scientists, Old Obe G. Canobe, are allowed to and in fact, do occasionally have, inspiration. One scientists can look at another's work and see Shakespeare. Another can only see the equations without the philosophical implications.

That's what a Ph.D. is SUPPOSED to impart. Such great knowledge about the subject that the owner of said knowledge lives his subject. It's a part of him. It is him. Like the guitar was to Hendrix. Doesn't mean he's right, nor does it imply he is not right. It implies that if he's been properly educated and has the experience to go with the book knowledge (the inspiration, the flight of the mind into hitherto uncharted areas) that some credence should be applied at least to the possibilities. And it shows that what comes out, like with Hendrix, was beauty, whether or not you dug it.

Unfortunately for us all, the Ph.D. programs do not always provide such. And in addition, the owners of such wondrous dried skin of the lamb, with all the fancy sh*t writ all over it, do not always properly support anything but the knowledge of where and how to obtain the information. What's the formula?

This, in lieu of, "What are the possibilities." No imagination. Imagination has a place in science. Just like in Hamlet, or in astronomy or cosmology. To be inspired means to allow for possibilities other than those which are as plain as that schoze on your face, Mr. Oberg. Uh, no offence, but I've been meaning to speak to you about that.

Shoot, my dad would make a better scientist than you could ever hope to be. And only because people like you lack that one ingredient... imagination. Well, maybe another. An open mind. Well, maybe another. An intellect which integrates well with the rest of you.

"Can you please forgive a poor old man for having no eyes to see with, no ears to hear with, all these years?"

Re: UFOs, Or A Light Show?

Of course Mr. Scrooge.

Now about this Oberg cat...

Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt

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Thanks,

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McCain and Cosmonauts Curious

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SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN INTERESTED IN UFOs

William P. LaParl reports that on Fox News, February 29, 2000, at 12:45 PM EST during a live feed: John McCain was just asked a question about the lawsuit from Peter Gersten to open UFO records from the military? Before the news people pushed McCain into laughing with them about "aliens," surprisingly, McCain immediately said he was "very interested in the subject," and mentioned a series of Arizona sightings from a couple years ago that remained "unexplained." Apparently, these were the- Phoenix "V" Lights of March 1997. Thanks to Bill La Parl. wil247@mix-net.net.

RUSSIAN COSMONAUTS CLAIM UFOs ARE REAL

Cosmonaut Alexandr Baladin stated that "flying saucers" have come into close proximity to the MIR space station as well as the Baikonur Cosmodrom. He added there is sufficient evidence to warrant a scientific study of the phenomenon, and that it is time that world governments officially acknowledge the UFO phenomenon's existence. "General Vladimir Ivanov, former commander of Russia's Military Space Forces, recalls that three objects flew at a considerable altitude over Baikonur Cosmodrome and were picked up on radar. There is no way they could have been airplanes." insisted the cosmonaut. Baladin disclosed December 23, 1998, at Brazil's First International Ufology Forum, that he and fellow cosmonaut Musa Manarov had seen UFOs. During docking operations between his space capsule and the MIR, Baladin saw a glowing object a short distance away. Manarov managed to capture the strange phenomenon on videotape, that was shown during the UFO congress in Brazil. Baladin claimed that the recording and other evidence presented during the Congress, "must be studied by an international scientific commission." Baladin insisted that the Russian military has a great contribution to make to UFO research, giving as an example the multiple-witness case at the Kaputsin Yar missile base, whose personnel sighted a semi-circular object flying at low altitude lighting up the bases facilities with a powerful searchlight in June 1989. "Many of my old comrades, who are now working at top-secret military facilities, acknowledge having seen UFOs. Thanks to Rubén Sobrino.

NASA UFO VIDEO FOOTAGE

I have been examining videotape purporting to document encounters between UFOs and U.S. and Russian spacecraft. One scene shows the space shuttle just below the Russian space station MIR. Watching these videos it is difficult to obtain accurate measurements of distance and size. However, the viewer can see three discoidal shaped objects approach from the

right. Two of the objects appear to fly slowly past the MIR while a third object slows to a stop and hovers in the vicinity of one of the solar panel arrays. I'm not certain what these objects are but they do not appear to be spinning ice crystals or floating shuttle parts. They seem to create their own light or fireball rather than being a reflection from the sun. They do not look like space ships depicted in the movies. However, the exact design of alien space ships traveling in space is apparently unknown. There is some evidence that they may use advanced nano technology techniques to shrink the size of their craft. We have numerous eye witness accounts of a small light coming in from space. Hovering and appearing to grow from the size of basketball to a large craft. Later they can be seen shrinking or disappearing altogether. Our scientists are now predicting we are developing similar technology. You will carry your car around in your pocket. When your ready to travel you set it down and it grows into a full sized car. The NASA Shuttle films show numerous strange objects in space. They may not look the way anyone expects a space ship to appear. A small object moving through space would theoretically be able to accelerate and travel at higher speeds using less fuel. A great deal more research is needed. Thanks to Tom Sheets and ISUR who provided me with the tapes.

US MILITARY SATELITTES CAN SEE HEAT SOURCES

The January 10, 2000 issue of "Aviation Week & Space Technology", page 28, "US Milsats Dodge Y2K" has this interesting paragraph: "Officials would not comment on Defense Support Program capabilities, but the satellites probably detected many new 'targets' -- large fireworks displays -- as the new year's arrival progressed around the globe. DSP infrared sensors are designed to detect hot, long-burning events such as missile launches, but can 'see' relatively small heat sources." Editor's Note: We assume that UFO propulsion systems would provide enough heat to be present on the satellite images. Space Command admits to picking up as many as a dozen uncorrelated targets per day, that are unknown targets not kept in their space data base.

DECIPHER OF GENERAL RAMEY'S ROSWELL MESSAGE

Neil Morris writes that Christopher Farmer was able to decipher some of the message held in General Ramey's hand and photographed by Bond Johnson in 1947. The General was posed in his office for the photo in front of the Roswell crash debris fifty years ago. Chris was able to spend considerable time with the photograph and utilizing new commercial software has deciphered one line of the message. Chris states, "I was able to conclusively come up with the following in Line 2 of the message. It isn't exactly the way you have it on your website and I quote. The first word of that line which is not indisposed to be analyzed is "extract". The second word is "the" So the line actually reads:

EXTRACT THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK AND CONWAY ON TO THE" (base at Ft. Worth). We looked at that line by the pixels so we hope this helps. When I have time I will look at the other segments. Thanks to Neil Morris and Chris Farmer. <http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/ftw-pics/index.htm> Editor's Note: Victims and a wreck seem to rule out a balloon and infers some type of craft crashed in 1947 at Roswell. The story below also confirms this theory.

BRIMBERRY OVERHEARD GENERAL RAMEY ON ROSWELL

Researcher Tom Carey reports, "I was able to interview Mr. Marion Brimberry a little over six months ago. It was clear to me that he was sorry that he ever said anything about it in the first place. It was like pulling teeth to get him to say anything to me. In brief, all he would tell me was that, back in late 1947 or early 1948 when he was stationed at Ft. Worth Army Air Field, he was part of a flight crew waiting on the tarmac for a B-29 to taxi up for boarding. In the group waiting was General Roger Ramey who was talking to some of the officers in Brimberry's crew. Brimberry told me that he overheard Ramey tell one of the officers that, "It [the weather balloon story] was the biggest lie they ever made me tell.", and that the real stuff was really, "Out of this world." That's basically all that I could get out of Mr. Brimberry who is a very reluctant witness. Thanks to Tom Carey

"THE MAJESTIC 12 REPORT"

Tim Cooper's writes concerning "The Majestic-12 Report". The controversy within the United States UFO community and to some degree, the United States government itself, is whether in the late 1940's a super-secret extraterrestrial technology intelligence collection and research and development program was created by a special classified executive order and whether such an entity exists today." One could say that the military attempted communications with extraterrestrials as early as 1924 with the Army's Signal Corps radio experiment documented in the archives of the National Security Agency when William F. Friedman, father of American cryptology, first reviewed graphs and images taken from a crude television recording of what has been reported as coded transmissions and images from Mars. (http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/tim_cooper_mj12_report.htm). For further updates and reports. Please see http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary_Of_The_Birds.htm .. Thanks to Tim Cooper and Robert Collins.

NEW JERSEY FLYING TRIANGLE

WESTWOOD -- Janet writes, "I work nights for a local newspaper and February 27, 2000, I left work at around 12:50 AM and near the overpass at Route 4, I saw three dark helicopters in the cloudy sky." As I got closer to Westwood, I saw a large craft the size of a passenger plane flying very low and following Forest Avenue coming towards me. It was moving too slow for a normal aircraft, so I slowed my car down to a crawl. It flew right over my car and I could see that it was a large flying triangle. There were tiny lights at the corner, but it was just silently hovering up there. As I approached a large cemetery on Forest Avenue I saw a hole in the clouds with a very bright yellow-orange light shining down. The hole closed up in the clouds and I saw what appeared to be a kind of searchlight coming out of the craft. The searchlight played back and forth over the clouds, appeared to detach itself from the plane, and sort of withered away. As I drove home, I saw a second black craft with large extremely bright, white lights on it. I could see this craft from underneath was shaped like an arrow. There was a long body and wings that were at the very end of the body. There were three brilliant lights along the body and four on the wings. I could see the bluish gray metal that had an almost plastic look to it between the lights. The craft descended and I could see the structure was like a cigar and the bent wings were of the same shape. The lights went all the way around the weird looking tube. The craft turned and flew along Forest towards the triangle shaped craft. I checked and moon was in its last quarter so this could not have been what I saw. The lights were moving and much too brilliant yellow-orange and circular shaped to be the moon. Thanks to Janet. Editor's Note: The witness was very close to the Oradell Reservoir that has a history of UFOs flying in and out of the water since the 1960s.

RED EYED CREATURE NEW JERSEY DEVIL?

FroggyNurse writes, "In December my friend and I got up in the early morning to travel when we saw a black van parked on the side of a dark rural back road" I noticed the van had no license plates. As we passed, the lights of the van came on and it started to follow us really close. Then it would back away and turn off its lights. We were a little afraid the driver might have criminal intentions. It came close again but finally stopped. A minute later we saw the figure of a person about four feet tall dressed in black standing in the shadows. It also started to follow as we passed. It had a bushy tail that was a least half it's size. The eyes were what I saw the best. They were RED. As I looked back, it also vanished like the van. These were not like deer eyes when the lights shine on them; these were glowing red eyes. Thanks to Jon, FroggyNurse@aol.com, and sightings@mindspring.com.

Editor's Notes: Strange half-human red eyed creatures have been seen in New Jersey for hundreds of years. They are called the New Jersey Devil. Reports like this are reported regularly and sometimes the creature is reported wearing a hooded robe.

NEW JERSEY BOOMERANG SHAPED HOVERING UFO

PINE HILL -- On February 17, 2000, the witness reports, "I was driving with my girlfriend in a suburban area when we spotted two alternately blinking lights the sky at 9:30 PM. One was yellow and the other white. My girlfriend asked me what it was and I told her it was a tower, because it was completely motionless in the sky. Then I remembered that there was no tower there, so we both took a second look. "What the #!@! is that?" we both repeated. As we drove closer a boomerang-shaped craft came into focus. I began to slow down, but the driver behind me didn't even notice the craft and was beeping at me to keep driving. It was a black metallic ship in an extremely aerodynamic shape almost V shaped. We were both scared. The color of the metal was a glossy gray black and unlike any kind of metal I've ever seen. It hovered motionlessly as I drove under it between its two lights. The boomerang seemed menacing hovering above us not more than three blocks above us. It was the most unbelievable amazing technology and I still can't believe the way it looked. What the hell was that thing? I rendered this image for you as I am a commercial artist. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com

OHIO FLYING TRIANGLE

WILMINGTON -- I was driving down Route 73 three miles south of Wilmington on February 19, 2000, and saw a black triangle ahead of me at 6:24 PM. I saw another one to my right and both were moving south-southeast in the partly cloudy sky. They were both moving surprisingly slow just above the horizon. Their speed was about that of a cruising jet, but they were flying way too low for a jet. Suddenly the first one just disappeared. The second triangle sped up so fast I was startled. It was so fast I had trouble keeping my eye on it. The black triangle shaped objects were no bigger than a small airplane. When they disappeared in front of me, I estimate they moved twice as fast as any aircraft I've ever seen. Although, with the craft being so low in the sky it's hard to estimate speed. What really caught my attention was how fast it sped up. From slow to very fast almost instantly. There was no sound. Thanks to the National Reporting Center.

ILLINOIS UFO INVESTIGATION OF POLICE SIGHTINGS

John Alexander of NIDS responds to Philip Klass' suggestion that the January 5, 2000, sighting was Venus. "Famed skeptic Philip Klass in his March Skeptics UFO Newsletter predicts "that the Venus explanation will be rejected by many, if not all, of the 'witnesses, and by the NIDS investigators." This is one point that Phil and everyone else involved in this case can agree on. The reason is that Klass' explanation that what observers saw was the planet Venus sitting low and bright in the southeastern sky doesn't fit the facts. However, the explanation is consistent with the debunker's view that any answer is better than the UFO researcher's answer. All you need do to support your conclusion is to use selective facts, or if they don't fit, create your own facts to support the case. This is exactly what Klass has done in suggesting the Southern Illinois case of 5 January 2000 is misidentification of the planet Venus. His technique is interesting. In the report Klass includes quotes from the NIDS investigation that is posted on their web site. This is to lead the reader to believe that he is quoting directly and accurately from witness testimony. However, such is not the case. For instance, Klass quotes Witness #2 as stating "It was stationary the entire time." In fact, Witness #2 states the object was coming slowly towards him and then made a flat turn to the SOUTHWEST. Similarly with Witness #3 Klass fails to mention that the object gradually accelerated. A larger problem looms with the testimony of Witness #4. He claims the object went to the NORTHWEST. Even Klass has Witness #6 stating the object was headed towards the NORTH. And so it goes. Witnesses have placed the object to the NORTH, NORTHWEST, SOUTHWEST, but Klass wants us to believe the object was really Venus in the SOUTHEAST.

But there is an even bigger problem with Klass' solution. At 4:00 AM, the approximate time of the first sightings, Venus was to the Southeast BUT 5 degrees BELOW the horizon. Obviously, Klass also discounts all of the witness testimony about size, shape, and identification of lights on board the object. While determination of altitude at night is admittedly difficult, the difference between a large object within a few hundred feet of

the observers, and a planet or star is easily discernible. For the record, the investigators who conducted the interviews were both seasoned law enforcement veterans with over 50 years experience between them. They were hired for their experience in investigation, not because they were UFO buffs. " Yes Phil, we did not seriously consider Venus as a possible explanation, and 'for very good reason,' " Venus did not fit the facts and was not visible." Thanks to John Alexander and NIDS.

ILLINOIS - WERE THOSE UFO LIGHTS ET?

ROCKFORD - Mike DuPreé of the Gazette Staff wrote, "Whatever else they might have been, the orange lights that Jeff Coan and his family saw over Rockford, Ill., the night of February 11 constitute a "close encounter of the first kind". What makes the Coans' experience more than an interesting, perhaps embellished, story is the 7 1/2-minute videotape that 16-year-old Joel Coan shot of the five lights as they flew in formation and in maneuvers around each other? They were all flying so strangely, and they were so brightly oranges. They were not that high, no more than a couple of thousand feet." The Coans were not the only folks who saw the lights. Rockford media reported several sightings on Feb. 11, 12, and 16. Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center, said Monday that his organization had received as many as two dozen calls reporting the Rockford sightings. Furthermore, similar events were observed on or near the days in question in Florida, Arizona, Oregon, and Texas, he said.

Karla Soeprasetyo' family who live in Rockford's northeast side were also witnesses. "On February 16, Soeprasetyo's four children--ages 9, 12, 13, and 15--were going to bed about 9:30 p.m. when they called their mother to look at the lights in the sky. Soeprasetyo, 34, and her children saw two sets of orange lights: first one of five, then a diamond-shaped formation of four. "After the first one faded away, the second came in," she said. Soeprasetyo is concerned about police saying they had no reports of sightings because she called the police to report hers. "The children were upset, so I called the local police," said Soeprasetyo, who also shot videotape of the lights. "I talked to the police department, but they didn't know what they were. Earl Wilson, operations supervisor of the Rockford Airport control tower, said he was not aware of radar confirmation of the phenomena reported by residents. But, he added, "We see a lot of stuff that isn't airplanes." Most aircraft carry radio transponders that enhance their radar images and report information, Wilson said.

A Gazette reporter watched Coan's video but was unable to view Soeprasetyo's. Most of the Coan video shows five small white lights with four of them seemingly in tandem as two pairs. The lights seem to perform maneuvers, flying around each other, lining up, and hovering. At one point, Joel Coan was able to zoom in, and two of the lights appear as orange balls. To Coan, the lights appeared to "fly in intelligent formation". Soeprasetyo thought that each set of lights, which she and her family saw for several minutes, was attached to a large object. "This was big, huge," she said. "The lights were bright orange and connected See pictures: Gazette EXTRA Janesville, Wisconsin 2/22/00 <http://www.gazetteextra.com/ufo022200.html>

ARIZONA TWO SETS OF WITNESSES REPORT CYLINDERS

PRESCOTT VALLEY -- Two sets of witnesses spotted cylinder shaped UFOs on February 22, 2000. My husband had told me of a "UFO" sighting he had seen earlier, but I wasn't sure whether to believe him or not. A few days later, at 6:00 AM, my husband was just leaving for work and he darted back into the house and told me to come look! I saw two cylinder shaped objects, rotating in a circular motion at the top only with orange X-shaped lights on the base of each one. They were traveling about 20 M.P.H. northeast across Prescott Valley, towards Mingus Mountain. We could only see the X-shapes with binoculars and I also grabbed the camera to take pictures, but they only captured a single "orange light" for each object. One at a time, the objects eventually disappeared out of sight as they neared a mountain full of low lying clouds. My husband is a machinist, and I am a secretary. We are both are 35 years old. Two of our three children, 15 and 10, also witnessed the sighting. They were as excited as we were. None of us ever would have believed in a "UFO" until now.

On February 22, 2000, another witness reports, "I woke up at around 6:00 AM, hearing my mom and dad exchanging words that had the content of camera and binoculars." I got up, went outside in the drizzle, and looked up, and I saw two objects that seemed to be very large. "They glowed near the top and on the bottom were orangish fiery color lights in the shape of a big X". It was a flying Coke can rotating at the top with the shape of X lights at the bottom. They moved to the northeast and at a distance, seemed to gain more speed and then they flickered away. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC www.ufocenter.com. Editors Note: Similar craft were seen over Italy the next day.

CALIFORNIA TRIANGLE

FREMONT - Walter Sheets sends a report from BF on his March of 1999 encounter with a black triangular object shortly after 10:00 PM. He was sitting in his car with the sunroof open watching a softball game under the stadium lights. As he looked up he noticed a black triangle slowly cruise across the sky at a fairly low altitude. He noticed a dim light in the bottom center of the object. The glow from the stadium lights shown on the craft so he could see the actual triangular body. As he watched, the craft made an 'L' turn without stopping or any deviation in its speed. BF watched as the craft flew slowly on and disappeared. Within about 5 minutes, a helicopter appeared and hovered in the area. Thanks to ISUR and Walter Sheets tangosix@webtv.net

MEXICO UFO SEEN BY 14 POLICE OFFICERS

MEXICO CITY -- A low flying UFO was reportedly seen by officers of the Secretariat of Public Safety as it maneuvered over the northern part of Mexico City in the early morning hours of February 14, 2000. It was seen between 2:20 and 3:13 AM mostly by police officers. Due to the time of day, it was evidently not seen by many civilian witnesses and did not cause any alarm. Thanks to Georghe Filerun, and CNI News.

UK SILBURY HILL UFO LANDING SPOT

SILBURY HILL - Driver Clive Stevens is seeking the truth behind mysterious color lights he saw over Silbury Hill the ancient monument in Wiltshire in the dead of night. He said the flashing lights formed the shape of a flattened oval - rather like a flying saucer - and he is hoping other motorists might have spotted them and tell him what they were. Mr. Stevens, 25, of Upper Isbury in Marlborough, was driving home on the A4, when he saw the shimmering blue, green, white, and red lights in the distance. It looked like the helicopter-landing pad on an oil-rig with all its bright lights said Mr. Stevens. Phone lines in the area were disrupted by an external line fault. No one knows for sure why the large Silbury Hill was built in the distant past. Thanks to the Wiltshire Gazette, Feb 25 2000 Gerry at Far Shores <http://www.farshore.force9.co.uk>

TWO CYLINDRICAL UFOs SIGHTED OVER NAPLES

NAPLES -- On Wednesday, February 23, 2000, "two cylindrical UFOs were observed circling over a housing development in Agnano," a section of Napoli (Naples), the famous Italian seaport. "According to the account in the local newspaper, the two OVNI's the Italian acronym for UFOs ascended to a very high altitude in a zigzag motion, with one rising much faster than the other. The two objects fled before onlookers could take a photograph. (See the Italian newspaper Il Giornale di Napoli for 2/24/00.) Thanks to Edoardo Russo di Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici and UFO Roundup Vol. 5 #9, 3/2/00, Editor Joe Trainor Editor's Note: It appears the cylinders are taking a tour of the world, they were also spotted over Arizona.

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Nick Pope's Weird World - Feb 2000

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Welcome to February's column, with its usual mixture of news and gossip on ufology, the paranormal, and anything else that catches my eye.

The Encyclopedia Of Extraterrestrial Encounters

Ronald D. Story, editor of the classic The Encyclopedia of UFOs, is hard at work on another project, aimed at putting together a follow-up book entitled The Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters. It will contain a huge range of data and will include details of classic alien contact cases, theories about the phenomenon and profiles of leading experiencers and investigators. Even though it's over twenty years old now, Story's original 1980 title is still an invaluable reference tool for researchers. It's going to be a tough act to follow, but the aim is to produce something even more broad-ranging than this previous book. Watch this space for more details.

UFOs On Film

Now out on DVD is Ultimate UFO! - a compilation of 250 UFO film clips from 26 countries. Also included on the twin DVDs are a selection of documents obtained under the US Freedom of Information Act, together with some of the controversial MJ-12 papers. There are also links with a selection of websites, and informed commentary from Peter Robbins, Michael Hesemann and J. Antonio Huneeus. But it's the film clips that will be of most interest, I suspect, and these include footage from Mexico, Gulf Breeze and from NASA. The DVDs contain over five and a half hours of material. Check out www.ufocity.com for order details and further information on this product.

Alien Toys

Anyone who collects UFO/alien-related toys or who wants to give an unusual gift should check out www.shadowboxinc.com for details of a wide range of fun products. Model UFOs, glow-in-the-dark alien figures, posters and even a reproduction of the UFO crash that allegedly took place at Roswell.

Sci-Fi On TV

Talking of Roswell, Sky One are now showing Roswell High - a US sci-fi series that takes as its start point the premise that a UFO did crash at Roswell in 1947, but that the aliens survived and escaped. The story follows the (human looking) children of these survivors, whose powers bring them to the attention of various alien hunters. The show runs on Thursday nights at 8pm. Channel Five have scheduled the sci-fi series First Wave - about an alien invasion conspiracy - in the same Thursday evening slot, so sci-fi fans should take their pick, set their videos and write angry letters to TV schedulers. At least BBC 1 have The X-Files on Wednesday nights, repeated on Saturdays. I hope everyone caught the eagerly-awaited episode Triangle, which ran on 19 January, and featured time travel and a kiss between

Mulder and Scully. Well, sort of.

Sea On Europa?

The chances of finding extraterrestrial life may just have been given a boost. Data from NASA's Galileo space probe suggests that below the icy crust of Europa - one of Jupiter's moons - there may be a vast, salty ocean. The discovery stems from the detection of directional changes in Europa's magnetic field. The cause of this is almost certainly electric currents: ice is a poor conductor but salt water is a very good one. Most scientists believe that water is perhaps the key factor in the development of life, so there's a possibility that life could have developed on Europa, especially if there are hydrothermal vents on the ocean floor. Nobody is suggesting that this would be intelligent life - we're probably talking about little more than microbes - but the implications of even this would be immense.

Universe

One of my best Christmas presents was the book Universe, which accompanies the acclaimed series of the same name, made by Pioneer Productions and screened on Channel 4 in the UK and The Learning Channel in the US. Written by Heather Couper and Nigel Henbest it's packed with informed and up to date comment on astronomy and cosmology, and contains a truly awesome selection of photographs - many from the Hubble Space Telescope. It's published by Channel 4 Books. Check out www.macmillan.co.uk or any good bookshop.

The Martians Are Coming

What are the chances of anything coming from Mars? A million to one? Well, maybe it's a little more likely than anyone thought. The scientific community is still debating the significance of ALH 84001 - one of around a dozen meteorites known to have come from Mars. Some scientists believe it shows evidence of fossilised bacteria, while others think that what was found could have chemical but not biological causes. But even those who think they've found evidence of biological activity are split as to the origin of the material. Some believe they've found fossilised Martian bacteria, while others think that there could have been terrestrial contamination. At a recent conference organised by the American Astronomical Society it was suggested that if life did once exist on Mars, life on Earth could actually have been seeded when this life was carried here on meteorites. If it's true, we're all Martians!

Alien Big Cats On Film

On Tuesday December 28 the Western Morning News ran a front page story about the emergence of a piece of film footage that may be the strongest evidence yet that mystery big cats are stalking the British countryside. The video was taken in 1994 in a clay mine near St Austell, by Roy Taylor, a Cornish councillor, but emerged only during the making of a Carlton Westcountry TV documentary, Tracking the Beast of Bodmin, also screened on December 28. The tape shows a black feline creature which Mike Thomas from Newquay Zoo said was similar to a leopard or a panther. The animal was estimated to have been between four and a half and six feet in length. Mr Taylor had previously kept the film secret because he didn't want people to hunt down and kill an animal which hadn't hurt anyone, and only came forward now because he believed that the animal would no longer be in the area, given the time that had passed. Cryptozoologist and naturalist Trevor Beer, author of a number of books including The Beast of Exmoor: Fact or Legend? is also against the idea of hunting down these animals, which he believes originate from the escape or deliberate release of animals from private collections. But the release of the film is likely to renew calls for official action: the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food investigated in 1994, and I'd been involved while investigating UFOs for the MOD, because of the possible connection with the animal mutilation mystery. I'll keep you posted.

Deep Impact

Science Minister Lord Sainsbury has announced the establishment of a task force to look into the danger posed to the Earth from comets and asteroids. The team is to confirm the nature of the hazard, identify current UK activities in this field of study and advise on future action. The team (Dr Harry Atkinson, Professor David Williams and Sir Crispin Tickell) will report to the British National Space Centre, whose Director General will report to the Minister by May 31 2000. The danger from so-called Near Earth Objects may seem remote, but it's a case of low probability, high consequence: this is how the dinosaurs were wiped out, and it's worth bearing in mind that the small, comet-like object that exploded in the atmosphere above Tunguska, Siberia, in 1908, struck with the force of ten million tons of TNT. If such an object struck London, the entire city would be destroyed. I'll keep you posted on this extremely important story. For further details check out www.ds.dial.pipex.com/spaceguard or just search on "spaceguard" for the Spaceguard UK website.

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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Secret Deep Space Probes?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
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Subject: Secret Deep Space Probes?

On Mon, 28 Feb 2000 JamesOberg@aol.com wrote:

>By the way, Nick, the idea that the NSA -- or anyone else --
>has secret deep space probes is so utterly looney, I really
>have to wonder which dimension we're talking about. But then,
>hey, Nick, you LIKE "looney pictures" from space satellites,
>don't you <wink>??

Jim, you are certainly no different in eliciting controversy in regards to your research findings and personal opinions from your many articles and books, many which I own and still treasure. For someone who has revealed so many amazing Soviet space secrets and facts previously unknown to both space enthusiasts and experts and for someone who has worked at NASA's Mission Control during Space Shuttle launches, some of which had exclusive intelligence/military space probe payloads and non-NASA astronaut crews, how can you dismiss even the idea of secret deep space probes as "so utterly looney"? Unless you are an insider yourself, you wouldn't really know one way or the other for sure, would you?

From the many false alarms in radio SETI, actual sightings by amateur astronomers and even many testimonials from insiders, including a certain General involved in military manned space activities who made a visit to Toronto years ago (I will share some of my sources if you share with me some of yours), I at least have a solid basis to suspect that there are secret space probes in Earth orbit and in deep space as well as spacecraft which are neither Russian or American...

One person who I have not yet talked to but may have been a colleague of yours is Clark McClelland, Spacecraft Operator (SCO) of the Space Shuttle Fleet. If just a few of the things Clark mentions in the "Incidents" section of his web page (see below) are facts, then even I may have greatly underestimated the number of space secrets that a free and open society such as the U.S.A. can keep from its people. What are your comments on Clark's revelations?

<http://www.stargate-chronicles.com>

As for your "looney pictures" from space satellites", is this a reference to the GEOS image of what seemed to be a giant saucer shaped UFO in space near the Earth which cause some excitement? My own calculations, which you can find in the UFO UpDates Archive, conclusively showed that it was in fact the Moon.

With respect.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Reed Hoax

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 03:04:16 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 07:18:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 04:13:42 -0800
>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>Subject: Reed Hoax
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>As many of you know, Jonathan Reed and his partner Robert Raith
>are at the International UFO Congress conference in Nevada
>trying to sell their scam to the public.

Royce,

Since people seem to think that a person whose credentials and basic back ground information doesn't check out, or can't be verified should be listened and paid attention to, I would like to make a proposal.

I propose the following list of speakers for the next conference... after all they would dovetail nicely into some of the audience's speaking tastes.

First guy on the list would be the dude from up North who was claiming that he was part of the NASA shuttle program and even supplied NASA phone numbers. He unloaded story after story about various insider revelations, even putting up his own web site with his tales and storys.

Naturally, everybody knows that when anything is posted on a web site, its an absolute truth, never to be doubted. The dude was investigated and found out to be a phony, AND admitted (when confronted) that everything he said was not true. He would probably be high up on some peoples idea of the perfect conference speaker.

We should invite the purported NASA engineer who was unloading tales and storys about how supposed space scientist insiders were telling him about how they were receiving ET signals, how on Jan 24th 1997, the earth would get blanketed with ET signals which would begin a new day for humanity. Even though none of the information turned out to be true, he would be a top candidate for the speaking/conference tour.

I recall the one guy (Noodle?) who was claiming various mass landing dates during the same time period. Even though none of his claims ever came true, he would be another top candidate.

Then we had all the people who were unloading the Yellowbook/Redbook/ Christ is an ET tale, mixed with the claim that on April 24th 1997, mass ET landings would happen in the desert SW. None of this happened and the information turned out to be bogus, BUT wouldn't these people be interesting speakers at the conference?

We could invite the people wagging tales and storys about how the Republicans and Democrats were going to make the ET/UFOs are real disclosure during the 1996 Presidential election. Never happened but gee, these same people who like Reed, would probably find these people even better yet.

We could invite all the authors and writers who interpret Nostradamus. They were the ones who claimed last year that during the 9th month of 1999 the great terror would come from the sky. These same theorists looked up and used every calendar known to man (which included one that the 9th month of 1999 ended on Oct 10th) and it never showed up. Never mind that these people were wrong. It just makes them more appealing to some people.

We could mix a little religion theorists into the pot. You know, the ones who were claiming that Armageddon would happen no later than 1975, then 1979, then the early 80s, then 1989, then 1994, then 1999, and now 2000 and beyond. Hey, just because they were wrong doesn't mean that we shouldn't eagerly listen to every word out of their mouth. :)

Lastly we could invite some of Richard Hoaglands intelligence community sources who were unloading tales and stories about an ET landing to happen on a mountain top last December. Even though it never happened, they would probably be enthralling speakers to some people. While we were inviting them, we could invite Hoaglands NASA sources who were claiming that when the MARS rover (buggy, or whatever the thing was) was actually going to land on July 21st, not in early July when it in fact did. I am sure they could unload an even more enthralling tale than we have previously heard.

Gee, why should we even bother with speakers whose credentials can be checked out such as Stan Friedman, Kevin Randle, Jerry Clark and the many others? We could fill up every conference with fictional story tellers and tale bearers feeding us tales and stories that tickle our ears.

Some people say that this and other conferences are all about entertainment. Who knows, they may be right.

cheers,

Robert

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Giant Rock Sheds Slice

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Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 10:09:47 -0500
Subject: Giant Rock Sheds Slice

Source: http://www.emissaryoflight.com/giant_rock.htm

Before and after images are at the above site.

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The High Desert Star newspaper,
Wednesday, February 23, 2000

LANDERS, CA - Before Monday morning, Giant Rock, was considered by many the largest boulder in the world. It is now two boulders. A slice of the rock fell off the boulder at 8:20 a.m. Monday, exposing a gleaming white granite interior.

In ancient times Giant Rock was held sacred by the Native peoples of the Joshua Tree, California area. So sacred in fact that only the chief was allowed to go near it. Everyone else had to wait nearly a mile away while the Chief communed with the spirits of the "Rock People" who had prophesied the day when the Mother would split open and a new era would be revealed. Most other traditions have pointed to this time in our history as the awakening of the Divine Feminine, to a world based upon compassion and peace. Now that Giant Rock has split, many people believe that the prophecy has been fulfilled.

Giant Rock was also the meeting place for the UFO 'Contactee Movement' in the fifties and sixties... vis

'The Encyclopedia of UFOs'

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New York

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Giant Rock Space Conventions

Between 1954 and 1970, the major annual event in the world of UFO contactees and their followers was the Giant Rock Space Convention, convened by George W. Van Tassel (1910-78). Van Tassel, himself a well-known contactee, was operator of the Giant Rock Airport, located seventeen miles north of Yucca

Valley, California, on the Mojave Desert. Here it was that the Space Convention assembled, generally in autumn.

UFO contact enthusiasts would gather for two or three days during the convention in an atmosphere reminiscent of the camp meetings of old, parking campers or pitching tents on the airport grounds under the desert sky, perhaps a thousand people (in the best years of the convention) would, during the day, hear a nonstop series of speakers and, during the cool evenings, enjoy campfire discussions of contacts and wait for signs of recognition by the Space People themselves. It was widely rumored in contact circles that the latter were aware of these meetings and their importance for their work toward Earth; they would, it was said, acknowledge the assembly by flashing lights or flying in formation over the lonely airport.

During the day, most of the major contactees and contactee-oriented theoreticians could be heard. Orfeo Angelucci, Frank Stranges, Gabriel Green, and Daniel Fry were regulars. In the isolated, intense setting - in which people who usually find themselves a singular and often ridiculed minority were now the majority community - their messages had an unexpected ring of power. During the day, numerous UFO and cognate groups would have booths set up where literature could be obtained, and pins, bumperstickers, pamphlets, and books were on sale. Giant Rock was, then, a real axis of the contactee movement in its heyday.

By 1970, however, attendance had severely fallen off; Ufology, while far from dead in either its scientific or spiritual aspects, had taken other forms than the 'classic' contactees and their narratives, told virtually as sacred histories, to which Giant Rock catered. The conventions were not held after that year.

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UK 'Changing Paradigms - Vision Unlimited'

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 11:43:02 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 10:13:58 -0500
Subject: UK 'Changing Paradigms - Vision Unlimited'

Dear Colleagues,

If anyone fancies attending a rather unique conference in the UK with a wide variety of speakers and topics, may I suggest you check out this one for this coming April care of:

www.1664.org.uk/milagro

Many thanks,

Philip.

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UFOs in China and Japan

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 17:20:52 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 11:56:12 -0500
Subject: UFOs in China and Japan

Dear Colleagues,

Can anyone supply addresses, snail mail or e-mail, of UFO researchers or UFO organisations in either China or Japan. If you could I would be most grateful.

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.
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Re: UFOs in China and Japan

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>Subject: UFOs in China and Japan

>Dear Colleagues,

Hello Phill.

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>researchers or UFO organisations in either China or Japan. If
>you could I would be most grateful.

>Many thanks,

>Philip Mantle.
>pmquest@dial.pipex.com

Of course Phill...

The best info about World Wide UFO organizations (as far I am aware of it) is available at <http://www.ufoinfo.com> and from there just enter to area ORGANIZATIONS. The info for you is:

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UFO Organizations in China

China Paranormal Research Center

Director of research: Paul Stonehill

Fax: (818) 881-7179 (Note: This is a USA fax number)

Purpose: Research of Chinese paranormal developments, ufology, and current paranormal studies (official government and civilian).

The China Paranormal Research Center is in touch with the Mainland and Taiwanese ufologists.

Addresses are on file at the center.

Newsletter: Chinese Ufology Today

Major recent work: Mysteries of the Yellow Emperor

Misc: The findings of Russian Sinologists will be included, too.

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http://ufoinfo.com/organizations/org_china.shtml

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Phill I hope that one helps.

Best regards:

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Re: UFOs in China and Japan

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Subject: Re: UFOs in China and Japan

>Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 17:20:52 +0000
>From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
>Subject: UFOs in China and Japan
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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Here goes Phillip.

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Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Mike Woods &

From: **EBK**
Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 19:17:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 19:17:28 -0500
Subject: Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Mike Woods &

Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

/// Mike Woods

A regular 9:30 columnist, Mike tells it like he sees, reads and hears it - listen - you'll understand...

/// Sandy Nichols

... is featured in the front page story of the March 2000 issue of LIFE magazine - and he's not happy about the way the writer told his story. Sandy will join us in the second hour of the program to discuss the article, press attitude and his work with fellow abductees.

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MP News: Weekly Briefing 3.6.00

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Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 12:27:23 -0500
Subject: MP News: Weekly Briefing 3.6.00

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The E-News Service of The Millennium Project

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa>

March 6, 2000

WEEKLY BRIEFING
3.6.00

NOTE: The news briefings of TMP News will now be published on a regular weekly basis, at the beginning of each week, along with other periodic updates on TMP-related news and upcoming events. The Weekly Briefings provide a summarized listing of the previous week's relevant news stories and reports. Special reports on major breaking news will also be periodically published as warranted.

Information on the upcoming William Thomas lecture "What's Wrong with Our Skies"? on the Chemtrails issue, will follow later this week. This event, part of TMP's The Millennium Forum Lecture Series, is now set for April 8 at the Pacific Space Centre in Vancouver, BC. There will also be a luncheon this month with William Thomas for interested people in the Vancouver area; a chance to sit and discuss the issues involved in a relaxed atmosphere. Date, time and location to be announced. If you are interested, please advise as space will be limited, and a number of people have already requested to attend. It is also advised to reserve tickets early for the lecture in April; they will also be available at Banyen Books and Future Beyond Intelligence in Vancouver. This issue has now definitely taken on a life of its own, with growing interest and awareness on practically a daily basis. William Thomas is an independent environmental journalist who has spoken several times now on this issue on the Art Bell radio program, bringing it to national public attention in the US and Canada.

Information on other upcoming TMP lectures and conferences will also be announced shortly.

PRG PRESS RELEASE: US JUDGE ORDERS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVITS IN CAUS VS. DOD UFO CASE
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/dod.html>

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DR. HEATHER ANNE HARDER SPEAKS OUT ON UFO VIEWS
<http://www.tampatrib.com/Columnist/MGID06V134C.html>

1967 SHAG HARBOUR UFO STORY TO BE FILMED
<http://www.canoe.ca/ChronicleHerald/news.html>

UFOs "OUT THERE", PROFESSOR SAYS
<http://www.omaha.com/Omaha/OWH/StoryViewer/1,3153,302040,00.html>

NEAR PROBE MOVES CLOSER TO EROS ASTEROID

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/02/25/eros.update/index.html>

NEAR BEGINS LOOKING CLOSELY AT EROS

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/near.html>

DID EROS ASTEROID BREAK OFF FROM A PLANET?

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/02/17/eros.02/index.html>

TWO NEW TINY MOONS OF URANUS FINALLY OBSERVED

http://www.space.com/science/solarsystem/uranian_moons_000302.html

EVIDENCE OF MYSTERY PARTICLES STIRRING EXCITEMENT AND DOUBT

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/science/021900sci-dark-matter.html>

ANOTHER FALSE ALARM IN SETI SEARCH

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/falsealarm.html>

BIONIC MAN? WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/bionic.html>

FAMOUS 'GIANT ROCK' IN CALIFORNIA SHEDS SLICE

http://www.emissaryoflight.com/giant_rock.htm

'ALIEN HAND' SYNDROME TURNS LIMBS MONSTROUS

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/20000221/hl/dsb_51.html

See also News and Reports on the TMP web site for complete listings of news stories and reports, as well as Continuum for related news, reports, information and links:

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Malaysian UFO Report

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Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 12:28:01 -0500
Subject: Malaysian UFO Report

Malaysian UFO Report.

A report from the news paper The Star (Malaysia)

IT'S UFO, CLAIM KAMPUNG (VILLAGE) FOLK

Tanah Merah (Kelantan): A large object emitting rays of light was reported to have landed on a piece of marshland here three days ago, holding some 1,000 people of Kampung Gobek in a state of high suspense.

The residents said yesterday they saw the shining object land at 3am.

"The lights from the object came in intervals, similar to lightning, but there was no sign of rain." Mohamad Mat Diah, 51, said.

"The light from the object was very bright and the rays bathed the inside of my house".

"I suspected something was happening outside and looked out and saw the object hovering over the marshland for several minutes," he added.

Mohammad said at daybreak he went over to the area some 100m from his house and saw a "Y" shaped depression measuring 15m by 5m which could have been caused by the unidentified flying object (UFO).

Near the depression was another crescent shaped 3m deep hollow and three holes, one metre apart and each one metre in diameter, he said.

"I was accompanied to the area by two others who initially were afraid to come with me," he said.

Another resident Saupi Salleh, 28 said he was awakened by the bright light.

I clearly saw the light from the object," he said.

"I thought it was lightning but when it prevailed I realised it was something else."

He went to see the depression and concluded it must have been a heavy object.

Many residents were seen inspecting the landing site of the UFO.

Malaysian UFO Network
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Supposed Time-Anomalies

From: **Karoline Leach** <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 12:31:30 -0500
Subject: Supposed Time-Anomalies

Hello all,

I haven't posted anything here before, though I have read with interest.

I have a question arising out of some work I am beginning. It is not strictly 'UFO' oriented, but is close enough for me to be forgiven for introducing it (I hope).

I have been looking into the so-called 'anachronistic' artefacts that are being used to promulgate the idea of time-travellers or lost-civilisations, or prehistoric UFO visitations.

I mean the 'metal balls' from South Africa, reputedly dug out of Palaeozoic deposits, and the gold artefacts found in Precambrian coal etc. (there is a web site devoted to some of them, which I read with some scepticism. I will give the address to any who want it).

At the moment I have not sufficient data to evaluate them on any but a personal level. I admit I find the entire idea of time-travellers dropping their personal belongings all over the ancient world pretty unconvincing.

But I am prepared to be wrong.

So I am wondering if anyone here has any info or opinion that might help either confirm my gut instinct or demonstrate its unreliability.

Are these things just evidence of the human propensity for nice stories - or are they something truly anomalous?

Thanks in advance.

Karoline L

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Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

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Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 14:01:11 -0500
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>Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
>From: Karoline Leach <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
>Subject: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>To: updates@sympatico.ca (UFO UpDates - Toronto)<

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Hallo Karoline,

I have also looked into so-called 'anachronistic' artefacts,
particularly the Antikythera Mechanism and the Salzburg cube.

The Antikythera Mechanism is now reliably dated c.80 BC of Greek
(Rhodos) origin and the Salzburg cube cannot be found!

Perhaps List Members may suggest some other artifacts which we
may discuss.

Regards,

Victor J.Kean
Project FT

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Majestic 12 Photographs

From: Scott Hale <scott_hale@american.edu>
Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 13:38:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 14:03:07 -0500
Subject: Majestic 12 Photographs

All,

Just wanted to mention the recent update over at:

www.majesticdocuments.com

They have photographs from a July 1999 "Photo Drop" as they put it.

Among these photographs are alleged autopsy photos which look... well... not like clinical autopsy photographs.

Just thought some of you might find it interesting.

Regards,

Scott Hale

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Malaysia Update

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 16:00:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Mar 2000 02:44:35 -0500
Subject: Malaysia Update

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/index.htm>

MALAYSIAN NEWS : GENERAL
March 06 , 2000 20:14PM
FORMATION OF CRATER IS NOT UNUSUAL, SAYS DID

TANAH MERAH, March 6 (Bernama) -- The formation of a crater in a marshland area claimed by villagers as the landing place of an object similar to an unidentified flying object (UFO) in Kampung Gobek near here, is not something unusual, said an engineer from the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

Tanah Merah DID engineer Razali Mohamed Noor said this was because an irrigation canal was once built in the area in 1983 for use by the farmers.

The crater could have been formed due to the change in the flow of the water after the canal was neglected and not maintained by the authorities for the past 13 years, he said when commenting on the claim by villagers in the kampung that a "UFO" had landed there on Thursday. Bernama was made to understand that the Kelantan Geological Survey Department would despatch several officers there to investigate the incident.

The villagers claimed that the object which emitted rays of light landed in the area at 3am.

Since the report on the landing by the object in the village was made, hundreds of people had visited the remote area to look at the phenomenon for themselves.

The village situated about 100 Km from Kota Baharu town has been transformed into a carnival-like area and many hawkers took the opportunity to put up stalls while others turned tour guides to the hundreds of vehicles converging to the area.

In addition, there were also villagers who put up signboards along several roads in the village to direct people to the "mystery crater". -- BERNAMA

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Feb. 29th Ohio UFO Reported To/Seen By Law

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 16:38:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Mar 2000 02:50:31 -0500
Subject: Feb. 29th Ohio UFO Reported To/Seen By Law

Subject: UFO Report
Location: Saybrook, Ohio [Ashtabula County]
Date: February 29, 2000

An anonymous report regarding an Ohio UFO sighting appeared on an internet newsgroup. The report stated that a UFO sighting near Saybrook Township, Ohio [Ashtabula County] was reported to and also witnessed by law enforcement officials. That report did not include a date or source of publication.

In an effort to verify the authenticity of the interesting report, a phone call was made this afternoon to the Ashtabula County [Ohio] Sheriff's Office at the following phone number: 440-576-9046.

In response to my inquiry, a detective at the sheriff's office informed that the report was authentic, and it was printed in the Star Beacon newspaper.

The date of the UFO sighting was February 28, 2000. The event attained local news media reportage [including a news segment seen on local television station], but frustratingly, the information was constrained to that area as details of the sighting were not made available to researchers that do not have access to news from that locality.

According to a police official at The Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office, a Mr. Dick Goddard [credentials unknown] explained the suspected UFO sighting as "an alignment of planets."

The officer informed that a police report of the UFO sighting does exist.

Thanks to researcher Todd Lemire for taking note of the message which was posted on an internet newsgroup. Enclosed below is that report.

Filed,
March 6, 2000
Kenny Young

The Star Beacon
[date unknown]

'X-Files' comes to Saybrook

Resident, troopers, deputy witness strange object moving across the sky

By DIANA LEWIS
Staff Writer

SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP - For the second night in a row, Dennis Johnson was standing in the dark in his front yard, transfixed by a light in the sky that so far has defied explanation. "It could be an optical illusion, but I know I saw it move," he said Monday evening, outside his North Depot Road home.

Pointing toward the southwest, he said, "When I came out, it was there. Now it's straight out, to the west. It's moving north." That's pretty strange, since most of the other objects in the cloudless night sky - stars, mostly - were "moving" in a different direction, due to the rotation of the earth.

"I don't think it's a satellite, or a planet," he said. "I'm just awed by it."

This second night, Johnson was content to watch the odd-looking light by himself. But Sunday night, he was desperately looking for corroboration. He got it. Maybe it's because cops enjoy a believability factor the every day, run-of-the-mill UFO-spotter doesn't possess, but Johnson made the difficult decision to call in the law just before midnight Sunday to report the strange moving light in the sky to the west.

"About 11:30, I was going outside to have a cigarette, because I don't smoke in the house and I saw this odd-looking star," Johnson said. "It was a flat light, instead of round and shiny, like a star."

Johnson said he walked around the yard, trying to see it from several angles. "It was just a flat-type light, so I lined it up with a telephone pole to see if it was moving," Johnson said. "It moved down, then to the left and the right."

Johnson called his wife to the door, and she watched it for a while.

"She told me to be careful who I call about it, because they would think I was crazy," he said.

After watching a few minutes more and noticing it changed color from white to green at times, Johnson called 911.

"I told them it wasn't an emergency, but I wanted to know if there were any other reports about it. They told me no," Johnson said.

Johnson didn't know it, but a deputy was dispatched after his first phone call. In his report, the deputy said he drove into the area, scanned the skies, and saw nothing but stars. He did not speak with Johnson.

After watching the object a while longer, Johnson tried to determine how close it was. It could have been hovering over Geneva, he said.

"I called again and said, 'Please send a car so I can show it to somebody,'" Johnson said.

The deputy was dispatched to the area again, with instructions to speak with the star-gazer at his home.

When he arrived, Johnson pointed out the light, located to the west of their location.

"The deputy said, 'Yeah. It's moving,'" Johnson said.

In his report, the deputy said he lined up the light with a fixed object and was then convinced the light was indeed moving around in one general area. By this time, two troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Saybrook Post were also on the scene.

The four men took turns looking at the light with binoculars.

"They were all joking. Saying they weren't going to say anything because people would think they were crazy," Johnson said.

Eventually, the three officers left. Johnson, however, stayed outside a bit longer.

"I watched it go over the trees, out of sight," he said. "It just went gradually lower in the sky and disappeared."

Johnson said it took about a half hour for the light to drop behind the horizon. It was moving much faster than the constellations, he said.

A call by the ACSO to Youngstown airport after Johnson's first call yielded no information. Sheriff Billy Johnson said he believes his deputy "saw something unusual."

"I'm not going to say there aren't UFOs," Johnson said. "Nobody's ever come down and tapped me on the shoulder, but I won't rule out UFOs. All we can do is watch, observe."

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'Sincere Artwork' Is Out There - Yerba Buena UFO

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 07 Mar 2000 09:39:18 -0500
Subject: 'Sincere Artwork' Is Out There - Yerba Buena UFO

Interesting art show for those in the California area.

<http://www.sfgate.com:80/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2000/02/29/DD56417.DTL>

Todd Lemire

<http://members.home.net/tlemire/UFOCENTRAL.html>

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"We would rather, I suspect, fear the unknown than convert it to the known. What we may fear more deeply than the unknown itself is the prospect of actually knowing it. Happily for all of us there are people like yourself who refuse to be bound by such mass refusal of reality, who are not afraid to seek and learn."

Coral Lorenzen : Flying Saucers - The Startling Evidence of The Invasion from Outer Space

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Nick Pope's Weird World - March Issue

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Subject: Nick Pope's Weird World - March Issue

Weird World with Nick Pope
March 2000 Issue, Hot Gossip UK
www.hotgossip.co.uk

Time marches on, so appropriately enough, here's the March column, with a mixture of news, reviews and gossip about ufology, the paranormal, the weird and the wonderful. This month, I'm afraid, starts with extremely sad news.

Helen Wheels

It's with great sadness that I have to report the tragic and untimely death of American singer Helen Wheels, one of a handful of entertainers who was brave enough to speak out publicly about UFOs and abductions - not least about her own extraordinary experiences.

Helen's experiences and philosophy were described in chapter nine of Michael Mannion's book Project Mindshift, and she was an abductee who worked with researchers such as the late Pete Mazzola and Budd Hopkins.

She was a gifted singer/songwriter who used her music to get across information about UFOs, abductions, Freedom of Information Act UFO material and the issue of a UFO cover-up.

Songs like The Saucer Song were entirely UFO-related, and she used her album covers to disseminate information about UFOs. She also wrote material which was used by other bands, such as Blue Oyster Cult.

Helen was the sister of ufologist Peter Robbins, and my deepest sympathies go to Peter and the rest of the family. Tributes can be left at www.helenwheels.com

The Atlantis Enigma

Fans of authors like Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval will be interested in a new book by Herbie Brennan.

The Atlantis Enigma draws on ancient myths and postulates that Biblical accounts of the Great Flood tie in with accounts of other cataclysms mentioned in other cultures.

Brennan, however, puts forward the intriguing idea that this great and very real cataclysm was caused by the explosion of a nearby star, which sent debris through our own solar system.

There's a lot of material highlighting extraordinarily advanced knowledge possessed by ancient peoples, but plenty of new and thought-provoking ideas that are bound to lead to debate.

The Atlantis Enigma is published by Piatkus at £10.99.

Check out www.piatkus.co.uk for details of this and other Piatkus titles.

Satanic Abuse Claims Resurface

The controversy over ritual satanic abuse has been something that alien abduction researchers have followed with interest, as both phenomena have been denounced by some psychologists as having their roots not in reality but in a mixture of hoaxing, fantasy-prone personality and therapist-induced False Memory Syndrome.

An apparent absence of any hard forensic evidence prompted some to suggest that ritual satanic abuse existed only in the minds of over-zealous social workers, and sceptical ufologists have suggested some interesting parallels with over-zealous abduction researchers.

Now the debate is back with a vengeance, as psychotherapist Valerie Sinason claimed that some children in Britain were being specifically bred for ritual sacrifice.

She claims that 46 of her patients have reported seeing the murder of adults and children, while 16 reported seeing induced abortions or the murder of babies. She also claims to have seen photographs showing injuries to children, ceremonial sites and mutilated animals. Doubts have been cast on these claims by a number of other experts, including Professor Richard Green from the Department of Psychiatry at Imperial College School of Medicine in London.

But Valerie Sinason is putting together a report for the Department of Health, and Scotland Yard are reported to be investigating.

I'll keep you posted on this disturbing story.

Cheers

There can be few more enjoyable pleasures than sitting outside on a warm summers day, sipping an ice cold beer. But if you fancy an unusual tippie, an American company - Crop Circle Beer - is marketing a beer brewed from barley from within crop circles.

The deal involves Alton Barnes farmer Tim Carson and Warminster Maltings, who ensure that the barley used in the brewing process is not mixed with barley from other fields. The beer isn't yet available in the UK, but I'll be making every effort to get hold of some, strictly for research purposes, of course!

Intruders Foundation 2000

Hot news just in: Dr John Mack has agreed to speak at the Intruders Foundation abduction conference being organised by Budd Hopkins in New York on 6 May. More details in next month's column.

The Knights Templar

Much spookiness, mystery and conspiratorial skulduggery has been laid at the door of the Knights Templar, and there have been numerous claims made in the last few years, linking t his Order with The Holy Grail, Freemasonry and the Turin Shroud.

Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince wrote a controversial, well-researched and meticulously referenced book called The Templar Revelation which linked them to various practices that would be deno unced as heretical by the Christian church.

Now there's a new book offering a less spooky history of the Order. Entitled 'The Templars', and written by Piers Paul Read, it paints a rather more orthodox view of the Templars as a Crusading Order whose fantast ic wealth attracted the jealousy of a politically strong but impoverished French King.

The book is published by Weidenfeld at £20.

Flying Tractors

Researcher James Easton has caused much amusement among ufologists with a new theory about Britain's best-known UFO case, the Rendlesham Forest incident.

James was previously best known for loudly championing Ian Ridpath's theory that the triangular, metallic craft seen by numerous United States Air Force personnel in Rendlesham Forest was a lighthouse, although as one of the witnesses wryly pointed out, lighthouses don't fly!

Now Easton has a theory of his own: that the entire incident might have been caused by the misidentification of a tractor.

The apparently serious suggestion started when Easton was driving late at night and saw a tractor in a field, festooned with lights.

Unfortunately, theories like this - quite apart from being at odds with the data - serve only to infuriate witnesses, believers and sceptics alike.

Witnesses stand accused of ridiculously poor judgement, while believers think it! 's yet more negative, ill-informed debunking.

Ironically, it's serious sceptical researchers who tend to be most annoyed by such nonsense. Why? Because wild claims like this do far more than simply undermine the credibility of sceptics; they make them laughing stocks, and for serious researchers, that's the kiss of death.

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.

Nick Pope , London 2000

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Reed & Raith's 'Alien' - Nothing Like A Good Laugh

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 10:10:41 -0500
Subject: Reed & Raith's 'Alien' - Nothing Like A Good Laugh

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Maybe FOX will buy it...

Feel free to e-mail Reed and Raith to let them know how you feel about them trashing UFOlogy with their scam:
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Let's not forget who was stupid enough to actually give these dirtbags a soapbox to stand on, Art Bell.

Thanks again Art for further discrediting ufology and promoting another hoax with your total lack of regard for anyone but yourself and your ratings.

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eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."
<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy)
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Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

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Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 10:21:26 -0500
Subject: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

Thought I'd give a bit of forewarning to the list. See article below:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/0307ufo.shtml>

Sky lights to be flares, not UFOs, Guard says

By Dave Walker
The Arizona Republic
March 7, 2000

Look to the sky, conspiracy buffs: See the spheres of light floating eerily in the night sky.

It's... the return of the fabled 'Phoenix lights!'

Actually, it's a flare-lit night-training exercise, which the Arizona Air National Guard says will be conducted this week and next on the Barry M. Goldwater Range near Gila Bend.

A similar scenario - almost exactly three years ago - sparked an ongoing run of UFO buzz over the mysterious lights in the sky.

This time, a tactical media blitz has preceded the invasion of the parachute-borne flares. Dubbed Operation Snowbird, the exercises involve jets and helicopters from Air Guard squadrons in Michigan, California and New York.

They are scheduled from 8:30 to 10 p.m. tonight through Thursday and for March 13-16. Weather permitting, that is - Monday night's eerie night-sky activities were scrubbed due to rain.

Todd Lemire

<http://members.home.net/tlemire/UFOCENTRAL.html>

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An expert may be defined as someone who can make you feel stupid for offering your opinion. Fortunately, as physicist Philip Morrison once said, ufology "is a field in which there aren't any experts."

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>yourself and your ratings.

Hi all,

I am in total disbelief. I slightly remember seeing this a
while back. Quickly pushed it to the back of my mind knowing
very well it was a scam/hoax. But when I read Royce's comment
about a book, Hooooly Cow!

Now it's time I come out and tell everyone:

"I have an alien living in my plumbing at home."

It only comes out at night and nibbles on my cats' food. And on
the weekend when I do laundry I make it upset.

I think it's the detergent that I'm using.

So, let me start on a book, take some poor pictures and
convince some one (Bell are you interested?) that its all
real... I could make millions, thousands or humility, which ever
comes first.

In total dismay,

Donnie Shevlin

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(as I found out to my displeasure) was put on by a Meier-ite
group Delusionals for the Exsistance of Extraterrestrial
Brothers in Space D.E.E.B.S? as I called these gentile folk.

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This whacky show I attended featured every phony, every quack, of
all the UFO scene at the time (late 1990) and no one even asked
any questions like: "ah, where did you get the latex mold for
the alien head?" and "Why, oh why, can't Meier get a good shot
of Semjase?" Instead, as later revealed, we have a good close-up
of one Dean Martin's "babes" from his old T.V. show.

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>laying on a thermal blanket and if you look at the feet... well,
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Yes, even Adamski's Chicken Brooders. I have had the strange
feeling I had seen one before - when as a young lad growing up
on a Ranch in E.Oregon I first noticed this eerie resemblance.

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P.T. Barnum, my friend, is still with us, he would have loved
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surely would have gotten me thrown out.

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Like in;" who would want to marry a UFO hoaxer?" Tonya Harding
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><http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy)
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GT McCoy

Experiencer, non-abuctee, and student of things inexplicable

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 08:26:36 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 13:17:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 01:43:13 -0500
>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>This time, a tactical media blitz has preceded the invasion of
>the parachute-borne flares. Dubbed Operation Snowbird, the
>exercises involve jets and helicopters from Air Guard squadrons
>in Michigan, California and New York.

>They are scheduled from 8:30 to 10 p.m. tonight through Thursday
>and for March 13-16. Weather permitting, that is - Monday
>night's eerie night-sky activities were scrubbed due to rain.

Hello Todd:

At least they warned in advance this time!

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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From: **Karoline Leach** <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 07 Mar 2000 13:47:16 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 13:31:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 13:27:25 -0500
>From: Victor J. Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Karoline Leach <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
>>Subject: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca (UFO UpDates - Toronto)<

>Hallo Karoline,

>I have also looked into so-called 'anachronistic' artefacts,
>particularly the Antikythera Mechanism and the Salzburg cube.

>The Antikythera Mechanism is now reliably dated c.80 BC of Greek
>(Rhodos) origin and the Salzburg cube cannot be found!

>Perhaps List Members may suggest some other artifacts which we
>may discuss.

Dear Victor and all,

First thanks for the many responses, to which I will reply
separately.

The website is at:

<http://www.time-travel.com/forbidde.htm>

It is a generalised time-travel site with a special area covering
these so-called 'anomalous objects'.

Among other things, it mentions some metal balls, found in S,
Africa, reputedly in deposits formed in the palaeozoic era, and
on some lengths of metal tubing, reputedly from a similar age.

It also mentions a couple of supposed old shoe-prints in rocks,
but from the photographs I saw, these look more like slightly
unusual weathering patterns than evidence of prehistoric
Adidas-wearers. All the info on the site seems to be taken from
a book called 'Forbidden Archaeology' which I have not read.

If these things did - genuinely - originate from these ancient
deposits, then they obviously mean that our present
understanding of life on earth is seriously up the creek.

But that is a very large 'if.'

The trouble is, I fear, that (as with everything else), what
people think about these artefacts is predetermined by their
existing world-view, rather than by the available data. If you
ask a follower of von Daniken, they will tell you the South
African metal balls are proof that 'God' was indeed 'an
astronaut,' (even if said balls turn out to have 'made in
Taiwan' printed on one side).

If you ask a mainstream scientist, they will tell you the same

balls are either forgeries or incorrectly dated (even if there is no proof for either of these contentions).

Belief truly is the enemy of reason.

I hope no one minds me saying that there seems to be something very similar here between the 'Pelicans' and the 'ET' believers.

Since there is clearly no proof of either hypothesis, wouldn't it make more sense to abandon believing either of them (or anything else) and just keep open to all possibilities?

Best wishes,

Karoline L

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Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8

From: Bruno Mancusi <[Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch](mailto: Bruno.Mancusi@com.mcnet.ch)>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 19:58:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 15:18:17 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8

>Date: Fri, 25 Feb 2000 08:04:55 +0000
>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

> UFO ROUNDUP
>Volume 5, Number 8
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>Editor: Joseph Trainor

>from the UFO Files...

>
>1217: UNDER NEW
> OWNERSHIP

> Like California's Mount Shasta or Spain's
>Mount Moncayo, Switzerland has a mystic
>mountain of its very own.
> It's called Mount Pilatus, and it's located
>in the Alps near Engelberg, about 59 kilometers
>(37 miles) east of Bern, the national capital.
> Throughout the Middle Ages, there were
>reports of gnomes (aliens?) living on the upper
>slopes of Mount Pilatus. These gnomes were
>described as humanoids about one foot (0.3
>meters) tall with snow-white hair, while long
>beards flowed down over their breasts. The
>gnomes not only watched over the chamois
>(goats) bounding from rock to rock but tended
>the fish sporting in the depths of the mountain
>streams."

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The original text confirmed my suspicion. There is absolutely no "disc", no date is given and there are no dialogues between the bad rich (he has no name) and the "craft".

Here is the original text:

Mount Pilatus is said to have long been the home of countless little gnomes who hid in every nook and crevice and under every stone. These dwarfs were about eighteen inches high, and wore long green mantles to conceal the fact that they had goose-shaped feet. Bright red caps were jauntily perched on top of their snow-white hair, while long beards of the same colour flowed down over their breasts. The gnomes not only watched over the chamois, bounding from rock to rock, but tended the fish

sporting in the depths of the mountain streams, and protected all game from the greed of wanton sportsmen.

These gnomes were so obliging that they cheerfully helped the herdsmen watch and tend their cattle, milk the cows, make butter or cheese, and in exchange for their manifold services merely required a small bowlful of milk or cream. Gentle and helpful as long as they were treated kindly, the gnomes were sure to revenge themselves upon any mortals who ill-treated them or their protégés, or hurt their feelings by trying to get a sight of their misshapen feet.

A rich peasant once pastured his cattle high up on the beautiful Kastenalp, on Mount Pilatus, where the grass was so rich that the cows had to be milked three times a day. Magdalen, the only daughter of a widowed cousin, once painfully made her way up to this alp to beg for a little help for her sick mother, who had neither food nor medicine in the house. The rich man, who had provisions in plenty, and who stored away cheese after cheese in his cellars, nevertheless refused to help his poor relatives, and sent Magdalen home empty-handed and in tears.

Overtaken on her way down the mountain by a sudden thunder-storm, the girl sought shelter in the hut of her lover, a herdsman to whom she confided all her sorrows. A generous, noble-hearted fellow, Alois no sooner heard of his sweetheart's destitution and disappointment than he ran to get a small cheese, the only food he had in the house, and forced her to accept it for her starving mother. The storm over, Magdalen set out again with lightened heart, but her foot suddenly slipping on the wet grass, she let go the precious cheese, which, bounding from rock to rock, rolled over the edge of a precipice, into whose depths it disappeared.

Magdalen's tears now flowed afresh; but while she sat there wringing her hands in despair, she suddenly felt a twitch at her dress. Looking down, she there beheld one of the tiny mountain spirits, carrying a small cheese upon his shoulder, and holding a bundle of medicinal herbs in his hand.

"Weep no longer," the little man gently said. "The hard-hearted owner of the Kastenalp shall be duly punished for his refusal to help you. In the meantime take these herbs, which will restore your mother's health, and I'm sure you and your mother will enjoy this cheese."

The little man then vanished, leaving his gifts behind him, and Magdalen hastened joyfully home. Her first care was to prepare herb tea for the patient whose health was miraculously restored as soon as she had tasted it. But when Magdalen tried to cut the cheese the kind-hearted gnome had given her, she was amazed to find it was a solid lump of gold! She and her mother were so rich with this treasure that they soon purchased the Bründlialp, where Magdalen and Alois, a happy husband and wife, tended their flocks together.

As for the hard-hearted owner of the Kastenalp, he was justly punished for his lack of charity. The sudden rain-storm, loosening the rocks above his pasture, started a landslide which covered his alp with such a mass of loose stones that not a blade of grass has ever been seen on it since. Besides this, a fragment of rock struck the owner as he fled, and breaking both his legs, left him so badly crippled that he never walked without crutches again.

H.A. Guerber, 'Legends of Switzerland', Dodd, Mead and Co., New York 1899, pages 211 to 214.

You have a pretty good imagination, Joseph...

Bruno
Switzerland

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From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@fc.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 13:56:33 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 15:20:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 01:43:13 -0500
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Since they're doing us the service of announcing it this time, somebody out in Phoenix should get video of the exercise from a comparable distance, and see if the results appear roughly the same as the Phoenix lights of two years ago. It would be interesting to know if the videos look similar or not.

Somebody should also monitor whether Luke AFB launches jets on afterburners to investigate those flares, and then later denies that any were sent up at all :-)

This of course follows the sound scientific principal of establishing a comparative baseline or "control" when conducting an experiment.

My two cents,

-Brian C.

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From: **Tim Haley** <TimHaley@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 13:23:55 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 15:27:09 -0500
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<snip>

I suggest that individuals who live in the Pheonix area video
tape the event.

The resulting video would provide a "control" by which the
Pheonix lights taped three years ago could be judged as well as
any future anomolous events.

If video of unknown anomolous events look anything like those of
the upcoming "flares" event, then one could attribute flares as
a factor in the event.

However, if video of anomolous events look drastically different
than video of the upcoming "flares" event, the differences
could be viewed as further evidence of something truely unknown.

Tim Haley

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From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 16:15:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 16:28:34 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 8

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Thank you very much for posting this, Bruno.

I, too, tried to verify the story by finding the book that was
cited, but on Amazon I could only find books with similar
sounding names, not the exact book. So I didn't buy any of them
& couldn't verify this (possibly) astounding story.

Search for other documents from or mentioning: ron.cecchini

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Dennis Balthazer On UK TV

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 21:44:29 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 05:32:13 -0500
Subject: Dennis Balthazer On UK TV

Hi Errol,

I have been asked to pass the following on for those living in the UK:

From: Peter Webber <peter@dogwich.freemove.co.uk>
To: <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Subject: Roswell
Date: Wed, 8 Mar 2000 10:15:27 -0000

Check out the Equinox on Channel Four at 9.00pm on Monday 13th for Dennis Balthazer, UFO Investigator, talking about the Roswell incident.

The film is called "The Secret Life of the Crash Test Dummy"

Spread the word - important new claims.

Best wishes,

John Hayes

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UFO Activity After Base Closures

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 20:17:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 05:42:58 -0500
Subject: UFO Activity After Base Closures

Errol,

Todd Fraser and was wondering if anyone else out there knows of any UFO activity near other military bases _after_ they were abandoned.

Ever since my sighting at the Canadian Forces Station Falconbridge, Sudbury, Ontario base in October 1990 (the base closed in 1987), I've been wondering the same thing!?

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

From: **Lesley Cluff** <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 22:27:08 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 06:53:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>>>Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Karoline Leach <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
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>balls are either forgeries or incorrectly dated (even if there is
>no proof for either of these contentions).
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Now THAT is truly one of the wisest things I have ever read on
any ufo list or heard from the mouth of anyone else also totally
curious about ufo's and every possibility they hold!

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>Since there is clearly no proof of either hypothesis, wouldn't
>it make more sense to abandon believing either of them (or
>anything else) and just keep open to all possibilities?

GEE! What a concept, what an idea! But hey, if all listers on this
list did that, the number of posts would drop by about 90%! No arguments,
no appeals to 'reason', the meaning of which seems more ego driven than
'reason' driven.

Maybe there would just be a sense of awe, of interest,
questioning, sharing wonderments, no reason for personal and
cruel attacks on the personality or integrity of fellow listers.
Just maybe, we might have a common pool of information, to which
we add, seek to know about, from which some day, we can actually
draw some conclusions which we might be able to debate or
generally agree on, free from flames.

You know, this actually makes sense to me! Come to think of it,
its an idea I once, long ago suggested too, but there was only a
few personal replies from a few people who admitted to thinking
the same thing! Don't recall too many actually posted to the
list.

Please forgive me if I seem to gloat over this sudden appearance
of an intelligent paradigm in which to view archaeological and
other unknowns, including ufo's, and the fact that it came from
a fellow member of the feminine species. Making a 'point', being
'right' being the defender of the great 'scientific method' is
not the basis of all egos nor does it make sense when we have so

much evidence, but really so little information to work with.

I have read about these anomalies going back to the 60's and 70's, and about UFOs since I was a kid, but now, half a century later, I still don't have the answers, but I do have a lot more information than I had then, and while I do give some more 'weight' than others, I know I don't yet have all the information I need to arrive at an accurate decision/conclusion as to what it all is. I will not judge another's experience. I do not have the moral right to do so, nor the necessary knowledge to do so. And I haven't yet met anyone who has.

Thank you Karoline!

Lesley Cluff

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Dust Bunny Hunt - Update

From: John <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 02:41:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 13:45:18 -0500
Subject: Dust Bunny Hunt - Update

Hi All,

It's been a week so I wanted to post a little 'update' to UpDates! :)

I am awaiting delivery of the sealed, sterile vials I ordered from a medical supplier. As soon as I have those, I'll make up the 'kits' and mail them out to all of the participants. Please be patient with me, it's taking a little longer than I'd expected, but we'll get this all done in its own time. I will notify you all via this list when I'm ready to begin mailing out the kits.

Thanx again for your patience and cooperation.

John Velez, 'Dust Collector' ;)

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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From: Roderick B. Dyke <RodBD@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 23:46:39 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 13:57:43 -0500
Subject: APRO Bulletins Wanted For Trade

[Non-sunsubscriber post--ebk]

Roderick B. Dyke
Golden Age Collectables, Ltd
1501 Pike Place Market
401 Lower Level
Seattle, Washington 98101

Email: Rodbd@aol.com

Dear fellow researchers:

I am trying to complete my personal research archives. Your help is appreciated.

The following items are wanted for trade, as listed below. My prime needs and wants are listed, but will also trade for other items not listed...let me know what you have to offer! I prefer originals if at all possible.

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[last update: 3.01.00]

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UFO LANDS NEAR A VILLAGE IN MALAYSIA

A UFO landed in a marsh close to a village of 1,000 people in the Southeast Asian country of Malaysia and left physical evidence of its arrival.

"A large object emitting rays of light was reported to have landed on a piece of marshland here three days ago (Thursday, March 2, 2000) holding some 1,000 people in Kampung Gobek (village) in a state of high suspense."

Kampung Gobek is located near the city of Tanah Merah in Malaysia's Kelantan province.

"The residents said yesterday they saw the shining object at 3 a.m."

"The lights from the object came in intervals, similar to lightning, but there was no sign of rain," Mohamad Mat Diah, 51, said."

"The light from the object was very bright, and the rays bathed the inside of my house."

"I suspected something was happening outside and ducked out and saw the object hovering over the marshland for several minutes," he added."

"Mohamad said at daybreak he went over to the area some 100 metres (330 feet) from his house and saw a Y-shaped depression measuring 15 metres by 5 metres (50 feet by 17 feet) which could have been caused by the unidentified flying object (UFO)."

"Near the depression was another crescent-shaped three-metre (10-foot) deep hollow and three holes one metre (3.3 feet) apart and each one metre in diameter."

"I was accompanied to the area by two others who initially were afraid to come with me," he said."

"Another resident, Saupi Salleh, 28, said he was awakened by the bright light."

"I clearly saw the light from the object," he said."

"I thought it was lightning, but when it prevailed, I realized it was something else."

"He went to see the depression and concluded that it must have been a heavy object." (See the Malaysian newspaper The Star of Kuala Lumpur for March 5, 2000. Many thanks to Muzzafar Zabidin and Errol Bruce-Knapp for forwarding the newspaper article.)

THREE SPHERICAL GREY UFOs
SEEN OVER MIDDLESEX, UK

On Thursday, February 17, 2000, at 11:45 a.m., Elaine W. was in her neighbourhood at the Dormers Wells section of Southall, Middlesex, UK when she saw an unusual sight in the western sky.

"I saw three non-reflecting grey globes crossing the sky," Elaine reported. "They approached from the west, flew to the east. I saw them as I was facing north. The third (UFO) was travelling some 200 yards behind at an angle of 70 degrees and under 2,000 feet (in altitude--J.T.) They had a structured and defined outline and appeared to be rotating anti-clockwise (In the USA, we say counter-clockwise--J.T.) Despite the wind present that day, they did not veer or bob around in the breeze. They were about the size of a dried pea held at arm's length."

Elaine added that Dormers Wells "is on a direct ley line from Silbury Hill" in North Wiltshire, the site of the recent UFO landing in UK. (See UFO Roundup, Volume 5, Number 9 for March 2, 2000.) (Email Form Report)

DISC-SHAPED UFOs SIGHTED IN NORTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

On Saturday, February 12, 2000, at 4 a.m., residents of Novellara, a town in Italy's Reggio Emiliar province about 300 kilometers (180 miles) north of Rome, sighted "two luminous discs flying at an extremely high rate of speed. The discs were kept in view by several dozen witnesses for several minutes." (See the Italian newspaper Gazzetta di Reggio for February 13, 2000.)

On Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at 10:15 p.m., in the Catania region of Sicily, a large island in the Mediterranean Sea owned by Italy, "two men leaving the factory at the end of their work shift saw in a northerly direction an unusually strong white light in the form of a diamond. The object remained immobile in the dark sky for just over one minute, then it zipped away to the horizon at blinding speed."

Earlier that same day, at 8 a.m., "several people in the Priolo section of Siracusa," a large seaport city in Sicily, "saw what looked like a humanoid figure suspended very high in the air, over the sea." But other witnesses claimed that "the object resembled a silver bullet." (Grazie a Edoardo Russo, Roberto Labantil e Davide Ferrara di Centro Italiano dis Studi Ufologici per questi rapporti.)

PHOTO CAPTURES UFOs ON FILM SOUTH OF CHICAGO

A photographer in Palos Hills, Illinois (population 17,803) captured three UFOs on film last week and has posted them on his website.

"I was photographing contrails/chemtrails over Palos Hills, Illinois" on Wednesday, March 1, 2000 when he accidentally captured the images.

"I took a series of 34 photos," he reported, "And when I viewed them I saw objects in two photos that I did not see when I took the film."

He was using a Model 2700 Vivitar Digital Camera when he shot the 34 photos of the sky near Roberts Road and 103rd Street in Palos Hills, just south of Chicago.

Photo No. 27 shows one UFO in the sky.

Photo No. 29 shows three unidentified objects, with two of the objects "turned" or pitched at the same angle.

This is the first time that UFOs in the USA's Upper Midwest have been photographed in connection with the mysterious and controversial "chemtrails."

The photos may be viewed at the following sites: UFO Roundup readers should set their browsers for <http://paloshills.com/contrails/022900/27.jpg> and <http://paloshills.com/contrails/022900/29.jpg>. (Many thanks to "the Public Eye" for this story.)

V-SHAPED UFOs SEEN HIGH OVER BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

On Sunday, March 5, 2000, at 8:37 p.m., Richard Ogden decided to take a break from taking a school exam and stepped outside of his home in Bay City, Michigan (population 38,700). He then spotted something very strange in the southeastern sky, over Lake Huron.

"I went outside to take a break from taking a test for class," Richard reported, "Standing between the house and the garage, facing due west, I was looking up at about 60 degrees above the horizon when I spotted two distinct but faint groups of lights moving to the northwest at a very high rate of speed. The objects were similar to faint stars."

"I could only observe the objects for approximately four seconds. They appeared to be grouped together in a semi-circular or possibly V-shaped formation. The number of separate lights was estimated at between 12 and 18."

Although the exact speed and altitude "were hard to gauge because of the limited time I was able to observe them," Richard estimated that the two UFOs were traveling at an altitude of 12,000 feet (3,600 meters) at an average speed of 3,000 miles per hour (4,800 kilometers per hour). (Email Form Report) (Editor's Comment: When in Bay City, be sure to visit the Museum of the Great Lakes. A good place to stay is the Euclid Motel. I stayed there during my first visit in June 1982 and in April 1999 during the "Millennium Bugout.")

GIANT ROCK SPLITS, CAUSING MUCH SPECULATION IN THE NEW AGE COMMUNITY

Giant Rock, a gathering place for UFO enthusiasts and contactees for nearly fifty years, broke apart unexpectedly on Monday, February 21, 2000, fueling speculation that the event might be "a sign of the end of the age."

"Before Monday morning (February 21), Giant Rock was considered by many the largest boulder in the world. It is now two boulders."

"A slice of the rock fell off from the boulder at 8:20 a.m. Monday, exposing a gleaming white granite interior."

"In ancient times, the Giant Rock was held sacred by the Native (indigenous) peoples of the Joshua Tree, California area. So sacred in fact that only the chief was allowed to go near it. Everyone else had to wait nearly a mile away while the chief communed with the spirits of the 'Rock People' who had predicted the day when the Mother would split open, and a new era would be revealed."

(Editor's Note: Geologists consider Giant Rock to be an "erratic" deposited during the last Ice Age. The indigenous Chemehueve people, however, believe that their ancestors witnessed the rock's arrival. They say it drifted down from a clear blue sky as slowly and as lightly as a soap bubble.)

"Many other traditions have pointed to this time in our history as the surfacing of the Divine Feminine, to a world based upon consciousness and peace. Now that Giant Rock has split, many people feel that the prophecy has been fulfilled." (See the newspaper High Desert Star for February 23, 2000, "Giant Rock Splits--Ancient Prophecy Fulfilled," page Many thanks to Errol Bruce-Knapp for forwarding this newspaper article.)

Giant Rock has had a long association with the UFO community. According to The Encyclopedia of UFOs, "Between 1954 and 1970, the biggest annual event in the world of UFO contactees and their followers was the Giant Rock Space Convention," which was organized by George W. Van Tassell (1910-1978), affectionately known as "Van."

Van Tassell, "a well-known contactee, was the operator of the Giant Rock airport, located 17 miles (27 kilometers) north of Yucca Valley," near the town of Landers (population 1,500). Giant Rock is just off California Highway 247 about 85 miles (137 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

According to author Jim Brandon, "'Van,' as he is called by his worldwide circle of admirers, is (was)

perhaps the last of the post-World War Two flying saucer contactees. His book, *I Rode A Flying Saucer*, achieved less of a following than did the writings of his late friends and namesakes, George Adamski and George Hunt Williamson," but Van did inspire a number of UFO-related projects, including his College of Universal Wisdom (CUW) in Yucca Valley, the annual Giant Rock Space Convention, and the construction of the Integatron.

Claiming to have been instructed by space aliens, Van Tassell designed the Integatron, "a 40-foot domed structure" which Van described "as a high-powered generator of 'bioelectrical energies.'"

Long before "Pyramid Power" and pyramid hats became the rage in 1975, George W. Van Tassell was printing articles in *Proceedings*, his monthly magazine, on pyramids and their occult energies.

Van Tassell claimed that the Integatron when "finally completed, it will be used to complete rejuvenation, anti-gravity and time-travel experiments." (See *The Encyclopedia of UFOs*, edited by Ronald D. Story, Dolphin Books, Doubleday and Co., Inc., Garden City, N.Y., 1980, page 149. See also *Weird America* by Jim Brandon, E.P. Dutton Books, New York, N.Y., 1978, pages 30 and 31.)

from the UFO Files...

1910: UNFORGETTABLE
JACINTA MARTO

Our Reader's Digest-style biography actually begins in 1897, the year of the "Great Airship Mystery" or UFO flap here in the USA. That was the year Manuel Pedro Marto, 24, a cabo (corporal) in the Portuguese Army returned home after a tour of duty in Mozambique. Settling in the village of Aljustrel, in the Serra da Aire mountains of central Portugal, he met and married Olimpia de Jesus dos Santos de Rosa, 28, a widow with two children.

They soon added to Olimpia's two kids, and by 1909, the total number of kids in the household had climbed to ten. Number Eleven, a baby girl, was born on March 11, 1910. They called her Jacinta (Portuguese for Hyacinth--J.T.)

Jacinta "was as quick and blithe as a bird, always running or jumping or dancing. For Jacinta had been spoiled a little, too, as the baby of a large family, and she could pout or sulk on slight provocation."

Yes, Jacinta was the family brat. Like most pre-schoolers, she went through a possessive phase. "That's mine!" she would say, swiping an item from a sibling. "That's mine, too!"

In exasperation, her older brother Joao asked, "Does everything in this house belong to you?"

Jacinta replied, "Well...yes!"

She seemed drawn to religious symbols. In 1913, at the home of her cousin and playmate, Lucia Abobora dos Santos, Jacinta took the crucifix "from the wall and was looking at it affectionately" when her aunt, Maria Rosa dos Santos de Abobora (Lucia's mother--J.T.) "came in and, thinking Lucia was to blame, began to scold."

"Tia Maria, don't spank her!" Jacinta pleaded, "It was all my fault. I won't do it again."

Jacinta was very close to her immediate older brother, Francisco, who was born on June 11, 1908, and her cousin Lucia, also born that year.

Anton Chekhov once remarked, "Happy families are all the same. But each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." The Abobora household presented a sharp contrast to the joyful chaos at the Marto place. Lucia, the daughter of an alcoholic father and a hot-tempered, physically-abusive mother, found solace in religion. She was also a precocious child and made her First Communion at the age of six, surprising Father Pena, their parish priest, with her understanding of Roman Catholic doctrine.

In May 1914, seeing her cousin in her white First Communion dress, Jacinta wanted to be part of the ceremony, too. So she prevailed upon Lucia to coach

her in Catholic doctrine.

Jacinta's First Communion test, however, was a theological disaster.

Father Pena: "Now then, Jacinta, how many gods are there?"

Jacinta: "Three! The Father, the Son and What's-his-name."

Father Pena: "Why do we go to Mass?"

Jacinta: "To sing and be happy."

"Poor Jacinta! How she grieved! Yet it was not her nature to brood over past defeats when there were still victories to be gained."

In June 1914, Maria Rosa, strapped for cash, put her daughter Lucia to work as a shepherdess. Manuel Marto thought his son Francisco should become one, as well, sort of introducing the boy to the world of work. And with her two playmates heading up into the serra with their flock of sheep, Jacinta just had to go along, too.

One day in July 1914, the trio was tending a flock of sheep on the Cabeco (Portuguese for head--J.T.) a promontory overlooking the heavily-wooded extinct volcano known as Cova da Iria, when sharp-eyed Jacinta spotted something unusual in the clear blue summer sky.

In her 1937 memoir, Lucia described it as "a figure like a statue made of snow which the rays of the sun had turned somewhat transparent."
(Editor's Comment: Sounds like a UFO to me.)

In September 1914, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia saw the object again.

It returned for the third time in July 1915.

By now everyone in Aljustrel had heard about these incidents and joked about them. An irate Maria Rosa confronted Lucia. "Now let us see. What was it you say you saw over there?"

"I don't know, Mama," Lucia replied, "I don't know what it was."

Well, first it was the UFO. Then it was an angel. Then the Archangel Michael and the Angel of Peace, and finally, on May 13, 1917, a visit from the Virgin Mary, who swore the children to secrecy.

Jacinta meant to keep the promise. But, after all, she was only seven years old, and this was the biggest thing that had ever happened to her. She just had to share it with the most important person in her life--her mother.

"The child ran to clasp her about the knees. And out it came...'Mother, I saw Our Lady today at Cova da Iria!'"

Olimpia merely laughed. "I believe you, child. Oh, yes, you are such a good saint that you see Our Lady!"

"But I saw her!" Jacinta insisted.

Something in Jacinta's tone of voice convinced Olimpia. She told the children's father. Manuel, the hard-headed ex-soldier, carefully cross-examined both Jacinta and Francisco. He, too, was convinced. The children used words and phrases far beyond their youthful levels of comprehension.

From there the news spread all over Portugal, and the crowds descended on Cova da Iria, both the faithful and the curiosity-seekers.

Through July and August 1917, Jacinta began to see strange visions of the future. Scenes of the Great Depression of the 1930s and World War II. And another featuring a Pope of the future.

One day, Francisco and Lucia found the little girl sitting beside the well, staring off into space. Presently she asked them, "Don't you see the Holy Father?"

No," they replied.

"I don't know how it is," Jacinta said, "But I see the Holy Father in a very large building, on his knees before a table, with his hands over his face, crying. In front of the building there are many people and some are throwing stones at him, others are cursing him and saying very foul words to him. Poor little Holy Father! We must pray a lot for him!"

Word of the pint-sized seers finally reached the ears of Magalhaes Lima, the Illuminatus of Leiria.

He ordered his subordinate, Arturo de Oliveira Santos, district administrator of Ourem and a fellow member of the Grand Orient Masonic lodge in Leiria, to "do something" about these kids.

On August 11, 1917, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia were arrested by the police and tossed into the district prison at Ourem.

As Jacinta herself might have put it, the kids were "in deep poo-poo," locked up with thieves, pimps, alcoholics, dope dealers and armed robbers. The two girls began weeping. "I want to see my mother!" Jacinta moaned, "I want my mother!"

(Editor's Note: At the same time the Fatima kids were in prison, another mystic, Mrs. Annie Wood Besant, was under house arrest in India for protesting the insane carnage of World War One.)

At Francisco's suggestion, the trio knelt on the floor and began to pray.

Maybe it was seeing the three innocents in prayer. Or maybe the convicts were too smart to do the Illuminati's dirty work for them. In any event, they didn't harm the children, who spent many hours looking out the barred window.

"We'll be all right," Lucia said, "Our Lady will never abandon us."

"I know," Jacinta sighed. "But I can't stop thinking about my mother."

Hoping to cheer them up, one convict produced a harmonica and offered to play a few tunes.

(Editor's Comment: I wonder if he did Red River Valley? That's what they played for Tom Horn the night before he was hanged in Wyoming.)

Hearing the music, Jacinta immediately brightened. "I can dance the fandango," she said, "And the vira."

"Prove it!" a convict challenged.

So Jacinta and her partner danced around the cell, although, as Lucia reported, "she was so small he had to carry her while she had her arms around his neck." They sang many Portuguese ballads, including Jacinta's favorite, A Serrana (Mountain Girl).

Following their release, the kids returned to Cova da Iria for the tumultuous events of October 13, 1917, in which thousands of onlookers witnessed what they called "a solar miracle."

That was the end of the Marian apparitions but Jacinta's strange visions continued. The Martos could not get over the change in their youngest daughter. She seemed more thoughtful, more mature, less impulsive and given to curious insights into people.

In May 1918, Jacinta took the First Communion exam again. This time she stunned the parish priest with her flawless answers. "She speaks with the voice of a saint," he remarked.

But tragedy was on the horizon. The Spanish influenza epidemic that ravaged Europe in 1919 arrived in Aljustrel in January. Francisco succumbed quickly. Jacinta came down with pleurisy and lingered for months.

In April 1919, she told Lucia, "Our Lady says my mother will take me to a hospital in a dark building, and that I would not get well."

In July 1919, Manuel took his dying daughter to the hospital in Ourem. It was a white, well-lit building, and the family thought that, for once, a Jacinta prediction had not come true.

On December 29, 1919, Jacinta had a second vision of what she called "the dark hospital," telling cousin Lucia, "Our Lady told me I am going to Lisboa, to another hospital. I will die there, but someday I will return to Cova da Iria."

On February 2, 1920, Jacinta was taken to the Hospital of Dona Stefania in Lisboa. It was, just as she predicted, a dark, dreary old building. Upon admission, she was assigned to Bed #38 in the children's ward on the first floor.

Two weeks later, on February 16, 1920, at 10:30 p.m., Jacinta Marto passed away. She was twenty-four days shy of her tenth birthday.

The miracles, however, did not end with Jacinta's death. In 1935, her grave was opened, and the little girl's body was found to be perfectly preserved.

There was no trace of deterioration. A witness commented, "She looked as if she were sleeping."

In 1972, one of the people in attendance at a Marian apparition in Bayside, New York, USA took Polaroid photographs of strange lights in the night sky over the old Vatican pavilion at the former site of the 1964 New York World's Fair. When the Polaroid photo developed, it showed a name written in light, Jacinta, in the girl's own handwriting.

Such was the life of Jacinta Marto, the little girl who never became a teenager but who is well on her way to becoming the Nostradamus of Portugal. (See the book Our Lady of Fatima by William Thomas Walsh, Macmillan Co., New York, N.Y., 1947, pages 16, 17, 22, 23, 54, 55, 112, 174 and 175. See also Jacinta--Episodos Mweditos das Aparicoes da Nossa Senhora by Jose Galamba de Oliveira.)

FUN UFO WEBSITES:

Circulo Ovniologico Riocuartense (COR) is a UFO study group based in the city of Rio Cuarto, Cordoba province, Argentina. They banded together back in 1978 and have compiled an impressive array of UFO material at their site. Webmaster Mario Luis Bracamonte invites everyone to visit their site at <http://www.angelfire.com/co/ovnicor>

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Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

From: **Tim Haley** <TimHaley@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:21:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 22:27:08 -0500
>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Karoline Leach <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca (UFO UpDates - Toronto)<

Karoline wrote:

>>If these things did - genuinely - originate from these ancient
>>deposits, then they obviously mean that our present
>>understanding of life on earth is seriously up the creek.

<snip>

Lesley responded:

>Please forgive me if I seem to gloat over this sudden appearance
>of an intelligent paradigm in which to view archaeological and
>other unknowns, including UFOs, and the fact that it came from
>a fellow member of the feminine species.

Lesley, since when did women become a separate species and how
do you become a "member" of said species?

Tim Haley

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Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 08:55:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:24:47 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 20:17:34 -0500
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>Subject: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Ever since my sighting at the Canadian Forces Station
>Falconbridge, Sudbury, Ontario base in October 1990 (the base
>closed in 1987), I've been wondering the same thing!?

Hallo Michel,

Would you happen to know the precise date and time of your sighting ?

Regards,

Victor J.Kean
Project FT

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 00:47:07 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:29:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 13:56:33 -0600 (CST)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <brianc@fc.net>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 01:43:13 -0500
>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>
>>Subject: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Thought I'd give a bit of forewarning to the list. See article
>>below:

>><http://www.azcentral.com/news/0307ufo.shtml>

>>Sky lights to be flares, not UFOs, Guard says

>>By Dave Walker
>>The Arizona Republic
>>March 7, 2000

>>Look to the sky, conspiracy buffs: See the spheres of light
>>floating eerily in the night sky.

>>It's... the return of the fabled 'Phoenix lights!'

>>Actually, it's a flare-lit night-training exercise, which the
>>Arizona Air National Guard says will be conducted this week and
>>next on the Barry M. Goldwater Range near Gila Bend.

>>A similar scenario - almost exactly three years ago - sparked an
>>ongoing run of UFO buzz over the mysterious lights in the sky.

>Since they're doing us the service of announcing it this time,
>somebody out in Phoenix should get video of the exercise from a
>comparable distance, and see if the results appear roughly the
>same as the Phoenix lights of two years ago. It would be
>interesting to know if the videos look similar or not.

>Somebody should also monitor whether Luke AFB launches jets on
>afterburners to investigate those flares, and then later denies
>that any were sent up at all :-)

>This of course follows the sound scientific principal of
>establishing a comparative baseline or "control" when conducting
>an experiment.

>My two cents,

> -Brian C.

Here's my two cents. What do you want to bet that they won't be able to see the flares dropped at the Goldwater range? 50 miles away, flares at a few thousand feet at most. Never did with me.

Don Ledger

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Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:32:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 08:26:36 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>Thought I'd give a bit of forewarning to the list. See article
>>below:

>><http://www.azcentral.com/news/0307ufo.shtml>

>>Sky lights to be flares, not UFOs, Guard says

>>By Dave Walker
>>The Arizona Republic
>>March 7, 2000

>>Look to the sky, conspiracy buffs: See the spheres of light
>>floating eerily in the night sky.

>>It's... the return of the fabled 'Phoenix lights!'

>>Actually, it's a flare-lit night-training exercise, which the
>>Arizona Air National Guard says will be conducted this week and
>>next on the Barry M. Goldwater Range near Gila Bend.

>>A similar scenario - almost exactly three years ago - sparked an
>>ongoing run of UFO buzz over the mysterious lights in the sky.

>>This time, a tactical media blitz has preceded the invasion of
>>the parachute-borne flares. Dubbed Operation Snowbird, the
>>exercises involve jets and helicopters from Air Guard squadrons
>>in Michigan, California and New York.

>>They are scheduled from 8:30 to 10 p.m. tonight through Thursday
>>and for March 13-16. Weather permitting, that is - Monday
>>night's eerie night-sky activities were scrubbed due to rain.

>At least they warned in advance this time!

>Best wishes

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Sit back and let the show begin!... :)

Todd

<http://members.home.net/tlemire/UFOCENTRAL.html>

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An expert may be defined as someone who can make you feel stupid for offering your opinion. Fortunately, as physicist Philip Morrison once said, ufology "is a field in which there aren't any experts.

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Ignatius Graffeo <Ufoseek@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 09:02:45 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:40:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

What a oportune time to test some black project craft, or for a black triangle to make maneuvers ; -)

As we all know by now, the major press has one eye shut and one hand tied. Simultaneous sightings of entirely different events can, have, and do occur.

Make sure there is film in your cameras and keep an eye on the sky folks.

<http://www.ufoseek.org>

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Sighting Report OZ File 27.03.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 01:32:54 +1100
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:42:39 -0500
Subject: Sighting Report OZ File 27.03.2000

The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia -
<http://www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/new>

1800 Callin Code: FOLLOWUP Charmaine Ballam AUFORN SA

1800 Callin Code: 00600 27.02.2000 [SA]

Date reported: 27.02.2000
Day: Sunday
Time Reported: 09.50AM
Location: South Australia
Reportee: Sharon Hayman
Report given to nearest rep: Charmaine Ballam
Tel:

REPORT:
Shape: Orb/ball
Colour: Orange
Objects: 1
Sound: Nil
Duration: 5 mins
Time: 1.15am
Direction: East to West - low altitude
Night Sky: Clear with high wispy clouds
Witnesses: Sharon, her husband and 2 [older]children

Sharon, with her husband and children were returning from her brother's 50th birthday and arrived home at 1.15am.

Whilst getting out of the car in their driveway she happen to glance up at the night sky and saw a orange orb/ball shaped object. She told her husband, who also then looked up and saw the same object. Sharon has 2 older children who were with her at the time, also saw the same object.

They stood and watched it travel slowly from East to West, this took approx. 5 mins. During that time, one of her older children raced inside to obtain one of the younger children's binocular. Even though, the binoculars were basically 'toy' ones, her husband used them and said that he faintly saw a tail at the end of the orange orb/ball.

As they watched it, it passed 'underneath' the wispy clouds that were in the night sky, thereby giving them a good indication that this object was not as high up as a satellite would be. Upon discussion with her husband and children she ruled out, the following : a meteorite and a plane, [as she stated to me: " at 1.15am in Adelaide, there are certainly no planes flying, plus where I live the planes flight paths never come that way"].

Regards,
Charmaine Ballam AUFORN rep SA

Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
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Ron Knight - ex-CFGM-AM, Richmond Hill, Ontario

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:58:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 14:58:05 -0500
Subject: Ron Knight - ex-CFGM-AM, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Would any Canadian readers happen to know the whereabouts and/or telephone number of Ron Knight a talkshow host with CFGM-AM [now gone] in Richmond Hill, Ontario, circa 1977?

I had two numbers for Ron back in '96, used them both and connected with him. Now, those numbers are disconnected.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Errol

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NASA: Space Shuttle Processing Report Available

From: NASANews@hq.nasa.gov
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 10:10:20 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 15:05:43 -0500
Subject: NASA: Space Shuttle Processing Report Available

Brian Welch
Headquarters, Washington, DC March 9, 2000
(Phone: 202/358-1600)

Donald Savage
Headquarters, Washington, DC
(Phone: 202/358-1727)

Dwayne Brown
Headquarters, Washington, DC
(Phone: 202/358-1726)

NOTE TO EDITORS: N00-7

SPACE SHUTTLE PROCESSING REPORT AVAILABLE TODAY;
OTHER REVIEW REPORTS TO BE RELEASED THIS MONTH

The work of four review teams chartered by NASA to study its programs and practices is nearing completion, with reports scheduled for release today, next week and later in March.

The first report, to be released today, will be that of the Space Shuttle Independent Assessment Team, chartered in September 1999 and led by Ames Research Center Director Dr. Henry McDonald. NASA Associate Administrator for Space Flight Joseph Rothenberg asked this independent technical team to study Space Shuttle maintenance and operations processes, provide a perspective of best practices in the aviation industry, and where applicable or appropriate apply those practices to the Space Shuttle Program. That report will be available on the NASA Home Page (www.nasa.gov) at Noon Eastern time on Thursday.

Two additional reports will be released on Monday March 13, also at Noon Eastern time via the NASA Home Page: the report on Faster, Better, Cheaper Project Management, and the final Report on Project Management in NASA by the Mars Climate Orbiter Mishap Investigation Board.

The report led by former Mars Pathfinder Project Manager Tony Spear was chartered by the Office of the Chief Engineer in mid-1999 to make recommendations on a set of principles, tools and processes for ensuring NASA's success in adopting the 'Faster, Better, Cheaper' approach to project planning, management and execution.

The Mars Climate Orbiter Phase I Report, released Nov. 10, 1999, identified the root cause and factors contributing to the Mars Climate Orbiter failure. The charter for this Phase II report, also led by Marshall Space Flight Center Director Art Stephenson, is to derive lessons learned from that failure and from other failed missions - as well as successful ones - and from them create a formula for future mission success.

An additional report, from the Mars Independent Assessment Team chaired by Thomas Young, will be available by the end of March. The team was chartered by Associate Administrator for Space Science Dr. Ed Weiler in the wake of the Mars Polar Lander failure to evaluate recent successful and unsuccessful deep space missions. Their assessment and findings will be

considered in planning for future Mars exploration missions.

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From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 18:46:54 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 09:18:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 00:48:04 -0500
>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 08:26:36 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 01:43:13 -0500
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TMP News: TMP/UFO*BC 'Strange Days' Presentation

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 21:20:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 09:23:15 -0500
Subject: TMP News: TMP/UFO*BC 'Strange Days' Presentation

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The Millennium Project

GRAHAM CONWAY
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UFO*BC

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7:30 - 9:30 PM
Barclay Manor House
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Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 01:33:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 09:56:54 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

>Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 08:55:37 -0500
>From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 20:17:34 -0500
>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>Subject: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Ever since my sighting at the Canadian Forces Station
>>Falconbridge, Sudbury, Ontario base in October 1990 (the base
>>closed in 1987), I've been wondering the same thing!?

>Hallo Michel,

>Would you happen to know the precise date and time of your
>sighting ?

Victor,

Yes, I do. Between 8:30 p.m. and 8:55 p.m. FYI: On Tuesday, October 9, 1990, Venus had set with the sun and Jupiter did not rise until 12:00 a.m. (astronomical info I received from a member of the local astronomy club).

Cordially,

Michel

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PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 03:35:08 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 10:06:01 -0500
Subject: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

Press Release

March 10, 2000

Washington, DC - Public awareness of the politics of UFOs/disclosure continues to grow. Over a span of six days, a confluence of media events, based in part or in full on UFO/ET phenomena, has taken place.

- Friday marks the sixth day of The Learning Channel's annual Alien Invasion Week, which ends tomorrow. Sponsored in part by major corporations such as MCIWorldcom, Charles Schwab and Ford Motor Company, it consists of nine documentaries, many of which hold political content addressing the government posture on UFO/ET phenomena. A website accompanies the series.
- On Monday, March 6 Turner Network Television (TNT) aired the television premier of Contact based upon Carl Sagan's novel about first contact with intelligent extraterrestrial life. The film was modified to include much political content addressing how government deals with "special" information.
- Today, Disney's Touchstone Pictures opens Mission to Mars, the Brian DePalma picture that incorporates UFO/ET research community work on the Cydonia region of Mars. Notably, just two weeks before the opening, Touchstone Pictures began running trailer ads, which refer to a 25-year cover-up by NASA of evidence for artificiality. This trailer shows the well-known Viking "Face" photograph.

In Washington, Stephen Bassett, the founder of Paradigm Research Group and Executive Director of X-PPAC, the Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee, had this comment: "One of the most important issues addressed by the politics of UFOs/disclosure is NASA being caught in the middle between its scientific role as the civilian space agency and the requirement under the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 that NASA must defer to the Department of Defense in all matters relating to national security. Subsequent research has shown that all evidence for extraterrestrial intelligent life, past or present, is considered by the government to be in this category."

As to what specifically might happen in the weeks following the movie and television airings this week, he added, "Two things come to mind.

First, the person who has done more than anyone else to confront NASA on Cydonia and raise the specter of sequestered evidence is Richard C. Hoagland of the Enterprise Mission. Every talk show in the county should have him on in the coming weeks, along with a NASA spokesperson, to debate the implications of that ad trailer.

Second, every person who sees this movie should go home and fax NASA, their congressional representatives, and the major networks demanding that NASA produce new and higher quality photographs of every square inch of the Cydonia region of Mars until such time as all interested public and scientists are satisfied they have the best their space agency can provide."

Contacts:

Alien Invasion Week:

<http://tlc.discovery.com/tlcpages/encounters/encounters.html>

Mission to Mars: URL: <http://studio.go.com/m2m/index.html>

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URL: <http://www.enterprisemission.com>

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Hi Larry and Todd,

I'm not sure I understand the thrust of these comments.

Perhaps I missed something important over the last year or so.
Maybe I was too busy on other things to notice, but am I to
understand that this Pheonix sighting has been solved? A rock
solid explanation has been presented?

Lemme know, because anything I have seen offered so far as an
explanation seems weak, particularly the flare explanation. Too
far away and too close to the ground to be seen in Pheonix.

Don

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NASA UFO Footage Release

From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic <c9a4ag@9a0tcp.ampr.org>
Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 20:47:53 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 20:23:27 -0500
Subject: NASA UFO Footage Release

Hello to the list :)

I have just received new info about the upcoming NASA UFO footage release from the mailing list of the IRC channel #UFO of Undernet.

The first time NASA UFO footage was shown was at a UFO conference in Leeds, UK, last year and at the recent UFO conference in Australia.

Soon footage will be shown at the Nevada UFO conference and then it seems there will be some good implications... hope that the press will catch the story this time so the debate could start all over the place.

The complete material should soon be available to the public.

Here is the copy of the announcement from mail manager of that mailing list that I mentioned, above:

Message #5
From: Anthony Chippendale <anthonyc@ufon.org>
To: 9a4ag@alwgw.kb5cdx.ampr.org
Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 19:00:27 -0000
Subject: [UFOinfo] Secret NASA Transmission

I would just like to remind everyone that at 0830 GMT tomorrow morning full details of the new NASA footage will be uploaded to UFO Magazine (UK)'s website at:

<http://www.ufomag.co.uk>

Anthony.

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Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 09:31:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>>Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 04:13:42 -0800
>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>Subject: Reed Hoax
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>As many of you know, Jonathan Reed and his partner Robert Raith
>>are at the International UFO Congress conference in Nevada
>>trying to sell their scam to the public.

<snip>

I just received the following message from someone who attended
the IUFO Congress meeting:

What a show it was!

My girlfriend and I witnessed an Oscar winner performance of the
Reed/Raith IUFOC Show.

However, what I especially found interesting was the reaction of
the lap dog audience. They ate it up!

"You are Heroes!" and "You're among friends" was their response.

Reed/Raith made many references to how in this country you
should be able to speak freely. Everyone cheered them on.

However that same feeling wasn't there for anyone that that
questioned their story in the slightest degree.

During a question and answer period some asked "point of order"
type questions about the video (i.e. "How was the sound so clear
considering that the mic. on the video camera should have been
turned away from your face?", "How did the camera stay so steady
considering that you were so out of breath?").

The audience treated these innocuous questions with hostility
reserved for murders and child molesters. "Get the hell at of
here!" along with groans of disgust was the audience's reaction.

The first amendment must only apply to people who speak the
truth they want to hear. As long as people like that are part
of the "UFO Community", people like Reed/Raith will flourish. I
find the whole thing amazing.

I am not yet bulletin board member, you may post this if you
like.

Steve Skye
SSkye@skyelighting.com

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Latest UFO Info + New Bigfoot Recordings

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 02:27:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 09:45:26 -0500
Subject: Latest UFO Info + New Bigfoot Recordings

Latest UFO Info + New Bigfoot Recordings - UFO UPDATE: LIVE!

To all:

A super edition of the UFO UPDATE: LIVE! television show has just been finalized and I saw the program last night.

The program deals with latest information on UFO sightings plus you will hear some brand new and rather frightening BIGFOOT recordings made from the Cincinnati area.

Bob Leibold of Natural Light Productions has done a fantastic job of putting this professional quality television production together. I was a panelist on the show and was thankful to have been involved. We are excited about the program and are in hot discussions about some future projects.

For information on getting a copy of UFO UPDATE: LIVE, see -

<http://UFOUPDATE.tripod.com/ufoupdate.html>

thanks,
Kenny Young
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Jan Aldrich To Quit?

From: **Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 10:36:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 10:36:41 -0500
Subject: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

The following post to Project 1947 yesterday afternoon was, to say the least, a heart-stopper:

Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 15:49:15 -0500
From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
Subject: Leaving Ufology
To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Dear List,

I have decided to leave ufology. I have thought out this course very carefully. During the next week or so, I will try to fill any outstanding commitments. Also, during this next week I will reflect on my decision. (Good advice from Bob Girard.) If at the end of the week I still feel this way, I will start disposing of my holdings.

The 1947 material will go to CUFOS, material for the McDonald archives will go to FUFOR and some special Blue Book material to MUFON.

If someone wants to take over this list and website, we can try to work out some kind of arrangement.

There are far too many good people here to thank properly. The Project 1947 list is very rich in friends and fine people.

John Stepkowski and I have never met face to face, but he is one hell of a guy! What would you say, a Cyber-friend. One of the coolest, funniest and most dependable people I've ever known. John brought Bill's and Keith's writings to PJ47. What a coup!

There are a lot of knowledgeable people on this list, some seldom post. Two who do post Joel Carpenter and Brad Sparks may think that I don't appreciate the amount of thought and research their writings represent. I recommend that everyone careful note what they say even though you may disagree with them. When everyone is thinking alike no one is thinking at all.

I thought the Sign Historical Group was an unique approach to the UFO problem. I put in a lot of effort on it. This last week some of the members themselves seem to want to tear it apart. We couldn't just have disagreements, it had to be scorched earth. After being on the telephone for hours, and sending a large number of E-mails, it occurred to me that I had this week free to write things for the Project 1947 website, but hadn't been able to get a line down because of what was going on. This was too much.

It appears to be time to move on to other things.

I shall stay on the list for the next two weeks for those who have questions or things they want to discuss.

Thanks.

Best regards,

Jan Aldrich

The premature loss of Jan Aldrich does not bear thinking about.

There are few people I admire in this field more than Jan Aldrich. His dedication to historical research has become legend among those who know his work. His no nonsense approach and his tireless energy in archives around North America have been an inspiration to literally dozens of serious researchers around this planet. His by-invitation-only e-mail list, PROJECT 1947 has become the discussion base for researchers worldwide.

Jan booted-up his Net-presence on UFO UpDates, shortly after he visited Sue and I along with Tom & Lise Theofanous here in Toronto in 1996, whilst looking for material for Project 1947. There are few in this field that Tom speaks about with even more hushed-tones than usual. As Tom put it "Jan's a real researcher's researcher."

Speaking for those 'frostbacks' who have benefited greatly from Jan's tireless work in the past...

Jan, think twice and then a third time. You cannot be replaced and should you decide to quit, your loss will severely retard the work. Besides which, 'they' will win - again.

Errol

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UFO Over Lima, Peru

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 11:23:38 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 11:47:02 -0500
Subject: UFO Over Lima, Peru

Source: Rose Maria Paz Wells, President, Instituto Peruano de Relaciones Interplanetarias (I.P.R.I.)

UFO OVER LIMA, PERU.

March 10, 2000, 1:30 P.M. - A UFO was videoed and seen by thousands of people while flying very low over Lima, Peru. The sighting lasted 15 minutes - enough time for people to see it. Some witness report small orange spheres, at times, coming out of the UFO and propelled through the air in different directions. Dozens of residents called the news media. It was professionally videoed, for a few minutes, by Cameraman Juan C. Amoretti of Panamericana TV, Channel 5.

Channel 5 reporter Viviana Cohello reported in the morning news:

"Last night a UFO was observed by many residents at 1:30 in the morning. Lights, with strange behavior where seen in the sky of Lima bringing the attention of hundreds of people.." (On the television screen; A group of four lights forming a triangle is seen flying, at unusual low speed, almost over the roof of houses).

A witness, a girl that works at night, said: "It was a big UFO with yellow and red lights... And from it, 10 smaller UFOs came out..."

Reporter Viviana Cohello:

"A lot of phone calls from Callao, Olivos, San Martin de Porres and Villa el Salvador jammed our telephone lines reporting the same; a UFO flying over our city".

Another witness; Bruno Guzman, a radio newscaster from Radio Programas del Peru:

"It amazed me to receive so many calls, testimonies, of what we saw. We don't have a scientific explanation of what happened last night. Around one o'clock in the morning we started receiving phone calls. First, we looked outside from our seventh floor window. Then we went to our building's roof and there we could see the lights of distinct colors changing from blue, red and white, with an unusual motion. We witnessed it for about ten or fifteen minutes....."

Rose Maria Paz Wells, President,
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USA representative:
Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

<http://www.geocities.com/fl/ufomiami/index.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 11:38:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 15:06:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 11:03:11 -0300
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 18:46:54 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Hello Todd:

>>That sounds like a fine experiment! I hope somebody can do it.
>>I doubt it would do much to change the opinions of certain folks
>>however.

>Hi Larry and Todd,

>I'm not sure I understand the thrust of these comments.

>Perhaps I missed something important over the last year or so.
>Maybe I was too busy on other things to notice, but am I to
>understand that this Pheonix sighting has been solved? A rock
>solid explanation has been presented?

>Lemme know, because anything I have seen offered so far as an
>explanation seems weak, particularly the flare explanation. Too
>far away and too close to the ground to be seen in Pheonix.

>Don

Hello Don,

Check the UFO UpDates archives for the related discussions on
this subject. It involves a current Flare Drop in process over
the Phoenix Area.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/>

Todd

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An expert may be defined as someone who can make you feel stupid
for offering your opinion. Fortunately, as physicist Philip
Morrison once said, ufology "is a field in which there aren't any
experts."

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Re: Reed Hoax

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 08:40:01 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 15:13:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I just received the following message from someone who attended
>the IUFO Congress meeting:

<snip>

Dear Tim:

The situation was much the same here at 142 Jeter Street
(Redwood City, CA) in 1951!

I loved playin "make-believe" as much as any other kids. It was
lots of fun for real.

There are people on this and other lists who cannot quite give
up the fun thing.

Very best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: I use scotch whisky and Dutch beer for therapeutic enjoyment
only.

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Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 13:04:17 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 15:19:26 -0500
Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers :;>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2000 07:06 Fragment
Subject: UFO UpDate: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 03:35:08 -0500 (EST)
>From: Stephen G. Bassett <ParadigmRG@aol.com>
>Subject: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00
>To: undisclosed-recipients: ;

<snip>

>Today, Disney's Touchstone Pictures opens Mission to Mars,
>the Brian DePalma picture that incorporates UFO/ET research
>community work on the Cydonia region of Mars. Notably, just
>two weeks before the opening, Touchstone Pictures began
>running trailer ads, which refer to a 25-year cover-up by
>NASA of evidence for artificiality. This trailer shows the
>well-known Viking "Face" photograph.

<snip>

>Second, every person who sees this movie should go home and fax
>NASA, their congressional representatives, and the major
>networks demanding that NASA produce new and higher quality
>photographs of every square inch of the Cydonia region of Mars
>until such time as all interested public and scientists are
>satisfied they have the best their space agency can provide."

An odd statement.

Since NASA knows nothing and has nothing to hide, no connection
is ever made in the movie to the present "Face on Mars" debate.

And, for the fun of it, there is no reference to UFOs.

The previews gave me the following impression:

A crew goes to Mars and discovers a secret NASA has been hiding
for years for fear of the implications. The secret is so
terrible that you will regret the revelation. It has to do with
ET, of course, as you catch a glimpse of a group of the familiar
silhouettes.

The trailer is a fraud and every person who sees the movie
should go home and fax Touchstone for misrepresentation.

The real story:

People land on Mars in the Cydonia region.

The first Mars landing occurs in Cydonia because... well it just
happens to be that way. They are not looking for anything in
particular, just collecting rocks.

There is no connection whatsoever with the present "Face on
Mars" debate. There is no reference to any previous knowing from
NASA, There is no "hidden secret", no conspiracy.

The story and the reasoning is full of holes - as one should expect from a multiple authored scenario.

As for the final revelation... it's full of holes too.

Since this is not a movie forum, I'll end it here.

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

From: **Karoline Leach** <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 13:51:57 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 15:31:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 22:27:08 -0500
>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Karoline Leach <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca (UFO UpDates - Toronto)<

>>The trouble is, I fear, that (as with everything else), what
>>people think about these artefacts is predetermined by their
>>existing world-view, rather than by the available data. If you
>>ask a follower of von Daniken, they will tell you the South
>>African metal balls are proof that 'God' was indeed 'an
>>astronaut,' (even if said balls turn out to have 'made in
>>Taiwan' printed on one side).

>>If you ask a mainstream scientist, they will tell you the same
>>balls are either forgeries or incorrectly dated (even if there is
>>no proof for either of these contentions).

>>Belief truly is the enemy of reason.

>Now THAT is truly one of the wisest things I have ever read on
>any ufo list or heard from the mouth of anyone else also totally
>curious about ufo's and every possibility they hold!

>>Since there is clearly no proof of either hypothesis, wouldn't
>>it make more sense to abandon believing either of them (or
>>anything else) and just keep open to all possibilities?

>GEE! What a concept, what an idea! But hey, if all listers on
>this list did that, the number of posts would drop by about
>90%! No arguments, no appeals to 'reason', the meaning of which
>seems more ego driven than 'reason' driven.

>Maybe there would just be a sense of awe, of interest,
>questioning, sharing wonderments, no reason for personal and
>cruel attacks on the personality or integrity of fellow listers.
>Just maybe, we might have a common pool of information, to which
>we add, seek to know about, from which some day, we can actually
>draw some conclusions which we might be able to debate or
>generally agree on, free from flames....

>I have read about these anomalies going back to the 60's and
>70's, and about UFOs since I was a kid, but now, half a century
>later, I still don't have the answers, but I do have a lot more
>information than I had then, and while I do give some more
>'weight' than others, I know I don't yet have all the
>information I need to arrive at an accurate decision/conclusion
>as to what it all is. I will not judge another's experience. I
>do not have the moral right to do so, nor the necessary
>knowledge to do so. And I haven't yet met anyone who has.

Hi Lesley -

I think you said it all.

It does puzzle me terribly why so few human beings seem able to accept the condition of not-knowing. And how we almost always prefer to impose an entirely unsubstantiated 'explanation' on any perceived strangeness, rather than simply allow it to be - on its own probably incomprehensible terms.

Karoline

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Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 15:59:45 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 18:09:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 15:49:15 -0500
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
>Subject: Leaving Ufology
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>Dear List,

>I have decided to leave ufology. I have thought out this course
>very carefully. During the next week or so, I will try to fill
>any outstanding commitments. Also, during this next week I
>will reflect on my decision. (Good advice from Bob Girard.) If
>at the end of the week I still feel this way, I will start
>disposing of my holdings.

I agree with Errol, this should be thought about alot longer
then one week, but should be given a month or two or three.

<snip>

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>the UFO problem. I put in a lot of effort on it. This last week
>some of the members themselves seem to want to tear it apart. We
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>number of E-mails, it occurred to me that I had this week free
>to write things for the Project 1947 website, but hadn't been
>able to get a line down because of what was going on. This was
>too much.

So instead of wasting time with the particular folks in the Sign
Historical Group who want to adopt a scorched earth policy, it
would seem more reasonable to pursue your original angle of
Project 47 and make that bigger and better. You have control
over it so to speak, and then you don't have to waste time with
people who want to adopt a socrched earth policy.

>It appears to be time to move on to other things.

I would hope that the actions of a few jerks don't cause you to
retreat, because then the jerks will have won.

>I shall stay on the list for the next two weeks for those who
>have questions or things they want to discuss.

I truly hope you will reconsider this, the above mentioned
people aren't worth it.

Cheers,

Robert

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Flare Excerise Over Phoenix?

From: **Stefan Duncan** <swduncan@worldspy.net>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 16:16:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 18:18:10 -0500
Subject: Flare Excerise Over Phoenix?

Have any reports come from Phoenix regarding sightings of the flare excerise this week?

Stefan Duncan 5396 Sumac Circle Fayetteville, N.C. 28304 ICQ 11878618 (910) 425-2976 Stefan Duncan Talk Show To listen go to <http://www.previewnet.com> and click for a Previewnet player to listen. from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. weeknights <http://maxpages.com/stefanduncan> AUFON-XPI <http://www.aufon.com> Join AUFON mailing list just click aufon-subscribe@egroups.com

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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><snip>

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>What a show it was!

>My girlfriend and I witnessed an Oscar winner performance of the
>Reed/Raith IUFOC Show.

>However, what I especially found interesting was the reaction of
>the lap dog audience. They ate it up!

>"You are Heroes!" and "You're among friends" was their response.

Thats what all gullible "lap dogs" do when something tickles
their ears. You may recall my earlier post where I told the
story of the guy who had purported contact with insider space
scientists who were telling tales and storys to the effect of ET
radio waves would blanket earth on Jan 24th 1997 and a new day
would begin for humanity. Well the gullible lap dogs lapped it
up, until Jan 25th and when nothing happened, the gullible
suddenly did not want to talk about that guy, but instead wanted
to focus on the newest guy with the newest story, etc.

>Reed/Raith made many references to how in this country you
>should able to speak freely. Everyone cheered them on.

You should have the right to speak. If they wanted to hold their
own conference, and all the gullible lap dogs show up, thats
great with me.

Being that the organizers of this conference seem to want people
whose credentials don't check out, and whose very basic story
doesn't check out, kind of tells me the conference is not a
serious conference, but a UFO entertainment show. Since some of
the people going to these appear to have a taste for wild,
fictional tales and storys, I purpose we should invite Tom
Clancy, John Grisham, and others who could entertain the folks
with hours of fictional storys and tales.

>However that same feeling wasn't there for anyone that that
>questioned their story in the slightest degree.

>During a question and answer period some asked "point of order"
>type questions about the video (i.e. "How was the sound so clear
>considering that the mic. on the video camera should have been
>turned away from your face?", "How did the camera stay so steady
>considering that you where so out of breath?").

:) Since the audience members don't seem to mind credentials and
basic information about the speakers which can't be checked out,
why should they care about the details of the story being told??

>The audience treated these innocuous questions with hostility
>reserved for murders and child molesters. "Get the hell at of
>here!" along with groans of disgust was the audience's reaction.

Naturally. When you dare bring up questions that don't fit the
perceptions of the gullible lap dogs, they growl and bark.

>The first amendment must only apply to people who speak the
>truth they want to hear. As long as people like that are part

That's what they believe.

>of the "UFO Community", people like Reed/Raith will flourish. I
>find the whole thing amazing.

Which is why the UFO community will never get any serious
scientific effort (from the outside at least) geared toward
it... because of these conferences that are stages for anybody
who had a wild, unverifiable story to tell.

We are fortunate in the UFO community to have those who are
seriously studying the problem. We should at last realize that
some of these so called conferences are turning strictly into
entertainment and as they do, they should be regard as such.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Time Anomalies

From: Michael J. Woods <mike.woods@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 17:03:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 18:38:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Time Anomalies

>Date: Wed, 08 Mar 2000 22:27:08 -0500
>From: Lesley Cluff <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
>Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 06 Mar 2000 04:57:54 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Karoline Leach <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
>>Subject: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca (UFO UpDates - Toronto)

Dear Karoline, et al,

Very interesting thread here. My two cents worth before some information you might actually have a use for.

Personally, I'm glad there are some people who won't accepting not-knowing. Those nosy, pushy types are the reason we've managed to advance from living in caves and hiding in fear at the sound of thunder.

Not that every advance is necessarily a good thing, either.

However, I will admit that those people who are smugly certain that only their opinion is correct, to the exclusion of any other possible explanation, drive me nuts. Especially when the opinions cover topics of which there is no proof; UFO's and religion springing to mind.

I don't mind a bit of blue-skying... but I try to keep the hallucinations to a minimum.

When I was 20, I knew all the answers, at 30, I began to suspect I didn't, now in my 40's I realise I don't even know all the questions.

On to more useful stuff. I don't know if its indicative of time travel or just proof the only thing science knows is that it doesn't know much, but for an extensive examination of archeological anomalies, footprints in limestone beds hundreds of millions of years old (oldest proto-human, Lucy circa 2.3 million years) finely crafted gold jewellery, nails and other artifacts found inside coal,(approx 20-200 million years to make coal) the oldest know city on earth, which seems to have appeared without an earlier settlement to show where all the citizens learned the skills demonstrated in that oldest city and many other anomalies, I refer you to Ancient Mysteries, A History through Evolution and Magic, published by Penguin Books through its Viking imprinter.

An excellent read and more importantly thoroughly substantiated with a long, long bibliography and cross referencing.

And it even had pictures to look at when my lips got tired from reading. You might find this interesting, if not totally related.

Mike Woods

The truth can STAY out there, send in a good fantasy!

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Re: Nick Pope's Weird World - March Issue

From: royjhale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 02:57:00 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 08:58:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Nick Pope's Weird World - March Issue

>Date: Tue, 07 Mar 2000 14:09:20 +0000
>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>Subject: Nick Pope's Weird World - March Issue
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Weird World with Nick Pope
>March 2000 Issue, Hot Gossip UK
>www.hotgossip.co.uk

>Flying Tractors

>Researcher James Easton has caused much amusement among
>ufologists with a new theory about Britain's best-known UFO
>case, the Rendlesham Forest incident.

>James was previously best known for loudly championing Ian
>Ridpath's theory that the triangular, metallic craft seen by
>numerous United States Air Force personnel in Rendlesham Forest
>was a lighthouse, although as one of the witnesses wryly pointed
>out, lighthouses don't fly!

>Now Easton has a theory of his own: that the entire incident
>might have been caused by the misidentification of a tractor.

>The apparently serious suggestion started when Easton was
>driving late at night and saw a tractor in a field, festooned
>with lights.

>Unfortunately, theories like this - quite apart from being at
>odds with the data - serve only to infuriate witnesses,
>believers and sceptics alike.

>Witnesses stand accused of ridiculously poor judgement, while
>believers think it! 's yet more negative, ill-informed
>debunking.

>Ironically, it's serious sceptical researchers who tend to be
>most annoyed by such nonsense. Why? Because wild claims like
>this do far more than simply undermine the credibility of
>sceptics; they make them laughing stocks, and for serious
>researchers, that's the kiss of death.

Hi Georgina,

I put some questions to Mr Easton on this list in answer to his
Issue 9 Voyager Newsletter. I even asked him privately for an
answer on some of his writings... and no answer.

I would guess it was the UFO desk man answers that did it.

Roy..

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Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 12:28:35 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 08:56:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>>Date: Tue, 07 Mar 2000 13:47:16 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Karoline Leach <KarolineLouise@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I hope no one minds me saying that there seems to be something
>>very similar here between the 'Pelicans' and the 'ET' believers.

>>Since there is clearly no proof of either hypothesis, wouldn't
>>it make more sense to abandon believing either of them (or
>>anything else) and just keep open to all possibilities?

Hi All,

Isn't the ET Hypothesis a possibility?

I was waiting for that word 'Proof' to rear it's head again...

Roy

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UFO Desk 3.13.00

From: Paul Williams <ufodesk@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 20:51:41 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 09:02:19 -0500
Subject: UFO Desk 3.13.00

Hello,

This is an invitation to all to please check out my humble radio production UFO Desk.

The show airs alternate Monday mornings at one am or thereabouts.

If your're in the NY area you can pick it up on radio, WBAI NY 99.5 FM. Outside of the NY area, you can hear it webcast thanks to porus.com Go to www.wbaifree.org for link to webcast.

This Monday my guest is Dennis Lee, Mr. Lee is a businessman who's heavily invested in surpressed technology.

Just what is "free electricity", and can you burn water, also is it possible to have super conductivity at room tempeture? Listen to this controversial show and understand.

I hope you all can get a chance to listen in. Much thanks in advance.

Paul Wms.
Executive Producer UFO Desk
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Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 05:11:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 09:13:33 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 01:33:06 -0500
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 08:55:37 -0500
>>From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Ever since my sighting at the Canadian Forces Station
>>>Falconbridge, Sudbury, Ontario base in October 1990 (the base
>>>closed in 1987), I've been wondering the same thing!?

>>Hallo Michel,

>>Would you happen to know the precise date and time of your
>>sighting ?

>Yes, I do. Between 8:30 p.m. and 8:55 p.m. FYI: On Tuesday,
>Ocotber 9, 1990, Venus had set with the sun and Jupiter did not
>rise until 12:00 a.m. (astronomical info I received from a
>member of the local astronomy club).

Michel,

You may be interested to learn that the events at Falconbridge
on 11th November 1975 are detailed in the cuurnet issue of 'UFO
Magazine UK'

Regards,

Victor

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Jan Aldrich Not To Quit!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 09:25:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 09:25:44 -0500
Subject: Jan Aldrich Not To Quit!

From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

A message from Jan Aldrich of PROJECT 1947 - one that made for a much more pleasant sleep last night...

ebk

Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 23:03:59 -0500
From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
Subject: Thank You!
To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

Dear Friends,

This list is so great! Thank you for your wishes and your support! I now know what Gore and Bush must have felt like on Super Tuesday!

In addition, I received messages from people that I hardly know and complete strangers who urge me to stay on in ufology.

When I saw ball lightning as a child, I wanted to know what it was. The encyclopedia said scientists doubted it's existence. Today, most don't.

Reading about ball lightning got me interested in UFOs. Today, most scientists don't care a fig for UFOs and doubt their existence.

I want to know what UFOs are. I can't afford expansive tracking networks, but delving into history before the contamination really set in is another way to approach the subject. That and studying the effects on environment and people seem ways to approach this mystery.

These are the ways I have picked.

Maybe, my choices are incorrect, but due in large part to your overwhelming outpourings, I have decided to continue down this path.

Thank you! I am overwhelmed beyond telling.

I had really decided to end my commitment to UFO research, your messages changed my mind.

Best and warmest regards,

Jan Aldrich

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UFO Sighting OZ Files - 02.2000

From: Diane Harrison <tkbnetw@powerup.com.au>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 00:03:34 +1100
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 10:15:10 -0500
Subject: UFO Sighting OZ Files - 02.2000

FOLLOWUP: Karen Burden AUFORN NSW

1800 Callin
Code: 00558 - 13.02.2000

Date: 22.01.2000
Day: Saturday
Time seen: after 9 pm
Name: Andrew
Location: Glenmore Park, NSW
Telephone No: On file
Given to
Investigator: Karen Burden

Report:

Shape: Roundish (bright Lights)
Size: Pea Size at arm's length (all 4)
Objects: 4 (Arc to straight line Configuration)
Colour: Bright Orange
Sound: None
Speed: Moving very slowly
Duration: 10 minutes
Direction: Heading towards the Blue Mountains - West
Witnesses: Nil

Report:

Andrew states that he saw similar lights to those sighted on the 29.01.2000 but one week earlier on the 22.01.2000. His was not the only report received in regard to the sightings on this date.

He also made mention that he had seen similar lights one year prior, Jan/Feb 1999, Xmas Day 1998 and the 16.11.1999. Andrew also mentioned that he has seen similar lights on other occasions and states they always come from a North-West position, coming up out of the Blue Mountains National Park Area.

On another occassion recently 01.03.2000 he spotted a bright white light that looked like a star, but it did not twinkle. He noticed this object once he went outside to investigate why his dogs were persistently barking, it was around 2 am and the sky was very clear. The object was positioned to the West 45 degrees above the horizon and was not moving. He watched the object for 15 minutes then went inside. At about 3:30 am he went back outside to check if it was still there, it was no where to be found.

FOLLOWUP: Karen Burden AUFORN NSW

1800 Callin Code: 00553/00562 12.02.2000/14.02.2000

Date: 29.01.2000

Day: Saturday
Time seen: 12 am
Name: Kathleen H.
Location: Penrith, NSW
Telephone No: On file
Investigator: Karen Burden

Report:

Shape: Roundish (bright Lights)
Size: A bit smaller than a 5 cent coin at arm's length (all 5)
Objects: 5
Colour: Bright Orange
Sound: None
Speed: Moving slowly upwards
Duration: 20 minutes
Direction: Heading up towards the Blue Mountains - North West
Witnesses: Nil

Report:

Kathleen states the objects were very bright and were moving North-West. Initially they were positioned at 45 degrees and faded out of sight at 90 degrees the highest one disappeared out of her view first and so on. The degrees may not be entirely accurate due to the fact she was standing on a second floor balcony.

FOLLOWUP: Karen Burden AUFORN NSW

1800 Callin Code: 00543 - 12.02.2000 10:31 am

Date: 29.01.2000
Day: Saturday
Time seen: 9:20 pm
Name: Monica S.
Location: South Penrith, NSW
Telephone No: On file
Investigator: Karen Burden

Report:

Shape: Roundish (flickering bright Lights)
Size: One third the size of a 5 cent coin at arm's length (all 4)
Objects: 4
Colour: Bright Orange
Sound: None
Speed: Moving slowly
Duration: 30 minutes
Direction: Heading towards the Blue Mountains - North East to North West
Witnesses: Husband and children

Report:

Monica stated that she heard four loud bangs she described as fire crackers in Robertson Park, Penrith South. The family went outside and already in the sky at about 70 degrees from the horizon were three orange flickering lights, a fourth one moved towards the others a few minutes later. The sky was partially overcast, stars could be sighted in the East. The objects started moving from a North-East position to North West. They were eventually lost from sight due to cloud cover.

FOLLOWUP: Karen Burden AUFORN NSW

1800 Callin Code: 00550 12.02.2000 11:50 am

Date: 22.01.2000
Day: Saturday
Time seen: 9:35 pm
Name: Michelle
Location: Glenmore Park, NSW
Telephone No: On file

Investigator: Karen Burden

Report:

Shape: Roundish (flickering bright Lights)
 Size: Half the size of a 5 cent coin at arm's length (all 4)
 Objects: 4 (configuration - box formation)
 Colour: Bright Orange
 Sound: None
 Speed: Moving slowly
 Duration: 15 minutes
 Direction: Heading towards the Blue Mountains - North West
 Witnesses: Husband and children

Report:

Saw three orange lights, a fourth one appeared a little while later. The sky was partially overcast. The objects went higher as they were moving along and were heading towards the North West in the same formation. They were eventually lost from sight due to cloud cover.

Thankyou Karen for this report

Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia
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Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

From: John W. Auchettl Prauf@aol.com
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 11:26:23 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 11:33:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

>From: Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 10:36:41 -0500
>Fwd Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 10:36:41 -0500
>Subject: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

>The following post to Project 1947 yesterday afternoon was, to
>say the least, a heart-stopper:

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 15:49:15 -0500
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
>Subject: Leaving Ufology
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>Dear List,

>I have decided to leave ufology. I have thought out this course
>very carefully.

<snip>

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Dear Jan,

Just back and got EBK mail about your situation. Jan Aldrich To
Quit?

Don't give up. Just have a rest. Take some time and leave the
project rest for a few week or months.

Also, I have been near 30 years in this trade and I still can
not tell you why I am in it. I have left a hundred time, my
family and staff think I am a lost case, but that life.

It's either duty or love - if you make it work then your lost!
Just change your ILS approach!

Get the fool[s] who have been at you to do their own leg work.
Let them get off their butts. It's hard in this mass ego system
but it works :-)

Rest up.

Regards

John A

From us all at PRA
Melbourne, Australia.

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Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 19:13:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 11:43:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 11:03:11 -0300
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 18:46:54 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Hello Todd:

>>That sounds like a fine experiment! I hope somebody can do it.
>>I doubt it would do much to change the opinions of certain folks
>>however.

>I'm not sure I understand the thrust of these comments.

>Perhaps I missed something important over the last year or so.
>Maybe I was too busy on other things to notice, but am I to
>understand that this Pheonix sighting has been solved? A rock
>solid explanation has been presented?

>Lemme know, because anything I have seen offered so far as an
>explanation seems weak, particularly the flare explanation. Too
>far away and too close to the ground to be seen in Pheonix.

>Don

Hello Don:

I wouldn't call the Phoenix Lights matter "solved".

That's the problem with high lights, flares, BOLs and the like.
They cannot be solved. I no longer list them here, mainly for
that reason.

Personally, and based on discussions on this and other lists, I
am persuaded that there is little if any merit to the Phoenix
Lights.

There are plenty of other cases that seem genuinely mysterious.
I would prefer to concentrate on those.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 15:14:36 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 11:40:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

>From: Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

>The following post to Project 1947 yesterday afternoon was, to
>say the least, a heart-stopper:

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>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 15:49:15 -0500
>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
>Subject: Leaving Ufology
>To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

>Dear List,

>I have decided to leave ufology. I have thought out this course
>very carefully. During the next week or so, I will try to fill
>any outstanding commitments. Also, during this next week I
>will reflect on my decision. (Good advice from Bob Girard.) If
>at the end of the week I still feel this way, I will start
>disposing of my holdings.

<snip>

>The premature loss of Jan Aldrich does not bear thinking about.

>There are few people I admire in this field more than Jan
>Aldrich. His dedication to historical research has become legend
>among those who know his work. His no nonsense approach and his
>tireless energy in archives around North America have been an
>inspiration to literally dozens of serious researchers around
>this planet. His by-invitation-only e-mail list, PROJECT 1947
>has become the discussion base for researchers worldwide.

>Jan booted-up his Net-presence on UFO UpDates, shortly after he
>visited Sue and I along with Tom & Lise Theofanous here in
>Toronto in 1996, whilst looking for material for Project 1947.
>There are few in this field that Tom speaks about with even more
>hushed-tones than usual. As Tom put it "Jan's a real researcher's
>researcher."

>Speaking for those 'frostbacks' who have benefited greatly from
>Jan's tireless work in the past...

>
>Jan, think twice and then a third time. You cannot be replaced
>and should you decide to quit, your loss will severely retard
>the work. Besides which, 'they' will win - again.

>Errol

Errol, Jan and Listers:

Please add my voice to what I expect to be a cacophony of
negativity from the white hats. I respect people who seek
truth. In fact, it's more than a respect, it's an admiration.

Jan's name is right up there with the names of a few others
whose contributions to Ufology are exemplary in truth. That
doesn't mean that what they say is true, it means that the
conclusion, right or wrong, is arrived at by a truthful research,
and not by the strength of the moment. The moment to which

Re: Jan Aldrich To Quit?

I refer is all too often another book sale, another show. And the paucity of sagacity is often demonstrated by the paucity of veracity.

Not with Jan.

Errols words cut keenly right through me ...

>... Besides which, 'they' will win - again.

I am a researcher, but only of my own experiences. I am not a researcher in Ufology. I work long and hard, and very few of you really know me. Know this, if you cannot see through the edema of your egos, it's time to quit. It's just not your time, Jan. I realized only recently, that the search for truth, your own truth, can make you ill. I didn't know that!

During my research, I use the tools provided by many who've written against the tide of swelled heads and fatter egos. I have respect for each of you. Pig headed and opinionated, strong in their belief systems, and fat in the head ... such is the life of the average researcher. But them white hats should stick around. The way to truth approaches quickly. And you have earned the right to be there when it happens, and not these others ... the ones who wear black.

One should never be where one does not belong.

J. Jaime Gesundt

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DESTINATION: SPACE Preview

From: Yvonne Hedenland <Yvonne.Hedenland@email.msn.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 10:42:14 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 12:20:39 -0500
Subject: D E S T I N A T I O N: S P A C E Preview

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Chat with scientists John Brandenburg & Monica Rix Paxson
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On the dawn of a new century, mankind's fascination with Space has only just begun to match the efforts of the scientists and organizations exploring this frontier. Join Destination: Space in a preview of what lies ahead for this brand new website where we'll move beyond the ordinary and into the unknown.

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This chat is accessible by using either our built in chat page, MS Chat or any IRC client. The chat server name is chat.solarcafe.com and the channel/room name is #planetarium.

Please note that this chat room will not be open until the evening of the event, But, the pre-chat Audio Interview is available now at

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Re: Time Anomalies

From: **Michael J. Woods** <mike.woods@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 13:06:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 14:11:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Time Anomalies

Dear List,

Humble apologies. I cited a book in my last posting, Ancient Mysteries. It would have helped if I had have included the author's name... and an ISBN wouldn't have hurt, either. So here they are... again with apologies for forgetting them the first time!

Ancient Mysteries by Michael Baigent

ISBN 0-670-88443-x Penguin Books

Note, this is also published under the title Ancient Traces...same author.

Mike Woods

The truth can STAY out there,
send in a good fantasy!

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Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 16:25:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 20:49:17 -0500
Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 13:04:17 -0800
>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>The previews gave me the following impression:

>A crew goes to Mars and discovers a secret NASA has been hiding
>for years for fear of the implications. The secret is so
>terrible that you will regret the revelation. It has to do with
>ET, of course, as you catch a glimpse of a group of the familiar
>silhouettes.

>The trailer is a fraud and every person who sees the movie
>should go home and fax Touchstone for misrepresentation.

I was really surprised to see the promo for M2M on TV. It made explicit references to a NASA cover-up and even showed one of the Viking images of the Face.

Hoagland thinks this represents some sort of falling out between Disney and NASA.

My guess is that the promo was a desperate attempt by the guys in advertising to save a movie that promises to be something of a turkey at the box office, if the reviews I've read so far are any indication.

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Filer's Files #10 -- 2000

From: George A. Filer <Majorstar@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 20:53:41 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #10 -- 2000

Filer's Files #10 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

IT'S A GREAT BIG WONDERFUL WORLD WE LIVE ON

We live on one of the great jewels in the universe and that is one of the main reason we are being visited. The visitors have been giving us a message, but many cannot see it or understand it. Our Creator gave us this Earth to take care of and we must do a better job. The reader should understand, I'm a UFO advocate, and I firmly believe there is enough evidence to launch scientific research into the phenomenon of UFOs. I have studied this field for thirty years, and not one week has gone by without new and significant news on the subject. Many people do not accept the phenomenon as fact, since their life experiences are not equivalent to my own. I understand that we are each given certain wisdom and opportunities. I chased one while in the Air Force and saw this large radar return on my radar screen showing me they were real. My web site started in September and now according to my web master Chuck Warren has half a million hits a month mostly from people who are searching for answers. Many are from government or schools who see a shocking deterioration in these organizations. Students are killing and raping one another while little of significance is being taught. As each day goes by, the evidence mounts that something is in our skies besides the normal planets, stars, aircraft, or balloons. We obtain some 300 reports from various sources each month. If we are very conservative we can eliminate about 75 to 80 percent of the reports as mistakes in identification. But a solid core of 20 to 25 percent appear as unknown and unidentified. Assuming what these thousands of people see each year is real, what's it all about? There are several likely possibilities of what causes these hard core reports: One is a type of misunderstood plasma or other unknown phenomenon. Others simply point to classified military aircraft or alien life forms thought to live some where on Earth, or perhaps in a different dimension. One of the most likely causes is that we are being visited by alien space ships. Over the last three years I have attempted to provide the reader with some of the most interesting cases and new evidence, but our resources are limited.

I can assure you that something wonderful is in our skies, but they are doing more than lighting up our skies with signs and wonders. I feel they are sending a message. The message does not appear to be one of destruction, but more hope, love, rebirth and good news. We are apparently being warned, signaled, given a sign of wonders and given a lamp of guidance. Although, there may be a dark side, most of the message is comfort to the lonely, an encouragement to protect our Earth and the weakest creatures amongst us. I feel they are saying it is time to clean up our act morally, spiritually and environmentally. If you carefully look for these signs in our skies, you will find them. People from every walk of life including several of our Presidents have seen these signs. Leaders in Chile, Brazil, and France are actively searching for them. The US Air Force spent over twenty years up until 1969

chasing them, and key Generals like Twining and Chidlaw acknowledged they were here. My own search continues. These files are free, but I can always use your help in uncovering the most important secrets of mankind and the universe. I invite you to join our quest and with God's help we will reach our goals. The visitors or angels have come across space and time to visit us and they have tried to give each one of us a great conceptual message. Mankind in its greed often messes up the message, but the basic message is for all mankind to benefit. So far my understanding of the message being brought to us is that God loves us and cares. He created this world and its treasures and protects us from most harm, and He has given a set of instructions to live by. If we do as we are asked and grow, we can join with other civilizations in the universe.

WAR OF THE SONS OF LIGHT AND SONS OF DARKNESS;

Astronauts have always been distinguished men of valor and exploits. A couple of years ago, Dr. Edgar Mitchell and I had a brief conversation after we spoke to about fifty Congressional staff personnel in Washington DC. He indicated as I do that we may be visited by some type of intelligence from space. I asked Edgar, what he thought was the real secret to all of this concerning UFOs? He said, "The answers are all in the Dead Sea Scrolls." I said, "you mean like the Sons of Light and Darkness?" He said, yes but even now not all of these scrolls have not been revealed. I searched the scrolls myself later to find some meaning. The text of the "War of the Sons of Light and Sons of Darkness" describes where two side are in an apocalyptic battle for Earth. The angels are described as being part of the fight. "Warrior angels are in our muster, and He that is mighty in War is in our throng. The army of His spirits marches beside us. Our horsemen come like clouds or like banks of dew, to cover the earth, or like torrential showers, to rain judgement on all that grows in it. Opposing the good forces are the forces of darkness. But for corruption thou hast made Belial, an angel of hostility. All his dominion is darkness and guilt. All the spirits that are associated with him are angels of destruction. They follow only the laws of darkness, and their craving is directed toward it." Pages 414-416 The Dead Sea Scriptures.

UFOs ARE ALREADY HERE

Sam Sherman the president of Independent International Pictures writes, "Where do Aliens come from? When interviewed for my still-unreleased film- "B EYOND THIS EARTH". Astronaut Col. Gordon Cooper spoke about one reported instance where: "Aliens were living on their ships, as they had lost their sun in their own solar system". A possible hypothesis may be that some ET groups live on large ships or space platforms, as has been reported, not on planetary bodies, and these huge crafts loop in and around our planet. Further they send out smaller scout craft for missions (whatever they may be) to Earth. They may have traveled great distances here over decades or hundreds of years and their huge ships serve as replacement and space-faring planets. Just an idea. Thanks to Sam Sherman.

Editor's Notes: NASA seriously considered developing a city in space. The concept and artist's drawing is contained in Ernest Jahn's and Margaret Sachs book "Celestial Passengers UFO's and Space Travel." A space habitat was designed by NASA to carry several hundred thousand people. The space habitat would be 16 miles long by four miles wide and have its own atmosphere and clouds. Only 2% of the materials would come from Earth, the remaining 98% would come from the moon. Not only does it yield an abundant supply of substances such as aluminum, concrete, soil, oxygen, and probably water, but lifting the materials off the moon will require twentieth the energy needed to lift them off Earth, because the Moon has such weak gravitational pull. We have to remember that Earth to is a spaceship. Even the total breakage of one window panel would allow a leak down time of three hundred years. Compare this to the dangers we face on Earth in the form of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, and tornadoes. If aliens were living not too far from Earth in space they may have a few minute ride to visit us. The dark eyes often described by abductees may be a permanent eyeglasses to protect sensitive eyes from the glare of our powerful sun or the bright light created by their propulsion systems. It happens there are places in space

There are five points (L-1 thru L-5) in space known as Lagrangian Libration Points where a space ship can stay with little if any energy needed. L-4 and L-5 are particularly well balanced where the gravitational and centrifugal forces of the Earth and Moon cancel each other out. Any object within one of these roughly spherical areas would remain orbiting around the Earth just as our Moon does. This is roughly a 60 degree angle in front and behind the moon essentially along its orbital path. Astronomers may wish to examine that portion of the sky to see if any small moonlets or space ships are orbiting our Earth.

I have seen some of the original footage of Sam's full-length motion picture. This film should be finished. It has some great footage of UFOs over Clear Lake, California, and a farm in New Jersey. I'm sure Sam would like to hear from potential investors. Give Sam a call at 732 727-8500. FLEXARET2@aol.com and tell him I asked you to call.

WHEN DISCLOSURE SERVES SECRECY

CSETI Director Steven M. Greer M.D. has put out a new book that is worth reading. Steven who provides some profound thinking in his own right indicates he does not feel abductions are actually taking place. He gives us insight into the mind of one of the most consequential men of the century who he doesn't agree with when he states, "In one lengthy meeting with a multi-billionaire, I was told that he gave great support to UFO activities which propel the so-called 'alien abduction' subject into public awareness because he wanted humanity to unite around fighting this 'alien threat'. Later, this very influential figure informed me that he believed these demonic ET s were the cause of every set back in human history since Adam and Eve. Sound familiar?"

Editor's Note: This billionaire has been friends with many US presidents and top political, religious and economic leaders worldwide for more than fifty years. Is it possible that Laurance Rockefeller knows what he's talking about? Thanks to Steven M. Greer M.D. See www.CSETI.com.

NASA FLIGHTS HAVE SEEN UFOs

"All Apollo and Gemini flights were followed, both at a distance and sometimes also quite closely, by space vehicles of extraterrestrial origin - flying saucers, or UFOs, if you want to call them by that name. Every time it occurred, the astronauts informed Mission Control, who then ordered absolute silence." "I think that Walter Schirra aboard Mercury 8 was the first of the astronauts to use the code name 'Santa Claus' to indicate the presence of flying saucers next to space capsules. However, his announcements were barely noticed by the general public. It was a little different when James Lovell on board the Apollo 8 command module came out from behind the moon and said for everybody to hear: 'PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS.' Even though this happened on Christmas Day 1968, many people sensed a hidden meaning in those words."

The rumors persist. NASA may well be a civilian agency, but many of its programs are funded by the defense budget and most of the astronauts are subject to military security regulations. Apart from the fact that the National Security Agency screens all films and probably radio communications as well. We have the statements by Otto Binder, Dr. Garry Henderson and Maurice Chatelain that the astronauts were under strict orders not to discuss their sighting programs are funded by the defense budget and most of the astronauts are subject to military security regulations.

Astronaut Eugene Cernan was commander of Apollo 17. In a Los Angeles Times article in 1973 he said, "I've been asked (about UFOs) and I've said publicly I thought they (UFOs) were somebody else, some other civilization."

In 1979, Maurice Chatelain, former chief of NASA Communications Systems confirmed that Armstrong had indeed reported seeing two UFOs on the rim of a crater. Chatelain believes that some UFOs may come from our own solar system -- specifically Titan. "The encounter was common knowledge in NASA, but nobody has talked about it until now."

NEW JERSEY HOVERING UFO

BARNEGAT BAY-- Jeanne writes I have about one minute of video tape of my sighting. I saw the two lights above the trees on February 11, 2000. On the tape the date is not correct but I seem to have gotten something. When I viewed the tape there appears to be a third object in the upper left of the two brighter lights. When I first saw the white objects in Waretown, New Jersey they were hovering above the trees, but as soon as I opened the blinds they descend below the trees. There is only my home on this deserted street with woods in the back where I saw the UFO's. But when we investigated the spot I found the UFOs were actually over part of the Barnegat Bay. From my backyard all you can see are endless woods that back up to the inlet of the Atlantic Ocean.

I first saw these ships around 11:30 PM and they hovered and moved up and down for about three hours. I really believe they saw me because if I just cracked the vertical blinds they were above the trees. As soon as I opened two verticals to watch them, they quickly went below the trees like it was a game. I was too afraid to go outside or I would have a better filming of this event. This was the first time in my life I ever used a video camera so while I would try to get between the verticals my pictures would be shot of my floor. I used the zoom lens and zoomed in and out a lot. The next night I heard a loud sonic boom similar to what we heard all summer long around 4:00 AM twice a week. I thought something was coming through my house since it shook like an earthquake for about three seconds. I ran to the back verticals and saw five fighter jets whiz by. Thanks to: J cat0892I

MARYLAND UFO VIDEOS

BALTIMORE - Bill Bean writes, I would like to report my latest video footage. I shot it on February 29, 2000. My wife and I were going to visit friends in the Baltimore area, and I felt something was urging me to take my camcorder, so I did. We arrived at the home of Debbie and Frank Hutchinson. I asked if I could set up my camcorder on his front porch? and he said sure. I turned the camcorder on its tripod and pointed it south. We let the camera run until 10:56 PM when we went inside to play it back. There were only a few airplanes until 10:31 PM. Then a craft appeared flying at a very low altitude with no sound. The thing looked white [yellowish] in color and had a weird flicker to it [like a flame]; it was there for about twenty seconds, before it slowly moved to the west. It also appeared to be projecting a light downward. At 10:37 PM out of the east, two objects come into the frame moving very slowly one behind the other. This object gets to about the middle of the frame and stops and puts out a very bright glow. It starts moving again and heads off to the south.

At 10:39 PM a group of flickering objects can be seen, one slowly heads west reverses itself and slowly moves east. One above it heads east and suddenly reverses towards the west. The two appear about the same altitude and pass each other in close proximity. The one heading east, stops and glows bright white. A third object comes in from the east at 10:41 PM and comes dangerously close to the one heading to the east. We reviewed the tapes and Frank said, "airplanes do not reverse and do not fly that close to each other." I said, "You're exactly right, I just wanted to hear it from you!" The camera was in focus the whole time. We went outside and the only thing we saw and heard was an airplane at a much higher altitude. The shape of these things reminded us of pillars and chariots of fire mentioned in the bible. Thanks to BILL BEAN. blin@erols.com (Bill & Linda Bean)

GEORGIA INVESTIGATION OF LIGHTS

CHATSWORTH -- MUFON Georgia State Director writes that he has investigated the October 16, 1999 at 10:30 PM sighting. Drew a business owner observed light from his home that is situated at the top of Fort Mountain. An unidentified object was moving over the valley below. It was a round bright light hovering about a mile away. It was drifting very slowly from left to right as he watched. It would change from the size of basketball at arm's length to the size of a baseball. He could see it pass behind some thin branches of a small tree in is

yard. It expanded again to the size of a basketball and disappeared. The witness is of high standing in the community and is well educated. There is a preponderance of UFO reports from the Fort Mountain indicating something is going on in the area. It is possible that piezoelectric or floating plasma like effects is occurring due to tectonic stress of a geologic formation. Most of the UFOs have been reported coming down from high altitude, rather than low-level lights often associated with this phenomenon. Another witness has observed several unmistakable solid anomalous craft at very close range. There is no indication that celestial or weather related objects are responsible for this case. Low flying aircraft in this valley at night would be suicidal due to ridges, peaks, and cell phone towers. Other unusual events have been reported along this Blue Ridge Corridor. In December, residents reported earth tremors particularly in the afternoon. Seismologists at Georgia Tech indicated there had been no earth tremors. These fairly regular sightings indicate there is anomalous cause to this sighting. Thanks to Tom Sheets

GEORGIA CIRCLE OF LIGHTS FROM UFO,

TROUP COUNTY - John Thompson one of our country's finest investigators writes, "A circle of lights was seen rising from behind a wood line in extreme north Troup County, just west of Highway 219." The sighting took place on January 27, 2000, at about 12:30 a.m. The 25 year-old witness said he, his friend and his friend's girlfriend were standing outside when they noticed a circle of "red and blue round lights" come straight up only a few hundred yards away. On reaching a level above the woods, the ten to twelve bright lights went streaking to the east just north of their location. The lights, which may or may not have been flashing, were exceptionally bright the young man said. They appeared to be located around the bottom edge of a "saucer" shaped vehicle. Despite the lights not being far away or high, the witness said they heard no sound as the UFO past overhead. Total viewing time of the sighting was only "three seconds". The witness said all of them were certain that this was "no airplane" or helicopter because of the circular arrangement of lights, strange movements, quick speed and no engine noise being heard. He also reported that in weeks before this sighting that they had seen a large brilliant white light moving in pastures and woods behind his friend's house.

The circle of lights is reminiscent of similar sightings that were observed frequently in the Troup-Heard Corridor during 1996-97. The most recent lights seen would suggest, as the other sightings usually did, a lighted craft of car to minivan size. This, of course, is only true if we assume they are on a structured object, as most witnesses believe possible. Many times in the past these "circle of lights" have been seen to rise straight up from a pasture before departing. Unlike past sightings, however, no counter-clockwise rotation of the lights was observed according to the witness. The latest sighting took place in an extremely remote area of Troup County above the Chattahoochee River. This is only a 1/3 of a mile south of the Heard County line. The sighting occurred 28 hours before a freak snowstorm hit Troup and Heard County. While snow was forecast for most of central and north Georgia, only Troup and Heard counties received snow despite being along the southern line of forecasted snowfall. The area where the 2 1/2 inches of snow fell in the early morning hours of the Jan. 28th eerily matched EXACTLY where the "mystery boom" was heard/felt on 8/2/99 when two V-shaped UFOs were seen. While the connection is not known, freakish weather, mystery booms, and UFOs often seem to occur in the same locales. The weather according to the witness was a clear sky, with no wind and a temperature above freezing. Thanks to John Thompson.

ILLINOIS PHOTO CAPTURES UFOs ON FILM NEAR CHICAGO

PALOS HILLS -- A photographer in a South Chicago suburb captured three UFOs on film last week and has posted them on his website. "I was photographing contrails/chemtrails over Palos Hills, Illinois" on Wednesday, March 1, 2000, when he accidentally captured the images. "I took a series of 34 photos," he reported, "And when I viewed them I saw objects in two photos that I did not see when I took the film". He was

using a Model 2700 Vivitar Digital Camera when he shot the 34 photos of the sky near Roberts Road and 103rd Street in Palos Hills. Photo No. 27 shows one UFO in the sky. Photo No. 29 shows three unidentified objects, with two of the objects "turned" or pitched at the same angle. This is the first time that UFOs in the USA's Upper Midwest have been photographed in connection with the mysterious and controversial "chemtrails." The photos may be viewed at <http://paloshills.com/contrails/022900/27.jpg> and [/022900/29.jpg](http://paloshills.com/contrails/022900/29.jpg). Thanks to the excellent UFO Roundup Vol., 3 # 10, 3/9/00 Editor: Joseph Trainor.

ARKANSAS FIRE FROM SPACE

LONOKE -- Nancy Talbot writes that on March 9, 2000, in the early morning something came down into farm fields off Allison (?) Loop Road, which created large areas of fire. Ike Bishop in Idaho called me last night, saying he had just seen a report on CBS News about a video of a burning area with flames reaching ten feet in the air. Further stating that the CBS broadcast said that NORAD had said that it "wasn't a meteorite, it wasn't space debris, and that no planes were missing." I then started calling contacts in the Arkansas area to try to get more info. I got a contact with a woman whose daughter lives in Lonoke & whose mother lives in North Little Rock) had seen a local KVTV broadcast at about 5 PM Friday the 10th. The daughter and her husband are now out looking for the site and will try to sample it, if they can get access. The mother in N. Little Rock, who saw the local TV, broadcast, said that three were whitish-greenish crystals on the burned trees/plants. Today the Little Rock Gazette is reporting an area "40 acres" in size (over a mile long and 150' wide) of forest and farmland is burning in many spots...as if there were multiple fires over this huge area. No plane debris found yet, no craters, nothing to indicate what started the fires. Another contact of mine, JoAnne S. in Missouri called the KATV News Desk and spoke to an unidentified woman who indicated that the TV station was not putting out any more info...and the military were involved, JoAnne's impression was that the TV people knew more than they were saying and that they had been asked to stop coverage. Little Rock Air Force Base 13 miles northwest of Lonoke that has a C-130 aircraft and the fire and may have been a plane. Thanks to Nancy Talbot.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA UFO SIGHTINGS

Scott Heckman writes that he has backpacked and hiked in the Dragoon Mountains for over twenty years. This is my home and backyard. I have been observing these craft during this long period time. I have located regularly used air corridors all across the Rocky Mountain States. You may use my accounts of the numerous UFOs I've seen and reported over Southern Arizona. The Dragoon Mountain location is a place where a series of unidentified craft utilizing signal-beacon communication systems are observed. They are often near the customary air corridors. The most major base that I have been able to follow the craft towards is located in the Tonto National Forest and the Tonto Basin. This is a large and very remote geological region. I discovered this while camping in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness. The UFOs kept flying down into the basin two minutes apart. They flew low, out of the southeast. at about two thousand feet above the terrain. The craft seemed to know my location as they kept avoiding me when I would relocate my position to get a better look. During the daytime A-10's use the area for training. Re-fueling practice also occurs here both day and night. After a close sighting we usually call the base and inquire if they have any night refueling operations. They often reply "they are performing low level refueling exercises". I doubt it because low level refueling at night in mountainous terrain is exceptionally dangerous. These areas have also been plagued with several unexplained disappearances that have occurred in Cochise County over the last 30 years. Cars are abandoned with people's ID; money and keys left behind. Their occupants are mysteriously missing, never to be seen again. This happens. I have made sketches of various craft and currently do not consider myself an investigator, but merely an observer, or watcher. Thanks to Scott Heckman zachec@theriver.com

MALAYSIA CRATER IS CLAIMED TO BE UFO LANDING SPOT-

KAMPUNG GOBEK -- The Utusan Express in Kuala Lumpur, published a story and picture on March 7, 2000, that shows a large water-filled semi-circular circular ditch. The villager's claim that an object which emitted rays of light landed in the area at 3: 00 AM. Since the report of the landing by the unidentified object, the village has had hundreds of people visit the remote area to look at the phenomenon for themselves. The village situated about 100 Kilometers from Kota Bharu town has been transformed into a carnival-like atmosphere. Many hawkers took the opportunity to put up stalls while others turned tour guides to the hundreds of vehicles converging to the area. Signs direct traffic along several roads in the village to the "mystery crater". A local Malay daily newspaper claims several saw the UFO circling the airspace of Kupang town at about 5:20 AM on Thursday, March 2 just prior to disappearing. The UFO was a big, round object with a tapering end in greenish blue color. It was less noisy than an aircraft. The Space Science Studies Division said at the time that there had been no UFO reports officially filed with them since 1994; apart from a press report on a UFO sighting in Tanjung Sepat a few years back claiming that there were constant nightly movements in the air. The formation of a crater in a marshland area is not something unusual, said an engineer from the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID). Engineer Razali Mohamed Noor said the landing site was where an irrigation canal was built 1983 for use by the farmers, and the area may have collapsed naturally. The Kelantan Geological Survey Department will dispatch several officers there to investigate the incident. Thanks to Gerry @ Far Shores | www.farshore.force9.co.uk

UK BLACK TRIANGLES

Dave from Skywatch writes, "Here in South Cumbria around the Morecombe Bay area, strange Flying Triangle craft are often seen, not everyday but often enough for a lot people too accept them as everyday things." This area is on a civil and military flight path, and it could be easy to disguise a flight from the ground at night. All reports I've heard off seem to fly over the bay towards Preston and the RAF Station. Rumors have emerged of a no-go area there, so if that is where the triangles are heading, that could be where some are based. One lady I know quite well confided this to me early last year. She lives in Lancaster but works in Kendal. The night was still dark, the weather was rainy, and the sky was black. As she was driving home and had a clear view of the bay, she suddenly saw lights in the middle of the bay which appeared to make triangle in shape, for a moment she thought it was the theme park Frontier Land, but then knew it couldn't be. It was not only too early in the season but also what was it doing in the middle of Morecambe Bay anyway. The lights came on for a few moments then went off just as quickly. A few days later it was reported in one of the local papers and that's what prompted her to tell me. She needed to tell some one. Last months NEXUS Magazine claims the reporting of Flying Triangles by the media are subject to 'D' Notices that restrict publication of any stories in the interest of national security. It does not matter how many people witness such crafts the media will not report any sightings of triangles in the UK. The official stand on this one is from the UK MOD who have said to the BBC, off the record, that Triangles are classified craft and confirmed they do exist within the MOD and DOD. Thanks to "David" <Dave @ ukskywatch

Editor's Note: New modern lighter than air airships could be used to carry phased array raiders. We should remember than in 1930s the dirigible Hindenberg was 820 feet long and flew the Atlantic Ocean with ease. True, it had an accident that killed some 37 lives. However these were magnificent ships and comparatively safe. In comparison train wrecks were causing almost 10,000 deaths a year. These new craft would be made from ultra light, ultra strong composite material, with surfaces looking more like conventional aircraft than the familiar blimps. Last year's Popular Mechanics article about "Stealth Blimps", and the illustration that accompanied it was probably nearer the mark than most realize! They can be made in any shape needed, such as a triangle and could carry Aegis Cruiser radar system.

Len Stringfield who died in 1994, should long be remembered as one of the great investigators into the possible of crashes

UFOs. In his book, "UFO Crash? Retrievals Amassing the Evidence III" He starts off his book with the following quote: "When you have eliminated the impossible , whatever remains , however, improbable must be truth." Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 20:10:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 20:57:50 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures

>Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 05:11:05 -0500
>From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 01:33:06 -0500
>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 08:55:37 -0500
>>>From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Activity After Base Closures
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>Ever since my sighting at the Canadian Forces Station
>>>>Falconbridge, Sudbury, Ontario base in October 1990 (the base
>>>>closed in 1987), I've been wondering the same thing!?

>>>>Would you happen to know the precise date and time of your
>>>>sighting ?

>>>>Yes, I do. Between 8:30 p.m. and 8:55 p.m. FYI: On Tuesday,
>>>>October 9, 1990, Venus had set with the sun and Jupiter did not
>>>>rise until 12:00 a.m. (astronomical info I received from a
>>>>member of the local astronomy club).

>>>>You may be interested to learn that the events at Falconbridge
>>>>on 11th November 1975 are detailed in the current issue of 'UFO
>>>>Magazine UK'

Victor,

I'm sorry to hear that! For some unknown reason, UFO Magazine UK is no longer available here in Sudbury, Ontario. It's been a while since I purchased the last available issue (May-June 1999).

However, I do have the official CFS Falconbridge documents pertaining to the event in my possession.

I purchased 5 microfilm reels from the National Archives in Ottawa (Ontario, Canada) which contained many UFO documents, including those I mentioned above

Michel

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NUFORA - Updates

From: **Tim Mathews** <TMMatthews99@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 17:41:30 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:02:16 -0500
Subject: NUFORA - Updates

Dear Updates,

All the latest information from the National UFO Research Association, NUFORA, is to be found on our regularly updated website.

Latest additions include an in-depth report on our recent and successful Warrington Conference - complete with ghost sighting - and details of forthcoming events.

Thanks,

Tim Matthews - Press Officer.

<http://www.angelfire.com/sd/NUFORA/index.html>

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Re: Reed Hoax

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 23:17:50 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:06:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Sun, 05 Mar 2000 04:13:42 -0800
>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>Subject: Reed Hoax
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>As many of you know, Jonathan Reed and his partner Robert Raith
>>>are at the International UFO Congress conference in Nevada
>>>trying to sell their scam to the public.

><snip>

>I just received the following message from someone who attended
>the IUFO Congress meeting:

>-----

>What a show it was!

>My girlfriend and I witnessed an Oscar winner performance of the
>Reed/Raith IUFOC Show.

>However, what I especially found interesting was the reaction of
>the lap dog audience. They ate it up!

>"You are Heroes!" and "You're among friends" was their response.

>Reed/Raith made many references to how in this country you
>should able to speak freely. Everyone cheered them on.

>However that same feeling wasn't there for anyone that that
>questioned their story in the slightest degree.

>During a question and answer period some asked "point of order"
>type questions about the video (i.e. "How was the sound so clear
>considering that the mic. on the video camera should have been
>turned away from your face?", "How did the camera stay so steady
>considering that you where so out of breath?").

>The audience treated these innocuous questions with hostility
>reserved for murders and child molesters. "Get the hell at of
>here!" along with groans of disgust was the audience's reaction.

>The first amendment must only apply to people who speak the
>truth they want to hear. As long as people like that are part
>of the "UFO Community", people like Reed/Raith will flourish. I
>find the whole thing amazing.

>I am not yet bulletin board member, you may post this if you
>like.

>Steve Skye
>SSkye@skyselighting.com

Perhaps I was a bit too optimistic about people's rationality than I should have been. Do these conferences have a Total Ignorance 101 workshop that comes with the package deal? Oops, sorry, I was confusing that with the How To Make Fast Cash From UFO Conferences course every conference organizer takes. The bottom line is no longer what's at the heart of the mystery.

Now it's what in the bank, how many videos/books can I sell, what kind of a movie deal can I make, will NBC or FOX buy my UFO special, ratings need a boost, and so on.

Of course, many serious ufologists are in a corner finding that the only real way to finance their research/investigations is to cave into many of these conferences and make appearances at them.

It is truly sad to hear that people's emotional need to believe over-rides their common sense. If you can't convince them with evidence, then you just need to reach out to their hearts and pocket books by crying out how everyone should be able to speak freely in this country. Turn it into a First Amendment/This Country Is Going To Hell issue.

I guess that means these guys should be free to promote their fraud, not have to prove one bit of their fairy tale and should be able to make a profit off their scam at the cost of serious ufologist who work their asses off in a completely thankless field. How can anyone in this field not understand why it gets so little attention. Gee, beats me. I guess we can thank the absolute morons who promote frauds like Reed at their conferences and on their late night radio program.

I'll just keep plugging away and do what I do. Those hard working ufologist out there - you know who are - have my respect and gratitude for the sacrifices you make. You can tell who many of the serious folks are, because you rarely hear their names and they rarely ever have anything to hawk to the public.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

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Re: Jan Aldrich Not To Quit!

From: Marty <bubastis@warplink.com>
Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 22:36:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:09:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Jan Aldrich Not To Quit!

>From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

>A message from Jan Aldrich of PROJECT 1947 - one that
>made for a much more pleasant sleep last night...

>ebk

Jan wrote:

>I had really decided to end my commitment to UFO research, your
>messages changed my mind.

>Best and warmest regards,

>Jan Aldrich

Howdy Jan!

So glad to hear that you've changed your mind. I had linked the UFO pages on my site to yours, as I think it is an excellent source of information on the early days of UFO reports, and I'm happy to hear you're not going to change any of that.

The work you're doing is amazing. Please keep it up. I wish you all the best.

Marty Murray
The NAIL Online
<http://www.WarpLink.com/~bubastis/index.html>

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Re: Jan Aldrich Not To Quit!

From: Sue Strickland <strick@H2Net.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 07:40:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:13:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Jan Aldrich Not To Quit!

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: <02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers ;;>
>Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2000 7:25 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Jan Aldrich Not To Quit!

> From: Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

Dear Jan Aldrich, ebk. other Researchers and List Members,

I just want to put my 2 cents worth in here. Jan, I am soooo glad you have decided to continue your work in ufology. And, to the other researchers (whatever your personal beliefs may be) when/if you think seriously again about quitting ufology (because it's too expensive, it takes too much time, it seems to go in circles, you feel threatened personally and completely overwhelmed with the negativity around you), try to remember that the answers are not for some one else to find. The answers are there for you to find.

What I say next may sound like I'm putting a guilt trip on all of you as researchers. That is truly not my intent. I want to convey my sincere thanks, and try to give you something to put on the back shelves of your minds, when you think and consider quitting again. Your interest, persistence, concern for others and strength of character are most important in order to find the answers. Without you we would not be on this list. Without all of you, what little we have discovered would not be. That goes for all researchers, including "debunkers."

Those of us who have been abducted or are still being abducted are too close to the phenomenon/problem to be believed, most of the time. We are counting on you, Jan, and all the other researchers, to not quit. We don't have the luxury of such an option. Neither do those children presently being abducted. They are counting on you, too.

One more piece to the puzzle may be all that it takes to complete the picture, and you may find that one little piece. It may be a billion missing pieces, but with each passing year, I see we are moving closer to finding some of the answers. You must be getting close, Jan, because it has been my experience that the closer you get, the more negative the reactions.

"Remember the children." That is what I want all of you researchers to put on the shelf in the back of your minds. Sincerely, Sue Strickland, Grandma and ex-abductee for 10+ years.

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Disney's Alien Encounter

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 11:24:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:14:56 -0500
Subject: Disney's Alien Encounter

Gnorts, Mr. Alien*

As a promo to the opening of New Tomorrowland in Disney World, a few years ago CEO Michael Eisner appeared on a brief special which aired only once and in less than a half dozen markets. Many think the show was part of a test to see how the public would react to willful disclosure. Quotes from this show were posted recently on a different list archived at:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/media/mailing/archive/iufo/msg14712.shtml>

One person quoted is Dr. Kevin Randle: "There's beings from another planet. We don't know where they come from, we don't know what they're doing here. There's nothing we can do about it..."

I would like to hear from Dr. Randle or anyone who might know if Dr. Randle was cognizant of how his quote was being used in this episode, if he knew more about the intent of the program either then or now, and if this quotation still represents his viewpoint.

Also, does anyone know if this video is available on the web?

TIA,

Terry

* gnortsmralien = neilarmstrong (reversed)

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'The Gate' Magazine?

From: **Andy Roberts** <Brigantia@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 15:14:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:17:03 -0500
Subject: 'The Gate' Magazine?

Hi,

Is anyone out there familiar with a US magazine called 'The Gate' (pub. Richmond, Ohio).

I am after the July '99 issue which, I'm told, features an article about Welsh UFO crashes.

Any info, scanned article etc appreciated.

Happy Trails

Andy Roberts
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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Chuck Sutton <chuckret@wans.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 11:12:10 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:21:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 11:03:11 -0300
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be
>Flares, Not UFOs To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I'm not sure I understand the thrust of these comments. >
>Perhaps I missed something important over the last year or so.
>Maybe I was too busy on other things to notice, but am I to
>understand that this Pheonix sighting has been solved? A rock
>solid explanation has been presented?

>Lemme know, because anything I have seen offered so far as an
>explanation seems weak, particularly the flare explanation. Too
>far away and too close to the ground to be seen in Pheonix.

Hello Don:

I have a feeling that you may be confusing the "Phoenix Lights"
case of approx. March 1997 with the more recent Phoenix Police
chase of the large triangular object on 10/14/99.

C.A.U.S. is actively persuing the "Gob-mint" in the Courts re: their
silly explanations.

P3N reported in a previous UFO UpDate that:

"In the Phoenix, Arizona federal lawsuit, Citizens Against UFO
Secrecy (CAUS) vs. the Department of Defense, Chief Judge
Stephen M. McNamee, once again ignored the government's plea to
dismiss the case, and instead took under advisement the group's
claims that the government was guilty of bad faith in its search
for information about a very unusual triangular aerial object."

Best Regards,
Chuck Sutton

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Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 14:09:07 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:24:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto [mailto:updates@sympatico.ca]
>Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2000 3:32 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>It does puzzle me terribly why so few human beings seem able
>to accept the condition of not-knowing.

Hello! <waves "Hi!"> i'm one of those human beings.

I admit it: I need to know Everything.

... I figure only after knowing everything will I possibly
have a shot (albeit probably a small one) of figuring out where
the Universe came from.

(That's the only question I have... it should be simple to
answer, right?)

However, trying to be a Renaissance Man in the Information Age
is killing me.

I may have to stop & become a potato farmer.

Search for other documents from or mentioning: ron.cecchini

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Hudson Valley Update?

From: William Sawers <wsawers@ihug.co.nz>
Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 13:19:05 +1300
Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:26:43 -0500
Subject: Hudson Valley Update?

I understand that Hudson Valley has had/is having more of the same sightings of the "triangle shaped UFO" that prompted the book by Philip Imbrogno (sp?) and I think Dr Hynek had a part in it.

It was quite an interesting series of sightings and at times sent a chill down my back as I read descriptions that paralleled a sighting my wife and I had, in, of all places... near a (little) NZ Air Force airfield outside the city of Auckland New Zealand.

If anyone has a Web site or info on these latest sightings could they please post.

Thanks in advance

William

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 00:27:45 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 10:32:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 19:13:07 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 11:03:11 -0300
>>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2000 18:46:54 -0800
>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Hello Todd:

>>>That sounds like a fine experiment! I hope somebody can do it.
>>>I doubt it would do much to change the opinions of certain folks
>>>however.

>>I'm not sure I understand the thrust of these comments.

>
>>Perhaps I missed something important over the last year or so.
>>Maybe I was too busy on other things to notice, but am I to
>>understand that this Pheonix sighting has been solved? A rock
>>solid explanation has been presented?

>>Lemme know, because anything I have seen offered so far as an
>>explanation seems weak, particularly the flare explanation. Too
>>far away and too close to the ground to be seen in Pheonix.

>>Don

>Hello Don:

>I wouldn't call the Phoenix Lights matter "solved".

Nor would I.

>That's the problem with high lights, flares, BOLs and the like.
>They cannot be solved. I no longer list them here, mainly for
>that reason.

>
>Personally, and based on discussions on this and other lists, I
>am persuaded that there is little if any merit to the Phoenix
>Lights.

The questions that need to be asked are:

With the recent purported flare exercise, did anybody get off
their butt with a camcorder and video tape the falling flares,
confirming either that

a) they can in fact be seen from Phoenix or

b) they can't be.

Then if flare footage was in fact shot, how did it compare against Phoenix? Etc., etc.

I would have thought that had their been ANY military exercise involving flares, the skeptics would have been falling all over themselves, demonstrating how they have explained the sightings away, and how they could be directly compared to a flare drop. Since this hasn't happened, one could assume that the flare theory is burning out... pun intended.

Cheers,
Robert

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Dan Goldin on CNN's 'Pinnacle'

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 09:45:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 10:44:00 -0500
Subject: Dan Goldin on CNN's 'Pinnacle'

>Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 21:42:19 -0800
>From: Rick Savard <tcdone@inland.net>
>To: cydonia@listbox.com
>Subject: Re: [M-TRAC - MSAA] Dan Goldin on Pinnacle CNN 8:30pmEST

>Bry, please elaborate on Goldin's comments. I was hoping that
>the program would be on in California at 8:30pm PST, but it was
>not, so I missed it. Specifically, I would like to know more
>about the context of the comments and what followed the "I am
>at the top of the temple" statement.

(Here are the last five or so minutes of the CNN 'Pinnacle'
interview with NASA's Director, Dan Goldin Sunday, March 12,
2000 8:30 p.m. est)

CNN: So what will you do after this?

Goldin: The space program is almost a religious experience for
me. I am at the top of the temple. As someone who's
worked in the space program I don't know that there's
anything that I could do that could get my motor
running like this job does.

But you know what? [very determined look] I would
like to see a picture of a planet around a star, not a
sun, and in that picture I'd like to see oceans,
continents, mountain ranges and clouds and I'd like
that picture to be in my grandson's room.

CNN: [looking a little taken back rhetorically asks] You're
talking about another life supporting planet in
another solar system?

Goldin: You've got that right. I don't know if it exists, but
if it does exist, I want to see this country develop
that technology in my lifetime, and I want to see us
take that picture.

End

[Graphic] Dedicated to the memory of John Holliman, CNN National
Correspondent

Sue

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TMP News: Weekly Briefing 3.14.00

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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 15:05:20 -0500
Subject: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 3.14.00

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PARADIGM RESEARCH GROUP PRESS RELEASE - MARCH 10, 2000
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/prg2-10-00.html>

SCIENTISTS MAP 'DARK MATTER'
http://www.discovery.com/news/briefs/20000310/space_darkmatter.html

INTERESTING STRUCTURAL FEATURES ON EROS ASTEROID
<http://www.spaceflightnow.com/news/0003/08nearfeatures/index.html>

NASA PLANS TWO-PROBE STUDY OF JUPITER
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/twoprobe.html>

JUPITER'S TERRIBLE TIDES
http://spacescience.com/headlines/y2000/ast08mar_1.htm

PLANNING THE NEXT GENERATION OF RADIO ASTRONOMY
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/nextgen.html>

IMPACT EVENTS SHAPED RISE OF CIVILIZATION
<http://www.spacer.com/spacecast/news/deepimpact-00a.html>

BERKELEY STUDY OF LUNAR IMPACT HISTORY FINDS SURPRISING
INCREASE AT TIME OF CAMBRIAN EXPOSITION OF LIFE ON EARTH
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/lunarimpact.html>

HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGES SHOW BIG DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MARS
POLAR CAPS
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/marscaps.html>

RESURRECTING LIFE ON MARS?
<http://helix.nature.com/nsu/000309/000309-3.html>

HOW TO SPOT A MARTIAN
<http://helix.nature.com/nsu/000302/000302-9.html>

CYDONIA ARTICLE ON THE LEARNING CHANNEL WEB SITE
<http://tlc.discovery.com/tlcpages/encounters/encounters.html>

THE CHINESE PYRAMIDS - AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL LEGACY?
<http://www.alphaomega.se/english/chinesepyr.html>

SPACE ALIENS 'INVADE NASA'
<http://www.vny.com/cf/news/upidetail.cfm?OID=68304>

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Sloppy Management Blamed For Mars Orbiter Loss

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 15:08:36 -0500
Subject: Sloppy Management Blamed For Mars Orbiter Loss

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Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 08:12:32 -0500
From: AN NewsAlert <newsalert@astronow.cix.co.uk>
To: Astronomy Now NewsAlert <NewsAlert@astrolists.demon.co.uk>
Subject: Sloppy management blamed for Mars orbiter loss

NEWSALERT: Tuesday, March 14, 2000 @ 1310 GMT

The latest news from Astronomy Now and Spaceflight Now

SLOPPY MANAGEMENT BLAMED FOR MARS ORBITER LOSS

An independent review board blames the loss of NASA's Mars Climate Orbiter last year on sloppy project management, a lack of agency oversight, poor communications and shortsighted engineering. To avoid similar mishaps in the future, the board called for NASA to adopt a "mission success first" approach.

<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/0003/14mcoreport/>

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Ohio Man Reports 'Flying Saucers,' Leaps To Death

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 13:36:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 15:15:13 -0500
Subject: Ohio Man Reports 'Flying Saucers,' Leaps To Death

Published Tuesday, March 14, 2000
in the Akron Beacon Journal.

Fall kills hospital patient in Canton
39-year-old man plunges seven floors from window

BY JOHN HIGGINS
and Andale Gross

Beacon Journal staff writers

CANTON: A 39-year-old Guernsey County patient at Mercy Medical Center somehow got through the open window of his ninth-floor room yesterday morning and plunged seven stories to an adjacent roof.

The man, from Kimbolton, was declared dead at the scene. Canton police found a bag of his clothing next to his body. He was wearing his hospital gown.

Stark County coroner's investigator William Dishong said there was no evidence of a struggle or foul play. However, police are investigating to determine if it was a suicide or criminal act.

Relatives said they were planning to bring the man home from the hospital yesterday when they learned of the accident, which happened about 8:30 a.m.

A cousin, William Robert Juergens, said hospital officials told him the man was "seeing flying saucers" and was agitated the night before.

"I don't understand why they didn't have him psychologically evaluated," Juergens said. "I was told that he was up pacing all night, that he wasn't sleeping."

Canton Detective Capt. James Myers said the man took his action quickly. The other patient in the semi-private room with him was not aware of what happened.

Dishong said the man apparently closed the curtain separating the beds. He said a nurse had been in the room within a foot of the window two minutes before the patient was discovered missing. The nurse said the window was closed at that time, but when she returned, the window was open and the man was gone.

"I don't remember any other incidents where anyone jumped at a hospital," Myers said.

The patient's room was on a general medical-surgical floor and he had no visitors yesterday except nurses carrying out their duties, Dishong said.

The hospital windows on that floor slide up and down rather than swinging out. They are kept locked with special keys. No one could explain yesterday how the window became unlocked. Myers said the window was not broken.

Hospital spokesman Andy Gankoski did not comment on whether the

window was locked. The hospital issued a brief press release, but did not offer details about the incident or the patient's medical condition.

"We can't discuss the medical situation (of a patient) -- even after they're dead," Gankoski said. Some of the staff received counseling from the hospital's pastoral care department, he said.

"This is a tragic event for everyone involved," Gankoski said. "Our prayers and sympathy go out to his family."

The man had head injuries from a four-car auto accident Friday in Plain Township, but it was not reported that he was disoriented, Myers said.

Stark County Sheriff Timothy Swanson said witnesses reported that the man was driving between 60 and 70 mph south on Cleveland Avenue near the North Canton city limits with his headlights off.

He struck several orange construction barrels before hitting another car head-on. Two other cars were involved in the accident, which occurred at 8:42 p.m. The man was not wearing a seat belt.

No one was seriously injured. Swanson said there were no signs of drug or alcohol use.

Juergens, a long-haul truck driver, was in Miami most of the weekend. He said his cousin was returning from a visit with relatives in the Cleveland area.

He said his cousin was never married and had no children, but lived with a dog named Toto. He had a high-pressure job as an accountant for several oil firms in Houston and Venezuela until about two years ago, Juergens said.

Since then, he has delivered pizzas in Cambridge. The Cleveland State University graduate was much calmer after he gave up his accountant's job and didn't appear suicidal, Juergens said.

"Everybody I speak with is trying to say he jumped, and I can't see him doing that. He just wasn't that kind of person," Juergens said. "He had some mental problems. He had some breakdowns, but he never hurt himself or anybody else... He was more worried about getting home to get his dog fed."

An only child, the man leaves behind his mother in suburban Cleveland, an aunt, an uncle and several close cousins, among other relatives.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Kacirek funeral home in North Olmsted. Funeral director Mark Kacirek said he had been contacted by family members but did not have details.

Juergens said he wonders why hospital officials weren't supervising his cousin more carefully, especially since he was exhibiting signs of mental instability.

"I don't understand why he's dead -- he shouldn't be dead," Juergens said.

Staff writer George W. Davis contributed to this report.

End of article

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Strange Days... Indeed Archive

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 16:01:01 -0500
Subject: Strange Days... Indeed Archive

<http://members.xoom.com/strangedaysi/sdix.htm>

and will eventually U/L the complete archive there.

It'll take a while or two to convert everything to .rm/ra files.

Those files won't 'stream' - they can only be down-loaded.

It seems that the folk at Xoom.com allow 'members' to, freely, archive an almost 'limitless' amount of data. 'Limitless' being about 500Mbs - which some subscribers here might want to think about.

Since the loss of an old version of RealAudio encoder [in a CD-R fiasco last year] that allowed me to to convert .WAVs to 8Kbs, I've had to use RealProducer, which doubles the size of files and takes a while to D/L at 56K. So, if anyone has an old version of RealEncoder, please let me know...

Last Sunday nights program, with Richard Hoagland, should be available later tonight.

Errol Bruce-Knapp

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Is CNN Editing Reality?

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 08:46:46 -0500
Subject: Is CNN Editing Reality?

On April 6, 1998, the day that the MGS Face image was released, CNN science reporter John Holliman wrote an on-line article in which he described the JPL "enhancement" now affectionately referred to as "the Catbox" as follows:

"But the first raw image of the region of Mars called Cydonia was a dark rectangle with a blotchy white patch that might or might not be the 'Face' formation seen from the Viking mission to Mars in the 1970s."

That was a fair description - probably the only one to appear during the media stampede caused by JPL's release of the Catbox. However, the released image was not raw as Holliman supposed at the time. The released image had been heavily processed in a way that removed most of the tonal variation present in the raw image, almost completely flattening what is known to be a 400-meter high landform, giving it an appearance some have described as being similar to a "footprint."

The last time I checked in January, this article was still in the CNN archives at:

<http://cnn.com/TECH/space/9804/06/mars.face.ap>

But it isn't there anymore.

What is probably the only thing ever written by a CNN reporter that referred to the quality of a JPL data product in negative terms (and justifiably so) has been removed from their archive.

I thought at first that maybe CNN had just deleted it along with other older articles to make room for newer ones in their archive, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

Articles written before and after this one are still in the CNN archive, including those on Cydonia written by Holliman that dutifully reported on the JPL party line immediately proclaimed by Dr. Albee and other JPL officials - after NASA promised to withhold comment on the artificiality question.

That's one of the problems with the Internet as a news medium. History can be changed without leaving a paper trail.

As to the reasons why this article has apparently been singled out for deletion, I think Holliman's comment speaks for itself. Science reporters just aren't supposed to say bad things about JPL unless it's absolutely unavoidable, like when they crash hundred-million dollar space probes into Mars.

I e-mailed CNN to find out what happened to the article, but so far I've received no reply. I'd like to see the article put back on the CNN web site, but I'm not optimistic about that happening.

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Hoagland on Art Bell - 3-15-00

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 04:05:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 09:10:27 -0500
Subject: Hoagland on Art Bell - 3-15-00

I'm sure some will flame me, but if there was ever any doubt that Richard 'Cydonia' Hoagland is completely out of his mind, please just listen to the few hours he just did on tonight's Art Bell.

Don't take my word for it, go to <http://www.artbell.com> & look for the RealAudio for Wed, 3/15/00, ~1:30am - 4:00am

I think the guy could find a "pattern" (and, of course, a conspiratorial pattern at that) in a pile of cow dung.

(Oh, wait, cow dung probably does have a pattern in it... well, you know what I mean.)

If nothing else, the guy is making proclamation after proclamation about what Brian DePalma was really saying in his movie... all without, of course, having had to first ask Mr. DePalma (who is allegedly in-communicado) or confirming it with him.

He's also finding all kinds of hidden & secret messages in NASA's Dan Goldin's comments about the future of the space program, his desire to put humans on Mars, his desire to have a photo of an extrasolar planet, etc.

Sheesh...

Sorry, I just had to rant.

"We now return you to your regularly scheduled program."

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Reed Hoax & The Laughlin UFO Congress

From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 01:55:39 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 09:52:45 -0500
Subject: Reed Hoax & The Laughlin UFO Congress

>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 16:23:08 -0500 (EST)
>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

To Robert Gates and the List,

I think that you just gave a good illustration of the "Hoax-Debunking scenario", which we could also call the "Rotten Apple scenario" : if I find a rotten apple in the barrel I throw them all out.

What is the scenario in this case ?

A dubious speaker is invited at a convention, together with about thirty others. You are right to lament that he was well received by the audience (I can confirm that since I was there : I glanced five minutes in the room to check that). But I can also tell you that many speakers did not buy it (I checked that too).

Never mind, your mind is set already.

They have invited Reed, therefore there was nothing good there :

>Being that the organizers of this conference seem to want people
>whose credentials don't check out, and whose very basic story
>doesn't check out, kind of tells me the conference is not a
>serious conference, but a UFO entertainment show.

And that's what is so devastating. There were some very interesting presentations there, but do you care to know? The only mails I have seen on this list are to laugh at Reed and the Laughlin congress.

Just a few names - as examples but there were others:

Joe Lewels (I missed his speech but I know he is a good one, having read his book. BTW have you read it?)

Roger Leir - new implants. He came with one of his patients. I talked with him several times and found him quite credible

Ron Regher (very competent talk on spy satellites and their use for UFO surveillance)

George Knapp - interviews, as yet undisclosed, of Philip Corso

Peter Davenport - remarkable, well documented and illustrated cases

Daniel Sheenan - brilliant speech, met with standing ovation.

Cheers,

Gildas Bourdais

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
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Subject: Test

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: **Kathy Hotchner** <khotchner@uswest.net>
Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 22:36:40 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 18:54:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 16:23:08 -0500 (EST)
>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hello Robert, Don, Larry, and list,

Here is what seems to be the real truth and the confusion over the Phoenix lights. Two events happened on March 13, a real sighting that to date remains unidentified, and the flares. At 8:30 pm a huge unidentified flying object was seen by many residents flying silently, and very low, over the metropolitan area. It was seen by many people, adults and kids, family groups, teens "making out" at a lovers point on South Mountain. All described it as a huge triangle with 5 lights.

There is one known video tape taken of this UFO. People say they saw it pass directly over their heads, their homes, maybe 30 feet above them. During this sighting a mufon member, using binoculars, believes he saw military jets flying near and around this slow moving object.

Then later that night, at 10:00 pm, there was the second sighting, which has been now called the Phoenix Lights. These are now believed by most to have truly been flares. This is the film of the lights that so many of you have seen on television. The explanation for this event is that a military plane had to unload it's flares before it was allowed to land at the air base. The base and the military have records to confirm this forced "dumping."

Belief here, with many, is that the air force dumped the flares to distract and confuse the public off the real event that happened at 8:30.

If this is true it has worked very well. Everyone confuses the two sightings. The witnesses to the 8:30 event are debunked by the flare reality. Some of the media here, particularly talk radio KTAR give the witnesses' accounts credence, but the Arizona Republic, our only newspaper, and most TV stations continuously make fun of the sightings. The case that Peter Gersten has filed in the court, his affidavits, are for the 8:30 sighting, not for what you have seen on TV as the Phoenix Lights.

Hope this helps to clarify things out here in the West.

Kathy

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Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

From: **Lesley Cluff** <manitou@fox.nstn.ca>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 14:01:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 18:58:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 14:09:07 -0800
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto [<mailto:updates@sympatico.ca>]
>>Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2000 3:32 PM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Supposed Time-Anomalies

>>It does puzzle me terribly why so few human beings seem able
>>to accept the condition of not-knowing.

>Hello! <waves "Hi!">i'm one of those human beings.
>I admit it: I need to know Everything.

... I figure only after knowing everything will I possibly

>have a shot (albeit probably a small one) of figuring out where
>the Universe came from.
>(That's the only question I have... it should be simple to
>answer, right?)

Actually you are the point of the post - the idea is that we accumulate information, knowledge, but without necessarily drawing any conclusions of any kind until we have enough to then finally sort it all out and arrive at an answer to the small question we all have! Its getting past the human tendency to jump to conclusions and judge without adequate info that is the problem we share.

History is full of such conclusions that are great for a laugh now. Will the too early judgements now so oft seen on this list someday become the source of many laughs at our folly by future generations?

>However, trying to be a Renaissance Man in the Information Age
>is killing me.

>I may have to stop & become a potato farmer.

Hey, I grow potatoes for our family every year on our small farm - organically of course! Don't knock it - it sure keeps your head tuned into this reality, while giving you plenty of head time to fantasize 'what ifs'! And the potato patch is only about 125 feet from where I has my first UFO sighting! And no, I was not out planting the potatoes by the light of the full moon to ensure a huge harvest ;-)

Lesley Cluff

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Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 12:21:45 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 19:01:18 -0500
Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

>Date: Sun, 12 Mar 2000 16:25:43 -0600
>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 13:04:17 -0800
>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@rocler.qc.ca>
>>Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>The previews gave me the following impression:

>>A crew goes to Mars and discovers a secret NASA has been hiding
>>for years for fear of the implications. The secret is so
>>terrible that you will regret the revelation. It has to do with
>>ET, of course, as you catch a glimpse of a group of the familiar
>>silhouettes.

>>The trailer is a fraud and every person who sees the movie
>>should go home and fax Touchstone for misrepresentation.

>I was really surprised to see the promo for M2M on TV. It made
>explicit references to a NASA cover-up and even showed one of
>the Viking images of the Face.

>Hoagland thinks this represents some sort of falling out between
>Disney and NASA.

>My guess is that the promo was a desperate attempt by the guys
>in advertising to save a movie that promises to be something of
>a turkey at the box office, if the reviews I've read so far are
>any indication.

Hello Lan:

That may well be. Hoagland himself was on the Art Bell show
Tuesday night trying to pump up the film and put it in the best
possible light.

This in spite of even Art Bell, who indicated that he was not
very impressed with it! I guess Art had nothing to gain or lose
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cracking the conspiracy to hide or ignore the Cydonia Face etc.
etc. etc.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Hudson Valley Update?

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 18:35:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 19:07:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley Update?

>From: William Sawers <wsawers@ihug.co.nz>
>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 13:19:05 +1300
>Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:26:43 -0500
>Subject: Hudson Valley Update?

>Understand that Hudson Valley has had/is having more of the
>same sightings of the "triangle shaped UFO" that prompted the
>book by Philip Imbrogno (sp?) and I think Dr Hynek had a part
>in it.

>If anyone has a Web site or info on these latest sightings
>could they please post.

I haven't yet heard about a recent-recent sighting, about the
only thing i've heard recently was Bruce Cornet claiming that a
red laser light was targetting him & following his car...

At any rate, a few links to gather more NY/HV/PB info:

New York
<http://www.ufomind.com/place/us/ny/>

Pine Bush / Hudson Valley, NY, Sightings
<http://www.ufomind.com/place/us/ny/pinebush/>

(as usual, UFO Mind is highly comprehensive)

The Flying Saucer Gazette
<http://users.erols.com/sardonica/>

(This was an e-zine, newly defunct, that chronicled much of the
Pine Bush phenomenon. you probably won't find anything about
what you're talking asking, but it's still great reading.)

New York State MUFON
<http://members.aol.com/jgbouck/index.html>

(they might know -- *should* know! -- about any recent
sightings.)

And, even though I hate to do it, the 2 names most- associated
with the entire PB thing (after Hynek):

Bruce Cornet
<http://www.ufomind.com/people/c/cornet/>

Ellen Crystall
<http://www.ufomind.com/people/c/crystall/>

(I say "hate", 'cause, well... I admit it: I cannot
take those 2 people very seriously.)

Finally, if you're in the mood to run around a field at night
waving a flashlight & chanting "Yooooooooou... Efffffffff...
Ooooooooooh...", Greer is holding a workshop not too far from PB:

<http://www.cseti.org/programs/upcoming.htm>

April 29 - May 6

Re: Hudson Valley Update?

Ambassadors to the Universe Training and Fieldwork
Dr. Steven Greer
Newburgh, NY (Near Pine Bush, UFO Hotspot)

He probably won't know anything about any recent sightings (he's been too busy working on all that *proof* he has for us...) (hey, then where is he finding time to do these workshops...?), but it'll probably be amusing. Do you have \$600 to spare?

(I wanna be an Ambassador to the Universe!!!)

Oh, actually, FWIW, PB still has monthly meetings on the 1st Wednesday of every month, from 7:30-10, in the town hall across from the high school.

If there's been any recent sighting, I would think that someone there might know something.

Take care,

Ron

Search for other documents from or mentioning: ron.cecchini

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Re: Reed Hoax

From: James S Mortellaro <docgripple@juno.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 18:45:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 19:10:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 23:17:50 -0800
>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Perhaps I was a bit too optimistic about people's rationality
>than I should have been. Do these conferences have a Total
>Ignorance 101 workshop that comes with the package deal? Oops,
>sorry, I was confusing that with the How To Make Fast Cash From
>UFO Conferences course every conference organizer takes. The
>bottom line is no longer what's at the heart of the mystery.

>Now it's what in the bank, how many videos/books can I sell,
>what kind of a movie deal can I make, will NBC or FOX buy my UFO
>special, ratings need a boost, and so on.

>Of course, many serious ufologists are in a corner finding that
>the only real way to finance their research/investigations is to
>come into many of these conferences and make appearances at
>them.

>It is truly sad to hear that people's emotional need to believe
>over-rides their common sense. If you can't convince them with
>evidence, then you just need to reach out to their hearts and
>publish books by crying out how everyone should be able to speak
>freely in this country. Turn it into a First Amendment/This
>Country Is Going To Hell issue.

>I guess that means these guys should be free to promote their
>fraud, not have to prove one bit of their fairy tale and should
>be able to make a profit off their scam at the cost of serious
>ufologist who work their asses off in a completely thankless
>field. How can anyone in this field not understand why it gets
>so little attention. Gee, beats me. I guess we can thank the
>absolute morons who promote frauds like Reed at their
>conferences and on their late night radio program.

>I'll just keep plugging away and do what I do. Those hard
>working ufologist out there - you know who are - have my respect
>and gratitude for the sacrifices you make. You can tell who many
>of the serious folks are, because you rarely hear their names
>and they rarely ever have anything to hawk to the public.

Dear Royce;

If you are suggesting that "legitimacy" in Ufological research precludes having a book or appearance on the Gesundt (or equivalent) Show and Dweeb Site, I may agree. However this will eliminate more than 99% of the present AOURAAS. (Association of UFO Researchers, Authors and Speakers).

If you are suggestion that legitimacy in Ufological research precludes having the truth and representing yourself as having it, then you must ban, at the very least, 99.5% of those claiming to be such ... researchers, that is.

If you are suggesting that legitimacy in Ufological research

precludes promoting fraud, I am afraid that many researchers and even more, sightings and abduction claimants, should be banned from stating their cases as well.

I am not entirely certain, but this sounds a lot like the approach of tyranny to an otherwise democratic (or constitutional republic, etc.) philosophy thus far accepted even in communist nations ... to an extent greater than you suggest.

May I advert listening to everyone and making up your own mind? Or is that aksing too much? 'Scuse the "aksing," as I am largely from the Bronx. Although a piece of me is from Mongo. Snotta Maria.

Sorry, but no matter how screwy the message, I prefer being able to hear or read it than having people select what I may or may not hear or read. In other words, while I completely agree that some may be complete loony bins, and while it angers me to read trash as much as you, I read it. Because I learn from it. Yes, even the loonies.

And if it bothers one to have to read it, do as some others do on this list, and have suggested most recently about moi, press that beloved "delete" key.

Or go listen to Dylan and drink some fresh wine.

Sniveling about the idiots doth not make the idiots go away. Banning them ain't the answer needer.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 19:39:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 20:33:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

ORBS OR FLARES? Not Solved

>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 00:27:45 -0500 (EST)
>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 19:13:07 -0800
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 11:03:11 -0300
>>>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Hello Don:

>>I wouldn't call the Phoenix Lights matter "solved".

>Nor would I.

>>That's the problem with high lights, flares, BOLs and the like.
>>They cannot be solved. I no longer list them here, mainly for
>>that reason.

>>Personally, and based on discussions on this and other lists, I
>>am persuaded that there is little if any merit to the Phoenix
>>Lights.

>The questions that need to be asked are:

>With the recent purported flare exercise, did anybody get off
>their butt with a camcorder and video tape the falling flares,
>confirming either that

>a) they can in fact be seen from Phoenix or

>b) they can't be.

>Then if flare footage was in fact shot, how did it compare
>against Phoenix? Etc., etc.

>I would have thought that had their been ANY military exercise
>involving flares, the skeptics would have been falling all over
>themselves, demonstrating how they have explained the sightings
>away, and how they could be directly compared to a flare drop.
>Since this hasn't happened, one could assume that the flare
>theory is burning out... pun intended.>

I have been informed by a resident/witness ('Dr. Lynn') that there were flares seen and videotaped by the TV people. She says these flares do not look like the March 13 (or other date) "orbs" that are part of the March 13 1997 events. Video shows smoke and parachutes.

HOWEVER: I question whether or not the conditions have been duplicated. Pro video cameras are not home video cameras.

I have yet to hear of a home video of these flares.

I suspect that after initially videotaping incorrectly (from the viewpoint of duplicating the past events) the flares the newsmedia and witnesses "gave up." After all, different is what the witnesses wanted to hear, and apparently that's what the media discovered. Of course, videotaping a flare from a few miles away with a \$50,000 camera is likely to be different than videotaping with a home video from 60 miles away!

I guess the TV stations have no "science advisor" (oh yeah, the weatherman!) Another opportunity blown? Wait till next year?

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Re: Water on Mars?

From: **Tim Haley** <TimHaley@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 20:21:38 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 21:36:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Water on Mars?

Given the NASA news reports about recently discovered canals on Mars, I would like to hear comments from the list on how these canals might have been formed. As you read through my logic posted below, you will see that I am not convinced it was water. Therefore, if it wasn't water than what or who created the canals on Mars?

I find it somewhat amusing that planetary scientists will, on the one hand, scoff at the interpretation of the Cydonia region as containing artificial structures, while on the other hand, exclaim that the valleys and crevices seen on the Martian surface must have been due to liquid water.

In both cases, the human brain is trying to make sense out of visual clues. However, a little analysis is in order.

I have not heard of any planetary scientist consider that fact that the mass of Mars could never support the atmosphere required for the surface barometric pressure to allow liquid water to exist. Liquid water is extremely volatile, if it exists at all, at less than 10 millibar of pressure. That is a fact of thermodynamics. How could a "heavier" atmosphere exist without additional planetary mass?

Even Malin Space Science Systems has received large monetary grants from NASA to search for evidence of rain on Mars. Then they are suprised when they don't find such evidence.

It seems to me that even scientists aren't immune from pseudoscience.

So where did the canals come from?

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Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?

From: Henny van der Pluijm <hvdp@worldonline.nl>
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 02:48:46 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:13:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?

>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 21:14:54 -0600
>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Subject: Is CNN Editing Reality?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hi Lan and others,

>On April 6, 1998, the day that the MGS Face image was released,
>CNN science reporter John Holliman wrote an on-line article in
>which he described the JPL "enhancement" now affectionately
>referred to as "the Catbox" as follows:

Following this up,

Whether CNN has edited an image of Mars I don't know. I do know that CNN has admitted that military persons were employed by CNN during the Kosovo conflict. Obviously communication specialists, they were working for CNN as so called "interns. In other words, there is evidence that CNN does cooperate with authorities when asked to.

Groeten,

Henny

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New Research Casts Doubts On False Memory Syndrome

From: Henny van der Pluijm <hvdp@worldonline.nl>
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 02:48:47 +0100 (MET)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:18:31 -0500
Subject: New Research Casts Doubts On False Memory Syndrome

Source: SIGHTINGS

<http://www.sightings.com/politics6/fms.htm>

New Research Casts Doubts On False Memory Syndrome

By Patricia Reaney

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/20000313/sc/health_memory_2.html

3-15-00

LONDON (Reuters) - British scientists say they have cast doubts on the prevalence of False Memory Syndrome and the idea that recovered memories are often bogus ones induced by therapists.

The theory that memories of events which never occurred can be constructed by suggestion during therapy has been used successfully as a defense by those accused of child abuse, to discredit children's testimony.

Researchers at University College London claim their study of data from 236 adults with recovered memories shows many are of true past events. "There is now consistent evidence that 'False Memory Syndrome' cannot explain all, or even most, examples of recovered memories of trauma," the British Psychological Society said in a statement.

"There is increasing evidence that many recovered memories cannot be explained by so-called False Memory Syndrome. To date there is no convincing evidence for a specific False Memory Syndrome," Dr. Bernice Andrews, who conducted the study, told Reuters.

"What we've shown is that a substantial proportion of these memories have been corroborated," she said in a telephone interview. Contrary to common belief, she added, not all repressed memories are about childhood sexual abuse. They can result from many types of trauma and not all are recovered during therapy.

"People often come into therapy because they have started to remember things that have happened in the past. In our study around a third of cases were people who came into therapy after recovering memories," said Andrews.

She and her colleagues interviewed 108 qualified therapists about the 236 patients. They said the most common triggers for recovering memories were events concerning patients' own children that they associated with violence or fear that they felt themselves. Less often books, videos and memory recovery techniques were used to help patients recall the events.

"Therapists in the majority of cases do not use aggressive, suggestive techniques to get their clients to remember things. They (memories) come up just as a matter of course during therapy and are often accompanied by a lot of emotion as though the person is reliving the event in the present," Andrews explained.

The researchers said their study cannot prove that all recovered memories are true. "You certainly can't explain all instances of people recovering memories in therapy in terms of so-called False Memory Syndrome," Andrews added.

Groeten,

Henny

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:35:04 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:27:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 11:12:10 -0800
>From: Chuck Sutton <chuckret@wans.net>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 11:03:11 -0300
>>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be
>>Flares, Not UFOs To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I'm not sure I understand the thrust of these comments. >
>>Perhaps I missed something important over the last year or so.
>>Maybe I was too busy on other things to notice, but am I to
>>understand that this Pheonix sighting has been solved? A rock
>>solid explanation has been presented?

>>Lemme know, because anything I have seen offered so far as an
>>explanation seems weak, particularly the flare explanation. Too
>>far away and too close to the ground to be seen in Pheonix.

>Hello Don:

>I have a feeling that you may be confusing the "Phoenix Lights"
>case of approx. March 1997 with the more recent Phoenix Police
>chase of the large triangular object on 10/14/99.

<snip>

Hi Chuck,

I'm familiar with both cases. What leads you to think I am
confusing the two?

Don Ledger

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Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 20:31:46 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:30:29 -0500
Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00

>Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 12:21:45 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: PRG Press Release - 3/10/00
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hello Lan:

>That may well be. Hoagland himself was on the Art Bell show
>Tuesday night trying to pump up the film and put it in the best
>possible light.

>This in spite of even Art Bell, who indicated that he was not
>very impressed with it! I guess Art had nothing to gain or lose
>either way this time.

>Hoagland was trying to suggest that the film was a way of
>cracking the conspiracy to hide or ignore the Cydonia Face etc.
>etc. etc.

>Best!

Hoagland may have good reason to be complimentary about this movie; his 'Monuments of Mars' book now has a ranking of 166 on Amazon.com. That's best-seller territory for a book first published more than a decade ago.

This movie seems to have dramatically increased public interest in Cydonia. If so, then it's accomplished something constructive. And regardless of Hoagland's more recent bizarre theories, I thought the earlier editions of his 'Monuments' book was excellent. If he hasn't padded it too much with his latest Nazis & NASA theories, it may still be OK.

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:50:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:39:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 22:36:40 -0700
>From: Kathy Hotchner <khotchner@uswest.net>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hello Robert, Don, Larry, and list,

>Here is what seems to be the real truth and the confusion over
>the Phoenix lights. Two events happened on March 13, a real
>sighting that to date remains unidentified, and the flares. At
>8:30 pm a huge unidentified flying object was seen by many
>residents flying silently, and very low, over the metropolitan
>area. It was seen by many people, adults and kids, family
>groups, teens "making out" at a lovers point on South Mountain.
>All described it as a huge triangle with 5 lights.

>There is one known video tape taken of this UFO. People say
>they saw it pass directly over their heads, their homes, maybe
>30 feet above them. During this sighting a mufon member, using
>binoculars, believes he saw military jets flying near and around
>this slow moving object.

>Then later that night, at 10:00 pm, there was the second
>sighting, which has been now called the Phoenix Lights. These
>are now believed by most to have truly been flares. This is the
>film of the lights that so many of you have seen on television.
>The explanation for this event is that a military plane had to
>unload it's flares before it was allowed to land at the air
>base. The base and the military have records to confirm this
>forced "dumping."

>Belief here, with many, is that the air force dumped the flares
>to distract and confuse the public off the real event that
>happened at 8:30.

>If this is true it has worked very well. Everyone confuses the
>two sightings. The witnesses to the 8:30 event are debunked by
>the flare reality. Some of the media here, particularly talk
>radio KTAR give the witnesses' accounts credence, but the
>Arizona Republic, our only newspaper, and most TV stations
>continuously make fun of the sightings. The case that Peter
>Gersten has filed in the court, his affidavits, are for the 8:30
>sighting, not for what you have seen on TV as the Phoenix
>Lights.

>Hope this helps to clarify things out here in the West.

Hi Kathy,

This helps me. But I would like to know where the flares were
dumped, and the distance from Phoenix.

Don

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Strange Blaze Puzzles Cops

From: **Kenny Young** <ufo@fuse.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:16:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:53:28 -0500
Subject: Strange Blaze Puzzles Cops

Don't know if anyone has been following this story or not, but here is an article on it...

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Arkansas Democrat Gazette
March 11, 2000

STRANGE BLAZE NEAR ENGLAND PUZZLES POLICE
'Ball of fire' reported; flames seared 40 acres

A mysterious fire scorched 40 acres early Friday morning before emergency workers controlled it, central Arkansas officials said.

The Pulaski County Emergency Management Department responded to the fire just before midnight a few miles south of England when a call alerted officials to a possible plane crash, Emergency Management Director Kathy Botsford said.

No evidence of a plane crash was found.

The fire burned parts of Pulaski, Lonoke and Jefferson counties. Most of the damage was sustained on land in Jefferson County, which is in charge of the investigation, according to Lt. Eugene Butler of that county's sheriff's office.

Only one house sits near the 150-foot-wide, mile-long area that burned, but no damage was reported to that building.

A pipeline explosion was also suggested as a cause of the fire, but Botsford said that the contents of the pipes running rough the area are nonflammable and the company that owns the pipes said no leaks had been detected.

Several people in the area reported seeing a shooting star between 9 and 10 p.m., but Botsford was skeptical of the meteorite theory.

"I just doubt that possibility at this point," Botsford said. "We're just not really sure what started the fire." Butler said he had reports of a "mushroom-type ball of fire," in the area before the fire, but he said he couldn't say how it started.

"Right now we're just trying to find the origin of the fire," Butler said.

Pulaski County sheriff's office spokesman John Rehrauer said he saw something in the sky while driving in Little Rock -- 25 miles northwest of England -- about 8 p.m.

"I was driving down the freeway and it caught my eye," Rehrauer said.

"I said to my wife, 'That was a bright shooting star.' "

'Meteorologist Mike Thompson at the National Weather Service

said no meteor shower was expected Thursday night, but that didn't exclude either a meteorite a meteor that reaches the earth or debris from outer space starting the blaze.

End of article

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Re: Hudson Valley Update?

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:21:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 23:04:56 -0500
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>If anyone has a Web site or info on these latest sightings
>could they please post.

Toward the end of his life, Dr. J. Allen Hynek was a frequent visitor to my home, the last of his visits taking place from August 20 to August 31, 1985, when he finally left to have his first surgery on September 5, 1985. After that his health declined rapidly and unfortunately he died on April 27, 1986.

During those visits, Dr. Hynek did quite a bit of work using my computer which was quite similar to his own at home. At that time, his interest was centered on the Hudson Valley sightings

Time marched on, and after Dr. Hynek passed away, the work was completed by Bob Pratt and published in book form in 1987, under the title 'Night Siege'.

One day, revising my diskettes, I found a file labeled 'Imbrogno' which I did not recognise.

When I opened it, it was a paper intended to be the Preface of the book, that undoubtedly by error Allen had saved on one of my diskettes (on August 30, 1985, just the day before he left my home).

It is a remarkable piece, and once you read it it will be easy to understand why it was not used as initially intended.

I think the time has come to release it through the InterNet, so everyone can see what Dr. Hynek's thoughts about these remarkable sightings really were. I strongly suggest that you compare 'The Roots Of Complacency' (as Hynek himself titled it) with the version that appeared in 'Night Siege'.

Dr. Willy Smith
UNICAT PROJECT
June 1999

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

'THE ROOTS OF COMPLACENCY' by Dr. Hynek is on our Web page:

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Re: Water on Mars?

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:30:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 23:14:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Water on Mars?

>Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 20:21:38 -0500 (EST)
>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>Subject: Water on Mars?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Given the NASA news reports about recently discovered canals on
>Mars, I would like to hear comments from the list on how these
>canals might have been formed. As you read through my logic
>posted below, you will see that I am not convinced it was water.
>Therefore, if it wasn't water than what or who created the
>canals on Mars?

>I find it somewhat amusing that planetary scientists will, on
>the one hand, scoff at the interpretation of the Cydonia region
>as containing artificial structures, while on the other hand,
>exclaim that the valleys and crevices seen on the Martian
>surface must have been due to liquid water.

>In both cases, the human brain is trying to make sense out of
>visual clues. However, a little analysis is in order.

>I have not heard of any planetary scientist consider that fact
>that the mass of Mars could never support the atmosphere
>required for the surface barometric pressure to allow liquid
>water to exist. Liquid water is extremely volatile, if it
>exists at all, at less than 10 millibar of pressure. That is a
>fact of thermodynamics. How could a "heavier" atmosphere exist
>without additional planetary mass?

>Even Malin Space Science Systems has received large monetary
>grants from NASA to search for evidence of rain on Mars. Then
>they are suprised when they don't find such evidence.

>It seems to me that even scientists aren't immune from
>pseudoscience.

>So where did the canals come from?

Dear Tim,

A friend of mine who got in touch with Vince Depietro and Greg Molinar (Viking Mission) purchased a publication by Depietro which showed a sequence of photos indicating an active geiser of some kind on Mars, in addition to the other symetrical structures.

I doubt it's ejecting water, but... it is interesting, nonetheless. It seems there aren't a lot of people who are aware of this find or are talking about it at all.

Just thought you might want to know.

Michel M. Deschamps

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Philip Going To Florida

From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 23:15:37 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 23:38:21 -0500
Subject: Philip Going To Florida

From Philip Mantle

I just thought you might like to know that within the next few weeks I will be visiting Florida with my wife and family for a two week holiday.

I was therefore wondering if anyone out there would be interested in a lecture.

I can present a three hour audio visual lecture based on my involvement with UFO research in the UK over the last 20 years.

This would cover UFO investigations conducted by me, my research into UK abductions, and of course my on-going research and involvement into the alien autopsy film.

I am willing to travel within the Florida area to make such a presentation which would be extensively illustrated with slides and video's.

If you are interested, or know anyone that might be interested, then please contact me as soon as possible direct at:

pmquest@dial.pipex.com

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Mantle.

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The NASA/Disney Connection

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[Originally,

From: earth_2012 <earth@somtel.com>
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Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:54:07 -0500

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EXCERPTS:

Von Braun served as technical advisor on three space-related television films that Disney produced in the 1950s. Together, von Braun (the engineer) and Disney (the artist) used the new medium of television to illustrate how high man might fly on the strength of technology and the spirit of human imagination.

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The second show in the series also aired in 1955 and was called 'Man and the Moon'

The final show in the series aired on December 4, 1957, and was entitled 'Mars and Beyond'.

"The Disney-Von Braun Collaboration and Its Influence on Space Exploration"

by
Mike Wright
Marshall Space Flight Center Historian

Note: The following paper was presented by the author in 1993 at the Southern Humanities Conference entitled "Inner Space/Outer

Space: Humanities, Technology and the Postmodern World." It was later included in "Selected Papers from the 1993 Southern Humanities Conference," published by Southern Humanities Press in Huntsville and edited by Daniel Schenker, Craig Hanks, and Susan Kray.

The years after World War II left the American public with an almost insatiable desire for space-related science fiction. In countless movies and stories space warriors suited with fish bowl helmets focused their ray guns on creatures from outer space. According to space historian Walter McDougall, "After V-2s and atomic bombs, any fantasy seemed credible." Perhaps more important, he says, the public's post-war devotion to science fiction was a "form of cultural anticipation" regarding the coming space age. [1]

Jules Verne's science fiction had inspired Wernher von Braun when he was young. Years later, von Braun designed the famous World War II V-2 rocket for his native Germany, but he also dreamed of developing vehicles that would propel artificial satellites and men into outer space. In fact, his interest in developing rockets for space exploration, rather than for defense, angered the Gestapo and led to two weeks in a German prison.[2] As World War II ended, von Braun and other German rocket experts surrendered to Allied forces and eventually emigrated from Germany to work for the U.S. Army. Initially assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, the von Braun team was eventually transferred to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. On January 31, 1958, the von Braun team used a modified Jupiter C rocket to launch Explorer 1, America's first orbiting satellite. Two years later, von Braun became director of NASA's new George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville where he and an expanded team would develop the Saturn rockets that launched men to the moon in 1969.

As the 1960s ended, von Braun had realized his dream of exploring outer space by helping place a human on the moon and satellite probes to the planets. His engineering and managerial expertise contributed to a technological revolution but his respect for the power of imagination had changed the way America perceived space exploration much earlier in the 1950s. He believed that America's devotion to space fiction in the early 1950s could be channeled into interest in space fact. "It was a matter of synthesizing the philosophical aspects into neat packages and solid statements which the public would buy," according to Erik Bergaust, von Braun's biographer.[3]

In the early 1950s, Collier's magazine invited von Braun to publish his vision regarding space exploration. Space historian Randy Liebermann has explained the significance of the Collier's articles: "After 25 years of continuous and directed thinking and endless hours of experimentation, von Braun, the world's leading rocket engineer, had the chance to come out of his sequestered military environment and through a national magazine inform the general public of his detailed blueprint for realizing manned space travel." [4]

The articles, illustrated by leading space artists, seemed to accomplish more than any other seriously respected cultural or artistic medium had done in the early 1950s to suggest that the future of space exploration would emerge indebted to both science fiction and science fact. At its highest point, Collier's attained a circulation of approximately 4 million and these readers were excited by von Braun's vision of the future. Even so, there were already more than 15 million television sets in America by 1952 and von Braun recognized that this change in American culture had the potential to fundamentally reshape American past perceptions.[5] So did Walter Elias Disney who had used film as a powerful medium to entertain and inform Americans since the 1940s. "Neither Walt Disney nor Dr. von Braun were ever backward in making maximum use of new media for advancing their ideas: Now was the age of television," said one observer.[6]

Von Braun served as technical advisor on three space-related television films that Disney produced in the 1950s. Together, von Braun (the engineer) and Disney (the artist) used the new medium of television to illustrate how high man might fly on the strength of technology and the spirit of human imagination. According to David R. Smith, Director of Archives at Walt Disney Productions, von Braun caught the attention of Disney senior

producer Ward Kimball. [7] The Collier's series had appeared about the time that Disney decided to use television to promote Disneyland in California. The theme park would include four major sections: Fantasyland, Frontierland, Adventureland and Tomorrowland. Disney producers would incorporate ideas from Disney fantasy films like Snow White, Pinocchio, and others to promote the first area of the park. The second and third areas would be built around Davy Crockett and other adventure films. Tomorrowland, however, represented a real challenge. In response, Kimball contacted von Braun who, according to Smith, "pounced on the opportunity." [8] As a technical consultant for Disney, von Braun would join Heinz Haber, a specialist in the emerging field of space, medicine, and Willy Ley, a famous rocket historian. [9] All three space experts had authored the Collier's series. Disney personally introduced the first television show, "Man in Space," which aired on ABC on March 9, 1955. The objective, he said, was to combine "the tools of our trade with the knowledge of the scientists to give a factual picture of the latest plans for man's newest adventure." He later called the show "science factual." The show represented something new in its approach to science. But it also relied on Disney's trademark animation techniques. [10]

For example, a portion of the show was devoted to explaining basic scientific principles using an animated bust of Sir Isaac Newton. In one scene, an animated puppy sneezes and moves backward across a sheet of graph paper to illustrate that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Disney also filled "Man in Space" with stereo-typical images of learning and science. For example, Disney appears on camera against a bookcase backdrop and introduces producer Ward Kimball complete with a sketch pencil behind his ear. In turn, Kimball introduces the German scientists whose accents add more style to the show. Kimball then offers viewers the privilege to go behind the scenes to see the scientists conferring with the Disney artists. Chalk-talk technical explanations soon break into humorous animation. Haber begins explaining weightlessness in space. His points are illustrated by a cigar puffing, slightly clad animated character called "homo sapiens extra terrestrialis," whose movements are set against a graph-like grid. Although the Disney producers employed humor and cartoon animation in the first part of "Man in Space," von Braun's on-camera segment was much more straightforward. "If we were to start today on an organized, well supported space program, I believe a practical passenger rocket could be built and tested within ten years," von Braun said. "Now here is my design for a four-stage orbital rocket ship... First we would design and build the fourth stage and then tow it into the air to test it as glider... This is the section that must ultimately return the men to the earth safely." [11]

If Disney had chosen to close "Man in Space" after von Braun's brief lecture on the mechanical relationships between the weight of the four-stage rocket and the fuel and power requirements for each stage, he would not have achieved his previously stated objective. Instead, the Disney artists used the tools of their trade to create a dramatic animation sequence illustrating von Braun's futuristic ideas for a four-stage rocket. The scene takes place at a launch site on a "small atoll of coral islands in the Pacific where man is dedicated to just one cause--the conquest of space." Against a dark blue pre-dawn sky, search lights bathe the waiting launch vehicle while sirens sound a warning, and square-jawed technicians study their consoles. "Now man will bet his life against the unknown dangers of space travel," a narrator reports. [12]

In reality, von Braun's on-camera appearance in "Man in Space" and the other two films represented only a portion of his involvement in the actual production of the three shows. Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, who had worked with von Braun since his days in Germany, also worked for Disney as a technical consultant. According to Stuhlinger, von Braun made sure the Disney artists built accurate models of the space vehicles for the three shows. "Here von Braun was really on home grounds... He provided a wealth of information on technical details, from in-orbit fueling operations down to problems of cooking and eating under weightlessness," Stuhlinger said. He also recalled the many hours that von Braun devoted to the Disney projects. Von Braun's official duties for the Army often took him to the West Coast to meet with Jupiter and Redstone contractors. After the meetings, he and Stuhlinger would go to the Disney studios where they

would work into the morning hours with the artists and producers.[13]

The second show in the series also aired in 1955 and was called "Man and the Moon." It began with an animated sequence devoted to legends and superstitions regarding the moon, among them the idea that the left hind-foot of a rabbit found in a graveyard during the dark of the moon will bring good luck.<14 As one reviewer wrote in the New York Times following the show which aired on December 28, "this is the kind of material that Walt Disney's technicians can devise their brightest graphic effects and they made the most of it." [15]

An educational brochure published to promote "Man and the Moon," said, "This film presents a realistic and believable trip to the moon in a rocket ship - not in some far-off fantastic never-never land, but in the near foreseeable future." [16] Von Braun, complete with a slide rule in his pocket, narrates a section of the film and describes his ideas for a two-phase trip to the moon. The first part of the effort would require building a space station. This base would serve as the staging area for the second part of the trip to the moon. "Our space satellite (station) will have the shape of a wheel measuring 250 feet across. This outside rim will contain living and working quarters for a crew of 50 men," von Braun said. "Just below the radio and radar antenna is an atomic reactor. Its heat will be used to drive a turbo generator which supplies the station with electricity." [17]

Disney archivist David Smith noted that von Braun invented a special space suit for "Man and the Moon" and nicknamed it the "bottle suit." [18] According to Stuhlinger, the suit resembled a miniature space vehicle with its own atmosphere and rocket propulsion system along with manipulator arms to accomplish assembly work in orbit.[19] Just as he had done in "Man in Space," Disney decided to illustrate von Braun's technical concepts. For the second show, however, Disney decided to use live actors who portray an astronaut crew departing from the space station for their journey around the moon. The drama intensifies when a meteor strikes the ship, and one astronaut dons a bottle suit to make the repairs. [20]

The final show in the series aired on December 4, 1957, and was entitled "Mars and Beyond." E.C. Slipher, an astronomer from the Lowell Observatory in Arizona, joined von Braun and Stuhlinger as technical consultants on the film. All three appeared on camera. The show also included colorful animated accounts of the legend and lore related to Mars. The narrator introduced the segment featuring von Braun and Stuhlinger by saying, "at the present time an atomic-powered space ship has been suggested by a leading scientist in the rocket and guided missile field, Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger.. This atomic electric space ship features a revolutionary new principle that will make possible the long trip to Mars with only a small expenditure of fuel." [21] Again the Disney artists employ dramatic animation to convey Stuhlinger's and von Braun's technical explanations regarding the 13-month journey to the Red Planet.[22]

An estimated 42 million people saw the first show in the Disney "science factual" series. [23] Contemporary television critics responded favorably to all three shows, and they recognized the contributions that von Braun and the other technical advisors made. "Into it went the thinking of the best scientific minds working on space projects today, making the picture more fact than fantasy," one reviewer said after seeing "Mars and Beyond." [24] Disney producer Ward Kimball realized all three shows were headed for success after the first one aired on March 9, 1955. On July 29, 1955, President Eisenhower announced that the U.S. would launch a small unmanned earth-circling satellite as part of the U.S. participation in the International Geophysical Year which would be held from July 1957 through December 1958. [25] On August 24, Kimball wrote a letter to von Braun saying that in order to promote plans for the next show in the series, the Disney studios planned to "ballyhoo" the first show as an item that contributed to Eisenhower's satellite announcement. [26] In an August 30 letter back to Kimball, von Braun reacted with astonishment. "For God's sake don't put it that this show triggered the presidential announcement." [27] Kimball agreed and replied with a letter of apology.[28] Von Braun feared that Kimball's idea might be embarrassing and upset serious discussions regarding America's future role in space.

In an article published in 1978, David R. Smith, the Disney archivist, reprinted the correspondence between Kimball and von Braun.[29] He also published an account from Kimball which stated that on the morning after "Man in Space" aired, Eisenhower called Disney to compliment him on the show and to request a copy that could be shown to top space-related officials in the Pentagon.[30] Although it is difficult to verify Kimball's account, the story has gained increased attention in recent years. For example, one historian has recently used it to illustrate that, contrary to other viewpoints, Eisenhower was not "hostile to the idea of space exploration or to science in general." [31]

Eisenhower's personal response to the first Disney film is open to debate. However, "Man in Space," apparently impressed one high-level Soviet space official. This is indicated by a copy of a September 24, 1955, letter from L. Sedov to F.C. Durant, President of the International Astronautical Federation. "If the Disney Studios supplies us with one copy of this film on whatever terms it may put, it will make considerably for the cause of promoting our contact." [32] Erik Bergaust, von Braun's biographer, called Sedov the "front man for Russian space delegations during the Sputnik era." Bergaust also claims to have introduced von Braun to Sedov in 1958. [33]

Naturally, many leaders in the emerging American aerospace industry endorsed the efforts that von Braun and Disney had made to promote public interest in space exploration. In 1955, the American Rocket Society held its largest-ever regional meeting in Los Angeles. As part of the entertainment for the meeting, more than 600 persons were invited to tour Disneyland and participate in a special screening of "Man in Space." [34]

As indicated by von Braun's response to Kimball's plan to relate the Eisenhower satellite announcement to the first Disney space show, von Braun wanted to avoid any indication "that I myself through the vehicle of the Disney Studio am trying to get credit for more than I deserve." [35] Biographer Erik Bergaust has written that von Braun understood the perils of going to the public for support of the space program: "During the fifties, many people thought of von Braun as some sort of science fiction hero who for the most part was dreaming of big space conquests and who spent most of his time on Walt Disney television shows... Some high priests of science were, of course, snobbish enough to frown on all this loud glamour." [36] Another author has written that the Walt Disney documentaries and the Collier's articles made von Braun a "space nut" or a "space hero." [37] In 1958, one von Braun supporter lamented "the discouraging spectacle of hard headed and reputable scientists calling the latest proposal of Dr. Wernher von Braun to send a man 150 miles into space a 'circus stunt.'" [38] Ernst Stuhlinger acknowledges that von Braun was aware of being criticized for promoting space outside of previously established circles. But he adds that von Braun's desire to see man travel into space meant convincing scientists, industry, politicians and, in particular, the public. "He fought on all fronts each in its own language. That was his genius," Stuhlinger said. [39]

In 1965, 10 years after "Man in Space" first aired, von Braun invited Disney and others involved in the 1950s films to tour the Marshall Space Flight Center. [40] Von Braun and his employees clearly hoped that the reunion might rekindle Disney's enthusiasm for space exploration. One Marshall official wrote, "Out of this we would at least establish good will, and maybe (if we play our cards right) we could get something going that would be of tremendous benefit to MSFC, Apollo, NASA, and the entire space effort." [41] Von Braun himself wrote that the Disney tour "may easily result in a Disney picture about manned space flight." [42] On April 13, 1965, Walt Disney, his brother Roy, and other Disney executives visited the Marshall Center. [43] In an interview with The Huntsville Times, Disney said, "If I can help through my TV shows... to wake people up to the fact that we've got to keep exploring, I'll do it." [44] In reality, the tour at Marshall and other NASA sites did not inspire

Disney to use the 1950s television series as a model for a new film about space exploration. No doubt, Wernher von Braun was well qualified to imagine what the show and the future American space program might have looked like if Disney had chosen to do

so.

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Life on Mars?

The Mars Pathfinder spacecraft landed on Mars on 4 July 1997. Pathfinder will initiate an exciting era of exploration of the surface of Mars and is likely to re-ignite the debate about the existence of Martian life.

In August 1996, scientists from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced they had detected possible signs of life on Mars. But how convincing is the evidence?

Where was the evidence found?

The evidence didn't arrive in the form of a little green man or even a little green bug. It was a rock. Not much bigger than a potato and given the dry name of ALH84001, this rock was discovered in Antarctica in 1984. It stands out as a rock among rocks because it is a meteorite and it came from Mars (Box 1). How do we know it's from Mars? There is almost no dispute among scientists that ALH84001 originated on Mars. It has a chemical 'fingerprint' that matches samples taken by the Viking probes which landed on the so-called red planet in 1976. But it was no easy trip for the meteorite to get here. Sixteen million years ago, an asteroid struck Mars with such force that pieces of rock from the Martian surface spewed out into space. ALH84001 spent most of these years flying around the solar system before crashing to Earth about 13,000 years ago.

What evidence of life does it contain?

NASA scientists noticed several intriguing things about ALH84001 which they think indicate that life may once have existed on Mars.

The blobs

The first of these were tiny blobs, the size of fullstops. Called carbonate rosettes, they have cores rich in manganese surrounded by a layer of iron carbonate which in turn is surrounded by an iron sulphide rind. Bacteria in ponds on Earth produce similar rosettes as they metabolise minerals.

Life on Mars... PAH!

In addition, chemical compounds known as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were found in and around the carbonate rosettes. ALH84001 contains an unusual mixture of certain

lightweight PAHs. The NASA scientists concluded that these might have been produced as once-living organisms decomposed.

Teardrops and crystals

Another piece of evidence centred on the discovery of tiny, teardrop-shaped crystals of magnetite and iron sulphide embedded in places where the carbonate rosettes had dissolved. The scientists noted that some bacteria on Earth also manufacture similar crystals.

Fossils, or geological scribbles?

The fourth and final piece of evidence was perhaps the most controversial. Using an electron microscope, the NASA scientists found elongated and egg-shaped structures within the carbonate rosettes which they interpreted to be tiny fossils of Martian bacteria.

If not life on Mars, then what?

Mars, which once may have had a climate similar to Earth's, has long been the subject of earthly speculation about life on other planets. Nevertheless, most scientists not directly involved in the study of ALH84001 were sceptical when the results were announced amidst worldwide excitement. The scepticism has increased as further tests on ALH84001 have been carried out. There are several plausible explanations for the phenomena described above that don't require the presence of life. For example, natural geological processes alone could have caused all the observed 'evidence'. On the other hand, the NASA scientists say that the discovery of all four phenomena on the same small rock must be more than a simple geological coincidence.

Another possibility is contamination. Some other meteorites have been shown to be contaminated by earthly chemicals and organisms. The NASA scientists argue that most of the carbonates contained isotopes associated with Mars and that PAHs were more concentrated inside the rock than on its surface. Others have concluded that the meteorite picked up the PAHs (which are common everywhere on Earth) as it sat in the ice for 13,000 years.

Keep on looking

The debate continues between scientists who think the evidence for life on Mars is convincing and those who don't. At the moment, the doubters seem to be holding sway: as some scientists have noted, the possibility of life on Mars is so extraordinary that extraordinary evidence is required for it to be accepted as fact. Perhaps the only way to be sure is to visit Mars again. NASA space probes are already on the way to Mars to carry out further tests, and more such probes are planned (Box 2). There is even talk of sending people there.

Australian scientists have a range of expertise that can help in the search for evidence of life on Mars. Dr Malcolm Walter, Adjunct Professor of Geology at Macquarie University, is advising NASA on the best landing sites for probes searching for evidence of life (or former life).

'Hot springs are a great place to live if you're a bacterium,' says Professor Walters. 'So what we should be doing on Mars is focusing on former hot springs.' (Box 3.)

The thought of finding bacteria in Martian hot springs may not immediately excite the imaginations of Hollywood movie producers. But the discovery of life elsewhere in the universe - in any form - could have a profound effect on the way we perceive ourselves. Are we alone, or does the universe teem with life? (Box 4).

Comments on Pathfinder's chemical analyses (7 August 1997)

<http://www.science.org.au/nova/019/taylor.htm>

Boxes

1. Mars: Earth's cool cousin

<http://www.science.org.au/nova/019/019box01.htm>

2. Probing the space frontier

<http://www.science.org.au/nova/019/019box02.htm>

3. Cyanobacteria: the simple things of life

<http://www.science.org.au/nova/019/019box03.htm>

4. ET, can you speak up?

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Reports Critical of NASA's Approach

From: **Steven L. Wilson, Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 23:17:55 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 09:37:51 -0500
Subject: Reports Critical of NASA's Approach

Source: AOL News

Reports Critical of NASA's Approach

.c The Associated Press

By MATTHEW FORDAHL

LOS ANGELES (AP) - NASA's space exploration program is trying to do too much with too little money and not understanding the risks that could lead to embarrassments like last year's failed Mars missions, according to two panels of experts.

The reports released Monday did not suggest the agency abandon its mantra of "faster, cheaper, better" missions, but instead urged officials to focus less on quickness and cost and more on quality and reliability.

"The success of 'faster, better, cheaper' is tempered by the fact that some projects and programs have put too much emphasis on cost and schedule reduction," said one panel led by Arthur Stephenson, director of the Marshall Space Flight Center.

"We need to slow down some, not rush too quickly into important programs and projects, plan and implement them more carefully," said Tony Spear, who led the other review and is a former manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Last year was especially difficult for NASA: In addition to losing two Mars probes, space shuttle flights were delayed, the Hubble Space Telescope temporarily shut down and other missions either missed their targets or failed at launch.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin ordered reviews, including Spear's analysis of "faster, better, cheaper" and the report on NASA management by the Mars Climate Orbiter failure board, which Stephenson led. Last week, another panel made 81 recommendations on space shuttle management, safety and technical issues.

"We knew this change would not be easy," Goldin said. "We knew we would have problems."

JPL, which operated both the \$125 million Mars Climate Orbiter and \$165 million Mars Polar Lander, said the failed missions serve as a wake-up call.

"The lessons learned, findings and recommendations seem to be on target, and we intend to take them seriously and do what we can to make the necessary improvements here at JPL," said Larry Dumas, the lab's deputy director.

A common theme runs through both reports: "Faster, better, cheaper" missions place too much emphasis on cost and schedule reduction and too little on management, oversight, leadership and evaluating risk.

The Climate Orbiter, for instance, was lost when a contractor failed to convert measurements into metric units. The \$125 million probe flew too close to Mars on Sept. 23 and is believed

to have burned up in the atmosphere.

The mistake itself was not as serious as the failure to catch it, the review board said. Its first report, issued in November, attempted to remedy the failures before Mars Polar Lander arrived.

But the \$165 million spacecraft was last heard from on Dec. 3, just as it was beginning its descent to the surface.

"It's Management 101. They're basically saying there are four things you have to balance: cost, schedule, content and risk," said John Pike, an analyst for the Federation of American Scientists. "But they don't say very much about how to balance those."

Specifically, the reports do not detail the funding deficiencies and staff shortages that contributed to the problems, he said.

The space agency will decide what specific actions to take by midsummer, said W. Brian Keegan, NASA's chief engineer. Another report, on the loss of the Polar Lander, is due by the end of this month.

On the Net: NASA's Web site: <http://www.nasa.gov>

NASA's Mars Polar Lander site: <http://marslander.jpl.nasa.gov>

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 23:37:07 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 09:43:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 22:36:40 -0700
>From: Kathy Hotchner <khotchner@uswest.net>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 16:23:08 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hello Robert, Don, Larry, and list,

>Here is what seems to be the real truth and the confusion over
>the Phoenix lights. Two events happened on March 13, a real
>sighting that to date remains unidentified, and the flares. At
>8:30 pm a huge unidentified flying object was seen by many
>residents flying silently, and very low, over the metropolitan
>area. It was seen by many people, adults and kids, family
>groups, teens "making out" at a lovers point on South Mountain.
>All described it as a huge triangle with 5 lights.

>There is one known video tape taken of this UFO. People say
>they saw it pass directly over their heads, their homes, maybe
>30 feet above them. During this sighting a mufon member, using
>binoculars, believes he saw military jets flying near and around
>this slow moving object.

No confusion in my mind.

>Then later that night, at 10:00 pm, there was the second
>sighting, which has been now called the Phoenix Lights. These
>are now believed by most to have truly been flares. This is the
>film of the lights that so many of you have seen on television.
>The explanation for this event is that a military plane had to
>unload it's flares before it was allowed to land at the air
>base. The base and the military have records to confirm this
>forced "dumping."

Where is/was the "documentation" for this latest AF tale/story?

Did somebody FOIA request some documents?

From a personal point of view, unless an airplane is in trouble,
they generally don't "dump" flares or other so called externally
attached items i.e. bombs, rockets, or whatever. They bring them
home.

During the Gulf War, it is recorded in the histories that if the
planes could not dump their ordinance for whatever the reason,
they brought it home.

Any ways, it kind of strikes me as Roswellesque, you know:

1st tale... its a weather balloon

2nd tale... its a top secret mogel balloon

3rd tale... the witnesses were mixing up various events that happened around Roswell including dummy drops etc etc.

Now, cut to Phoenix:

1st tale... the A-10s were dropping flares on the Barry Goldwater range as part previously scheduled exercises.

2nd tale... Well the A-10s "had" to dump the flares before they could land.

3rd tale... Anybodys guess

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Hoagland on Art Bell - 3-15-00

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 14:00:49 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 09:50:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Hoagland on Art Bell - 3-15-00

>Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 04:05:38 -0500
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Hoagland on Art Bell - 3-15-00
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I'm sure some will flame me, but if there was ever any doubt
>that Richard 'Cydonia' Hoagland is completely out of his mind,
>please just listen to the few hours he just did on tonight's Art
>Bell.

>Don't take my word for it, go to <http://www.artbell.com> &
>look for the RealAudio for Wed, 3/15/00, ~1:30am - 4:00am

>I think the guy could find a "pattern" (and, of course, a
>conspiratorial pattern at that) in a pile of cow dung.

>(Oh, wait, cow dung probably does have a pattern in it...
> well, you know whatI mean.)

>If nothing else, the guy is making proclamation after
>proclamation about what Brian DePalma was really saying in his
>movie... all without, of course, having had to first ask Mr.
>DePalma (who is allegedly in-communicado) or confirming it with
>him.

>He's also finding all kinds of hidden & secret messages in
>NASA's Dan Goldin's comments about the future of the space
>program, his desire to put humans on Mars, his desire to have a
>photo of an extrasolar planet, etc.

>Sheesh...

>Sorry, Ijust had to rant.

>"We now return you to your regularly scheduled program."

We interrupt your regularly scheduled program to bring you this message:

Hi Ron,

Certainly no flames from this neck of the woods.

Hoagland had his say, he was proved wrong.

The Face on Mars is a very good example of how a belief system can be stronger than hard facts.

I would rather go with the facts thank you very much.

But by the time NASA managed to get another craft to image the region (again) the belief had already gained a good foothold. I have read stories of NASA detonating a nuke 1500 feet above the surface of Cydonia to aliens being asked to destroy the evidence with 'ray guns'. Grasping at straws or what!

Dave.

You will now be returned you to your regularly scheduled

program.

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Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:33:16 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 11:38:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs

>Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 22:50:51 -0300
>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hello, all, Don, Kathy

>>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 22:36:40 -0700
>>From: Kathy Hotchner <khotchner@uswest.net>
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>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>groups, teens "making out" at a lovers point on South Mountain.
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South Mountain is a little hogback ridge (with lots and lots of Antennae) that is immediately south of Sky Harbor - the Phoenix Airport. Oh, less than 5 to 7 miles, as I recall, at least its in the PHX control zone. so the flares were farther South & West. Hmmm?

>>Belief here, with many, is that the air force dumped the flares
>>to distract and confuse the public off the real event that
>>happened at 8:30.

Well, as I recall, and according to some news accounts, the flares were dropped over the Barry Goldwater Range-South-west at its closest point (including Luke AFB) about 50 or so miles. Of course, there is other government land: BLM, BIA or USFS (yes there are passable forests in the area) so, the flares could've been dropped reasonably close to Phoenix - 50 miles - given the altitude of the Jets, which we don't know.

One other thing. Having been witness to several artillery exercises at Yakima Firing Center in Washington State - flares drop unevenly.

I too hope to clarify things. The flare incident was later and real. However the earlier incidents were also real - but not flares.

I hope I've been of help.

GT McCoy

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Re: Ohio Man Reports 'Flying Saucers', Leaps To

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 13:03:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 22:09:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Ohio Man Reports 'Flying Saucers', Leaps To

>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 13:36:16 -0500
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>Subject: Ohio Man Reports 'Flying Saucers,' Leaps To Death
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Published Tuesday, March 14, 2000
> in the Akron Beacon Journal.

>Fall kills hospital patient in Canton
>39-year-old man plunges seven floors from window

>BY JOHN HIGGINS
>and Andale Gross

>Beacon Journal staff writers

>CANTON: A 39-year-old Guernsey County patient at Mercy Medical
>Center somehow got through the open window of his ninth-floor
>room yesterday morning and plunged seven stories to an adjacent
>roof.

>The man, from Kimbolton, was declared dead at the scene. Canton
>police found a bag of his clothing next to his body. He was
>wearing his hospital gown.

>Stark County coroner's investigator William Dishong said there
>was no evidence of a struggle or foul play. However, police are
>investigating to determine if it was a suicide or criminal act.

>Relatives said they were planning to bring the man home from the
>hospital yesterday when they learned of the accident, which
>happened about 8:30 a.m.

>A cousin, William Robert Juergens, said hospital officials told
>him the man was "seeing flying saucers" and was agitated the
>night before.

<snip>

An interesting side note to this sad article. This appeared in
the Detroit Free Press on 03-15-2000 and I find the mention of
"electromagnetism" a prominent aspect of the UFO phenomena.

Detroit Free Press
News About Suicides

Electricity Link Suspected

Researchers at the University of North Carolina said they have
uncovered a high rate of suicide among electric utility workers
and suggested it may be linked to exposure to electromagnetic
fields.

Researchers said they looked at the rate of suicide among more
than 5,000 electrical workers and an equal number of other men
and found that the number of suicides were twice as high among
electrical workers.

The study, published in today's Journal of Occupational and

Environmental Medicine, suggested that electromagnetic fields may decrease levels of melatonin, causing depression.

Melatonin is linked to a variety of functions in the body including sleep, hunger, sexual desire, and mood.

Younger workers who had the highest exposure rates, particularly in the year before they died, also had the highest rate of suicide, suggesting that younger workers may be more vulnerable to the effects of exposure.

End of Article

This would seem to open up an area for abduction researchers to study. My questions would be. What are the correlations of Melatonin levels in abductees as compared to non-abductees? This would fall in line with some of the PAS (Post Abduction Syndrome) studies currently underway. What are the suicide rates for abductees compared to non-abductees, especially in the cases where electromagnetic anomalies were reported and/or physical trace evidence was evident within their experiences? What were the "normal" electromagnetic exposure levels of the abductees which are not related to their abduction experience or UFO encounter? These questions, and I'm sure there are many more, may provide the basis for an avenue of scientific research that may enlighten us and our understanding of the abduction phenomena.

Todd Lemire

<http://members.home.net/tlemire/UFOCENTRAL.html>

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Rumors Link Meteor Sighting & Brush Fire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 22:11:10 -0500
Subject: Rumors Link Meteor Sighting & Brush Fire

An update on the Arkansas Crash as reported by Kenny Young previously can be found at the link below.

<http://www.ardemgaz.com/today/ark/Blxmystery16.html>

Todd Lemire
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Re: The UFO/Disney Connection

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 16:35:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 22:19:30 -0500
Subject: Re: The UFO/Disney Connection

>Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 00:23:00 -0500
>From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
>Subject: The NASA/Disney Connection
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Source: Marshall Space Flight Centre History Office>>

><http://history.msfc.nasa.gov/sf/disney.html>

>[Originally,

>From: earth_2012 <earth@somtel.com>
>To: davidicke <davidicke2000@egroups.com>
>Subject: DavidIcke2000 The Nasa/Disney Connection Since 1950
>Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:54:07 -0500

>From: Rich Hansen <siwahoasis@hotmail.com>

>From: Brian Zinkle <bzinkle@mwt.net>]

>To: M-TRAC - MSAA List <cydonia@admin.listbox.com>

>EXCERPTS:

>Von Braun served as technical advisor on three space-related
>television films that Disney produced in the 1950s. Together,
>von Braun (the engineer) and Disney (the artist) used the new
>medium of television to illustrate how high man might fly on the
>strength of technology and the spirit of human imagination.>

>Disney personally introduced the first television show, 'Man in
>Space', which aired on ABC on March 9, 1955.>

>"He provided a wealth of information on technical details, from
>in-orbit fueling operations down to problems of cooking and
>eating under weightlessness,"

>The second show in the series also aired in 1955 and was called
>'Man and the Moon'>

>The final show in the series aired on December 4, 1957, and was
>entitled 'Mars and Beyond'.

>"The Disney-Von Braun Collaboration and Its Influence on Space
>Exploration">

>by
>Mike Wright
>Marshall Space Flight Center Historian

And Now, (with apologies to Paul Harvey)
The Rest Of The Story!!!! !!!! !!!!

Seeing this history of Disney's involvement with NASA and von Braun, and especially the mention of Ward Kimball brought back memories of 20 years ago. Although many people heard, perhaps few remember (or are around to say) what Ward Kimball told the MUFON symposium in 1979 (I think; or 1978 if not 1979).

I met Kimball in 1980. I was at his house. I saw his tremendous collection of model trains... that filled a litte building in back of his house. Kimball was not satisfied with toy trains, however, He also had a REAL TRAIN (engine and coal car) and about 500 ft of track. He told me that back in the good old days (fifties, sixties) when he had parties at his house in Beverly Hills that he and Walt and the boys would get up a head of steam in that old engine, shove into forward, and scream along the track until the slammed on the brakes, stopping jus short of the end of the track. Fun.

Probably a lot of people about the train. Probably not as many knew about his collection of UFO books, magazines, etc. Yes, the untold story: Ward Kimball, production director (?) of Cinderella, promoter of the NASA-Disney connection, etc. Good Old Ward was a UFO Buff!

You may wonder how I, a commoner, would happen to know Mr. Kimball. Well, to make a log story short, when the Fund for UFO Research was founded in 1979 we scoured the world... sort of... for big names to be on the National Board of Directors. One of our major supporters knew Ward and suggested that he might be interested, so she arranged for me to meet him. That's how I got to his house. That's how he became one of the original 10 members of the National Board of FUFOR. (Resigned many years ago.)

But, this isn't the Rest Of The Story! Not by a long shot. The rest of the story about the NASA-Disney connection was told by Ward to the slaving MUFON masses in 1979 (or 78). Ward told us about the Disney-DOD connection,. Yes, that DOD... Department of Defense... and the Disney-UFO connection... yes, that UFO!

Please allow me to recite as best I can what was the core of the information provided by Ward Kimball over 20 years ago.

Sometime in the latter 50's (probably 57, 58) Walt Disney was contacted by the Air Force and asked if he would be willing to o a movie on... (gulp) UFOs! According to Kimball, the Air Force promised to provide Disney with film footage he could use in his documentary.

(History note: the first UFO documentary wasthe Green-Rouse film, Unidentified Flying Objects, in 1955 or 56. There had been many Science Fiction movies about aliens during the 1950s and, of course, virtually everyone was familiar with the term and many people had had sightings. [The NASA-Disney article by Michael Wright mentioned the "load" of science fiction after WWII, but says nothing about the UFO sightings.]

The official Air Force position was that there was nothing to it, and this was echoed by the newsmedia. But everyone had heard about the sightings over Washignton, DC and throughout the country in 1952. And then there was Sputnik in the fall of 1957 and soon after the dog, Liaka, was orbiting the earth in a Russian spacecraft. Everyone was looking up and thinking "far out" (along with Elvis, Bill Haley and the Comets, etc.) The article by Michael Wright, to which I am responding, discusses three documentaries done for NASA by Disney. Hence, if the AF were to decide to "spill the beans" and "come clean", Disney wuld be a valuable aid in getting information across to the general public.)

Kimball told us that Disney began the process of creating a

documentary about UFOs and aliens. Once again he turned his animators loose to think creatively about what the aliens might look like. At the same time he waited for the film. But then after some period of time (half a year maybe?) the Air Force said there would be no Air Force UFO film. Disney cancelled the project, but by this time a lot of animated film of "creatures" had been completed by his artists.

So Disney went ahead and made a short "documentary" anyway, featuring Jonathan Winters impersonating various "characters" associated with typical UFO lore. Kimball SHOWED THIS MOVIE at the MUFON Symposium. He may have said that it was the only time the film had been shown publicly!

I specifically recall Mr. Winters as an old lady/grandmother who saw a UFO and reported it... then he portrayed the Air Force officer who investigated the sightings and offered explanations. He also portrayed a little boy in a room who had a telescope looking up at the stars and, to the little boy's amazement, an alien came through the telescope into his room (I think I've got this right). Of course the boy's father didn't believe that story. (Incidentally, Winters, too was interested in UFO stuff!)

Well, folks, that the rest of the story as it won't appear in the standard history... probably because standard historians don't know anything about it. I wish I could remember more. Kimball probably talked for half an hour before showing the ten or fifteen minute movie. I don't know what may have happened to the movie. After I visited Kimball at his house I never saw nor heard from him again.

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The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 05:58:09 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 05:58:09 -0500
Subject: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

Source: The Skywatch Mailing List Archive

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/media/mailing/archive/skywatch/msg10558.shtml>

Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 15:38:20 PST
From: Bill Hamilton <skywatcher22@hotmail.com>
Subject: [SD] The Phoenix Lights were NOT flares!

Dear Skywatchers,

Now that the National Guard in Arizona alerted the media that Operation Snowbird would drop flares during the week of March 13th as they did in 1997 and several cameras were out to catch the action, we can now eliminate the Operation Snowbird flare scenario for the lights captured on video in 1997 - they do not match the Snowbird flares!

I have been saying this all along and witnesses have asked the Guard to repeat the exercise so they could see if it looked like what they had witnessed in 1997. According to UFOLAWYER Peter Gersten who saw the latest videos on television, they do not match the witness sightings of March 13, 1997 or the videos taken that night.

Our research team had come to this conclusion by May 1997 but it took a repeat performance to convince others. And, so far, we have not heard any reports of UFOs seen over Phoenix on March 13, 2000.

Sincerely,

Bill Hamilton
Executive Director
Skywatch International, Inc.
website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~skywatcher22>

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>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hello, all, Don, Kathy

>>>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 22:36:40 -0700
>>>From: Kathy Hotchner <khotchner@uswest.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Sky Lights Will Be Flares, Not UFOs
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Hello Robert, Don, Larry, and list,

>>>Here is what seems to be the real truth and the confusion over
>>>the Phoenix lights. Two events happened on March 13, a real
>>>sighting that to date remains unidentified, and the flares. At
>>>8:30 pm a huge unidentified flying object was seen by many
>>>residents flying silently, and very low, over the metropolitan
>>>area. It was seen by many people, adults and kids, family
>>>groups, teens "making out" at a lovers point on South Mountain.
>>>All described it as a huge triangle with 5 lights.

>South Mountain is a little hogback ridge (with lots and lots of
>Antennae) that is immediately south of Sky Harbor - the Phoenix
>Airport. Oh, less than 5 to 7 miles, as I recall, at least its
>in the PHX control zone. so the flares were farther South &
>West. Hmmm?

>>>Belief here, with many, is that the air force dumped the flares
>>>to distract and confuse the public off the real event that
>>>happened at 8:30.

>Well, as I recall, and according to some news accounts, the
>flares were dropped over the Barry Goldwater Range-South-west at
>its closest point (including Luke AFB) about 50 or so miles. Of
>course, there is other government land: BLM, BIA or USFS (yes
>there are passable forests in the area) so, the flares could've
>been dropped reasonably close to Phoenix - 50 miles - given the
>altitude of the Jets, which we don't know.

>One other thing. Having been witness to several artillery
>exercises at Yakima Firing Center in Washington State - flares
>drop unevenly.

>I too hope to clarify things. The flare incident was later and
>real. However the earlier incidents were also real - but not
>flares.

>I hope I've been of help.

Hi GT, Kathy, etc.,

I don't have a problem with fares, just the location.

GT, you know as well as I do the ka-ka that someone would be in [military or not] if they dropped flares or anything else in CZ approaches and the CZ in general, never mind over a built up area.

I thought there was also a report from a pilot climbing out of Pheonix of a lighted object above him at his 11 o'clock.

Also, flares in Goldstone are not going to be seen in Pheonix. Also, consider the height at which a flare is effective for illuminating the ground.

For what it's worth.

Don

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Yukon Meteor Event Not A UFO

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Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 06:43:24 -0500
Subject: Yukon Meteor Event Not A UFO

Hi everyone.

On January 18 a bright glowing object exploded in the sky over The Yukon near the Alaska border. The energy of the explosion was estimated to be in the order of a few kilotons of TNT.

We have now been informed that the search for the debris has been successful and several fragments of a rare type of meteorite have been found which are currently being tested. Below is a forwarded e-mail from NASA with the details.

Nick

Donald Savage
Headquarters, Washington, DC March 16, 2000
(Phone: 202/358-1547)

Ann Hutchison
Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX
(Phone: 281/483-5111)

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YUKON METEORITE MAY PROVIDE "NEW WINDOW INTO THE UNIVERSE"

A meteorite that exploded over a remote area of northwest Canada in January may offer "a new window into the universe before the solar system was created," said a NASA scientist who has begun analyzing some of the meteorite fragments.

The very primitive composition and pristine condition of the 4.5-billion-year-old meteorite "offers us a snapshot of the original composition of the entire solar system before the planets formed," said Dr. Michael Zolensky, a cosmic mineralogist at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston. "It tells us what the initial materials were like that went into making up the Earth, the Moon and the Sun." The age of the solar system is about 4.5 billion years.

"These meteorite fragments are of immense scientific value and interest," said Dr. Richard Herd, Curator of National Collections for the Geological Survey of Canada. "This rare find potentially will contribute to a better understanding of the nature of the universe." He added that finding previously undetected compounds in the fragments will have implications for both planetary and biological sciences worldwide.

The scientists described the fragments -- lumps of crumbly rock with scorched, pitted surfaces -- as resembling partly used charcoal briquettes: black, porous, fairly light and still smelling of sulfur.

Several factors combined to make this meteorite a cosmic bonanza for scientists. First, it is a carbonaceous chondrite, a rare type of meteorite that contains many forms of carbon and organics, basic building blocks of life. Carbonaceous chondrites, which comprise only about 2 percent of meteorites known to have fallen to Earth, are typically difficult to recover because they easily break down during entry into Earth's atmosphere and during weathering on the ground.

Zolensky said the last time a carbonaceous chondrite like this fell to Earth and was recovered was 31 years ago. "This is probably the only time in my career this will happen," he said.

The location and timing of the fireball also contributed to the scientific value of the samples. The fragments are part of a meteor that blew apart over a remote area of the Yukon Territory the morning of Jan. 18, 2000. The resulting sonic booms startled residents as far away as British Columbia and Alaska. The frozen, snow-covered ground of the remote Yukon provided near-ideal conditions for preservation, Herd said.

The finder, a local resident who has requested anonymity, collected the fragments in clean plastic bags and kept them continuously frozen. These are the only freshly fallen meteorite fragments recovered and transferred to a laboratory without thawing. Keeping the fragments continuously frozen minimized the potential loss of organics and other volatile compounds in the fragments.

About 2 pounds of meteorite fragments have been recovered so far. Of those, Zolensky has about a pound of fragments provided by the Canadian government and the University of Calgary. The finder loaned them to the university and to the National Meteorite Collection of the Geological Survey of Canada, Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN) in Ottawa, which provided the still-frozen samples to JSC for study and analysis. NASA is working closely with NRCAN scientists and is providing results of the analysis to them. "We are very sensitive to the fact that these are Canadian meteorites," Zolensky said. Any future studies will be done in cooperation with scientists worldwide.

Scientific analysis of the fragments has just begun. Tests have been limited to two non-destructive activities: making a thin section to analyze the mineralogy of the fragments, and measuring induced radioactivity. Tests for induced radioactivity, which are being carried out by Dr. David Lindstrom of JSC, measure the object's exposure to space radiation. This can be used to determine the size of the original meteoroid in space, estimates of which range up to 50 feet in diameter, with a mass of more than 55 tons.

The next step in the study of the fragments will be baseline analyses of the organics in the meteorite. This would require the destruction of some samples, and negotiations are under way with the finder for permission to do such tests.

"The nice thing about having a sample like this is that you don't really know what you're going to find or where it's going to lead," Zolensky said. "You can tuck samples away for the future when new questions come along that people can't even think up now." - end -

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From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 07:22:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 07:03:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Rumors Link Meteor Sighting & Brush Fire

>Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 13:20:30 -0500
>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>
>Subject: Rumors Link Meteor Sighting & Brush Fire
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>An update on the Arkansas Crash as reported by Kenny Young
>previously can be found at the link below.

><http://www.ardemgaz.com/today/ark/Blxmystery16.html>

>Todd Lemire

I prefer to think of an expert as someone who has spent a great deal of time and energy becoming familiar with the evidence related to the problem at hand.

Philip Morrison and the bulk of the SETI cultists certainly are not experts about UFOs.

Just look at all the scientific data they don't reference.

Just look at the silly comments they make about both interstellar travel and behavior of aliens.

Just look at how they ignore the national security aspects of UFOs.

Because they are highly educated in certain areas of science doesn't mean they are qualified to express professional opinions on subjects about which they know almost nothing.

Stan Friedman

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: The UFO/Disney Connection
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 00:23:00 -0500
>>From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
>>Subject: The NASA/Disney Connection
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Source: Marshall Space Flight Centre History Office>>

>><http://history.msfc.nasa.gov/sf/disney.html>

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>>EXCERPTS:

>>Von Braun served as technical advisor on three space-related
>>television films that Disney produced in the 1950s. Together,
>>von Braun (the engineer) and Disney (the artist) used the new
>>medium of television to illustrate how high man might fly on the
>>strength of technology and the spirit of human imagination.>

<snip>

>>"The Disney-Von Braun Collaboration and Its Influence on Space
>>Exploration">

>>by
>>Mike Wright
>>Marshall Space Flight Center Historian

>And Now, (with apologies to Paul Harvey)
>The Rest Of The Story!!!! !!!! !!!!

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>I met Kimball in 1980. I was at his house. I saw his tremendous
>collection of model trains... that filled a litte building in
>back of his house. Kimball was not satisfied with toy trains,
>however, He also had a REAL TRAIN (engine and coal car) and
>about 500 ft of track. He told me that back in the good old days
>(fifties, sixties) when he had parties at his house in Beverly
>Hills that he and Walt and the boys would get up a head of steam
>in that old engine, shove into forward, and scream along the
>track until the slammed on the brakes, stopping jus short of the
>end of the track. Fun.

>Probably a lot of people about the train. Probably not as many
>knew about his collection of UFO books, magazines, etc. Yes, the
>untold story: Ward Kimball, production director (?) of
>Cinderella, promoter of the NASA-Disney connection, etc. Good

>Old Ward was a UFO Buff!

<snip>

I appreciate Bruce bringing up the Ward Kimball story.

It was at the Saturday Night program of the July, 1979, MUFON Symposium in San Francisco. Kimball spoke first, then Allen Hynek, and then me. Ward also noted that after being promised footage with nothing being delivered, he spoke with a USAF Colonel. The latter told him that there indeed was plenty of UFO footage, but that neither Ward, nor anybody else, was going to get access to it.

I should add that I have recently been told that the late Dr. Hans Nieper, a rather remarkable German Physician, has told people that Von Braun told him that indeed aliens and flying saucers were real.

Stan Friedman

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Dan

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A Portal to Magic Shows & Acoustic Music
Entertainment in Michigan. Guitarist / Magician
<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan>

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

Dan's Magic in Michigan !
<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/magician>

Dantronix !
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Re: Reed Hoax

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 09:15:30 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 14:32:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 16:23:08 -0500 (EST)
>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

To Robert Gates and the List,

I think that you just gave a good illustration of the "Hoax-Debunking scenario", which we could also call the "Rotten Apple scenario" : if I find a rotten apple in the barrel I throw them all out.

What is the scenario in this case ?

A dubious speaker is invited at a convention, together with about thirty others. You are right to lament that he was well received by the audience (I can confirm that since I was there : I glanced five minutes in the room to check that). But I can also tell you that many speakers did not buy it (I checked that too).

Never mind, your mind is set already.

They have invited Reed, therefore there was nothing good there :

>Being that the organizers of this conference seem to want people
>whose credentials don't check out, and whose very basic story
>doesn't check out, kind of tells me the conference is not a
>serious conference, but a UFO entertainment show.

And that's what is so devastating. There were some very interesting presentations there, but do you care to know? The only mails I have seen on this list are to laugh at Reed and the Laughlin congress.

Just a few names - as examples but there were others:

Joe Lewels (I missed his speech but I know he is a good one, having read his book. BTW have you read it?)

Roger Leir - new implants. He came with one of his patients. I talked with him several times and found him quite credible

Ron Regher (very competent talk on spy satellites and their use for UFO surveillance)

George Knapp - interviews, as yet undisclosed, of Philip Corso

Peter Davenport - remarkable, well documented and illustrated cases

Daniel Sheenan - brilliant speech, met with standing ovation.

Re: Reed Hoax

Cheers,

Gildas Bourdais

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NUFORA?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 14:13:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 07:45:20 -0500
Subject: NUFORA?

Hi All,

I was wondering if any of the UFO Researchers involved in the above Group would kindly take the time to reveal the answer behind this statement taken from the NUFORA site.

"Many of NUFORA's founders suspect that little understood natural and electromagnetic phenomena are responsible for the majority of simple UFO and "high strangeness" cases prevalent within available literature"

The question is simple:

Is this statement telling us that mainstream Science has no DATA on the understanding of Natural & Electromagnetic Phenomena, but the UFO Researchers involved in NUFORA have this DATA to put forward such a statement?

And if as the statement says, "little understood", is NUFORA telling us they are some authority on such Natural & Electromagnetic Phenomena?

Regards,

Roy..

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NASA Pulls Back From Mars

From: **Steven L. Wilson, Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 09:52:25 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 09:29:13 -0500
Subject: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

Friday, 17 March, 2000, 13:14 GMT

NASA Pulls Back From Mars

MPL report will make 'sober reading'

By BBC News Online science editor Dr David Whitehouse

The United States is to abandon its ambitious plans to bring back rocks from the surface of Mars before the end of the decade. It is a decision that could set back hopes of an astronaut landing on the Red Planet by many years.

The search for life on the Red Planet will have to slow down

Dr Carl Pilcher The devastating news was broken to space scientists at this week's annual Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston, Texas, by Dr Carl Pilcher. He is the scientist leading Nasa's planetary exploration programme.

"The search for life on the Red Planet will have to slow down," he said, "until people on Earth have worked out how to land on Mars without crashing."

Last year's double loss of two Mars probes has forced Nasa to take a long hard look at its Mars plans.

A mission to land another robot on Mars next year has effectively been cancelled. It is likely to be replaced with smaller-budget probes that are being hurriedly designed in Houston and at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. A Mars Orbiter mission will, however, go ahead.

The law

Before the loss of the Mars Polar Lander (MPL) last year, Nasa's plans called for a sample return mission that would bring back the first Mars rocks to Earth in October 2008. But Dr Pilcher said, that in the light of recent events, the timetable was wildly optimistic: "The jury is out on whether we have the technological capability".

Carl Pilcher - minus the sweatshirt

Breaking the bad news to space scientists, Dr Pilcher had on a sweatshirt that declared: "Obey Gravity: It's the Law".

Despite the bitter news, he insisted the Mars exploration programme would continue, and confirmed that a Mars-orbiting science platform would be launched next year.

He would not discuss the results of the recent study into the loss of the Mars Polar Lander, due to be published at the end of the month, but he said the report's conclusions "make sober reading".

"Our next lander on Mars had better work," he said.

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Thomas & Friends Productions

Does anyone have a contact name and number, or hopefully an
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company?

Thanks for your help.

Steve

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>>>>to distract and confuse the public off the real event that
>>>>happened at 8:30.

Yes, I think that was exactly what happened .

>>Well, as I recall, and according to some news accounts, the
>>flares were dropped over the Barry Goldwater Range-South-west at
>>its closest point (including Luke AFB) about 50 or so miles. Of
>>course, there is other government land: BLM, BIA or USFS (yes
>>there are passable forests in the area) so, the flares could've
>>been dropped reasonably close to Phoenix - 50 miles - given the
>>altitude of the Jets, which we don't know.

The second show could've been a diversionary tactic-over the
Goldwater range - but whether it was seen from Phoenix, can be
debatable - I've seen the video recently TLC for the fourth
time.

>>One other thing. Having been witness to several artillery

>>exercises at Yakima Firing Center in Washington State - flares
>>drop unevenly.

>>I too hope to clarify things. The flare incident was later and
>>real. However the earlier incidents were also real - but not
>>flares.

>>I hope I've been of help.

>Hi GT, Kathy, etc.,

>I don't have a problem with fares, just the location.

>GT, you know as well as I do the ka-ka that someone would be in
>[military or not] if they dropped flares or anything else in CZ
>approaches and the CZ in general, never mind over a built up
>area.

>I thought there was also a report from a pilot climbing out of
>Pheonix of a lighted object above him at his 11 o'clock.

I agree, and I too, heard of the pilot report.

>Also, flares in Goldstone are not going to be seen in Pheonix.
>Also, consider the height at which a flare is effective for
>illuminating the ground.

>For what it's worth.

Again it depends on the type of flare, if they were battlefield
illumination flares the could be easily seen at 50 miles or
more, however, I too ,don't think that the AF was dropping
Flares on Metro Phoenix that night. The absirdity of that
agument is breathtaking.

>Don

Another thing , A-10s in formation at low altitude through
the one of the worst -as far as mixed traffic - areas on the
west coast. Also the Phoenix area is studded with all sorts
of little peaks and hills you can hit(it's bad enough in low
viz in broad daylight).

One more thing ,(I feel like Peter Falk's Colombo) any one
who thinks that V -shape formations are common pratice
are wrong. Airshows yes, but not in actual pratice not
en masse' anyway I've seen a lot of A-10 traffic and not once
have I ever seen any thing but what would be closer to the
"Combat Box" style of formation I'm shure the can be some
clarification this- maybe I'm wrong (I've never been a Military
Pilot just around this sort of thing as a civil Contract Pliot over
the years and in various guises.)

Thanks, GT McCoy

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Absence

From: Sean Jones <tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 10:31:46 -0500
Subject: Absence

Hi Errol, Hi All

I have just returned after a two week absence forced upon me by a lady driver not looking before she pulled out of a junction.

John Velez, I will catch up with you with regards to the dust sample sometime in the next few days.

Anyone else, I have in excess of 500 emails to get through, if there are any personal ones I will get through to you.

Jan, I am damn glad you changed your mind, it would have been a great loss to Ufology to lose your efforts into good honest research.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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'A New Day For UFO Research'?

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 10:35:32 -0500
Subject: 'A New Day For UFO Research'?

Greetings list -

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http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/nids_investigation_000315.html

A New Day for UFO Research
By Patrick Huyghe
special to SPACE.com
posted: 12:43 pm EST
15 March 2000

The Air Force did it, albeit reluctantly, for about two decades. A few private UFO organizations tried it, too -- and promptly lost their shirts.

Now the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) is doing it -- fielding a rapid response team to investigate promising UFO reports. The question is: will they succeed where others have failed?

NIDS was founded in 1995 by Las Vegas real-estate tycoon Robert Bigelow to investigate UFO sightings, animal mutilations and other anomalous phenomena.

Through its first four years of operation, during which Bigelow hired a staff of scientists to run the institute, NIDS was largely silent about its work and cagey in its public statements.

Few people were even aware of its existence and those who were, primarily UFOlogists, regarded the fledgling institute in the desert with suspicion.

All that has now changed.

See something? Call the experts

"About a year ago we decided it was time to start reaching out so that people could come to us with reports," notes biochemist Colm Kelleher, who runs the day-to-day research operations of the institute.

Four months ago the institute actually began mass mailing a NIDS brochure and sticker promoting its 24-hour hotline (702-798-1700) and web address to police departments and radio and television stations.

"These are the people who get called about UFO sightings, but they are not trained to investigate these things and are not even interested most of the time," Kelleher said. "We were hoping to persuade these people to call us and we would do the rest."

The plan worked. NIDS has been getting about 100 calls a month, but until the morning of January 5 when a call came in from a police officer in Illinois just east of St. Louis, no hotline UFO report had been deemed worthy of an all-out NIDS

investigation.

This one was. Craig Stevens of the Milstadt Police Department called NIDS about two hours after his UFO sighting at 4:28 that morning. Stevens had been monitoring radio traffic when he heard that the Highland police department had a report of a large object flying in the air.

So he drove to the north end of town where he observed a very large object shaped like a fat arrowhead flying slowly at an altitude of 500 to 1000 ft. Police officers in Shiloh and Dupo also witnessed the object, as did a police officer in Lebanon.

The low-flying, triangular object was described as being between 200-600 feet long and 40-60 feet thick with bright white lights angled downward at the corners and a red light near the center.

Agents of NIDS arrive on the scene

After numerous follow-up phone calls, NIDS decided to deploy their two full-time investigators, former FBI agents, to Illinois.

Why FBI? "We like guys with a lot of forensic background," says Kelleher, "because in the mutilation area and in the tiny percent of cases where alleged landings occur, you really need people who can secure the scene and handle the evidence properly so that we can stand behind it."

The NIDS investigators arrived in Illinois two days after the initial sighting, spending almost four days interviewing eyewitnesses, taking photographs and seeking a possible explanation from a local Boeing facility, nearby Scott Air Force base, and the FAA.

NIDS immediately put the transcripts of the interviews on their web site in the hope of unearthing other witnesses who might have seen the object. Such openness in their investigation stands in stark contrast to similar efforts by the Air Force decades ago.

But their efforts to find a prosaic explanation for the sightings failed.

Ticking off the explanations

The FAA had not seen anything on radar. Scott Air Force Base officials said they didn't know anything about the object and there were no stealth B-2s in the area at the time.

NIDS even considered the possibility that the UFO might have been a secret blimp that resembled a small experimental model built and patented 30 years earlier by a New Jersey company called Aereon, but that design, according to Aereon's CEO, never went past the proof of principle stage.

NIDS' eight eyewitness reports suggest that the object came down from Lake Michigan just north of Chicago at 10:00 p.m. on January 4 and headed southwest, appearing 6 hours later in Highland, before finally disappearing outside Dupo just before 7 a.m.

"That's about 9 hours in the air," notes Kelleher. "That's a long time."

On the other hand, according to at least one police officer, the object would literally jump across the sky in a matter of seconds. The other weird thing is, if it's trying to be stealthy, what's it doing so low with these unbelievably bright, blinding lights?"

Physicist Bruce Maccabee, like many UFO believers, gave NIDS a thumbs up for "their quick response and excellent work in interviewing witnesses on the scene. I also congratulate them for publishing their results on their web site."

Klass unimpressed

Not so for UFO skeptic Phil Klass.

"By curious coincidence," he writes in the March issue of his

Skeptics UFO Newsletter, "a very bright planet Venus was just rising in the southeast on Jan. 5 at the time of the Illinois UFO sightings."

Klass accuses NIDS of not even considering the possibility that the UFO might have been Venus.

"Although I have not personally met [the NIDS investigators]," Klass told me in an email interview, "I suspect they are quite competent to investigate 'cattle mutilations,' but believe they are ill-trained to investigate UFO reports."

But according to NIDS astrophysicist Eric Davis, they did consider, then rejected, stars or planets as possible explanations for this case.

In fact, Davis told Michael Lindemann of CNI News that Venus was below the horizon when the UFO was first sighted near Highland at approximately 4 a.m.

Venus actually did not rise until 4:25 that morning and would have been difficult to see initially because of the surrounding trees, rolling hills and structures in the area.

"Bigelow is in this long term"

"But we still can't rule out the military," concludes Kelleher. And there, rather typically for a UFO sighting, the matter rests.

Whether NIDS will ultimately succeed where the Air Force and so many others have failed over the past 40 years is another question entirely.

We have an ability to go to the wall, if necessary, on the analysis front," explains Kelleher. "We have the resources to pull out all the stops, our science advisory board has the ability to open doors, and Bigelow is in this long term."

"He's been into this ever since his family members had a sighting when he was a kid. He's been putting money into this for quite a while. Plus we have a full time staff not doing anything else. We are not a volunteer group doing it on our own time or funds. I think NIDS has a lot of potential."

Stay tuned.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Shadowcraft: UFOs, Spy Planes, or Something Else?

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Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 12:03:22 -0500
Subject: Shadowcraft: UFOs, Spy Planes, or Something Else?

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Shadowcraft: UFOs, Spy Planes, or Something Else?

By Jim Oberg
Special to SPACE.com
posted: 11:34 am EST
17 March 2000

The decade-long struggle to understand the mystery of the super-secret "Aurora" hypersonic aircraft and its role in the UFO phenomenon's rash of "triangle sightings" has entered a new phase.

Veteran UFO litigator Peter Gersten (of CAUS -- Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) argues that military secret-keepers did not make a "good faith" effort to provide him with information about large triangle-shaped craft seen repeatedly within the United States and elsewhere.

The Department of Defense (DOD) has maintained it could find no information confirming the existence of such craft, military or otherwise.

However, the U.S. District Court in Phoenix, Arizona, recently denied DOD motions to dismiss Gersten's lawsuit, instead demanding that the DOD produce additional affidavits about the way it handled the request.

This sets the stage for a rare opportunity to submit oral arguments regarding UFO sightings possibly caused by secret military aircraft like the notorious "Aurora".

Hunting the shadowcraft

The quest for Aurora has consumed the passions and skills of a diverse army of investigators for more than a decade. One of the more knowledgeable is Dr. Scott Miller, associate professor of aerospace engineering at Wichita State University in Kansas.

Miller has recently been touring the country lecturing on "shadowcraft" -- his term for the elusive mystery vehicles reported all around the world.

His travels are sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the world's largest professional society of aerospace engineers, as part of the annual "Distinguished Lecturer" series of about a dozen speakers who visit local chapters.

"A lot of the audience is a bit skeptical," he admits. "Yet they're also intrigued, and they'd like to think these things really exist."

The professional engineers he talks to also express gratitude

that a fellow professional is examining the well-known rumors from a strict engineering point of view.

Has Miller gotten any useful feedback from his audiences? "Nothing really super juicy yet," he notes.

Black programs and Belgian triangles

At St. Louis, the home of the Boeing aircraft plant (formerly McDonnell Douglas), he recalls that one attendee told him that some of his other friends in a local military 'black program' couldn't attend the talk because of security concerns.

"That was kind of disturbing," Miller recalls. "And kind of interesting!"

Some fellow experts he has talked with are very interested in photographs of the "Belgian triangle" seen repeatedly over Belgium a decade ago.

"They tell me it resembles a vehicle that Teledyne-Ryan had been working on," he says, "and they were way ahead of Lockheed on 'stealth' technology."

Such a subsonic reconnaissance vehicle might be the long-rumored spotter companion for B-2 missions over Russia.

Miller described the need for an aircraft to help hunt down rail-mobile Russian missiles, and such a mission would be more than enough rationale to keep its existence classified.

Follow the fuel

He himself is intrigued by recent Indiana UFO reports and the "pretty wild" rumors of stealth blimps with fake starfields displayed on their undersides.

"At this point," he admitted, "I'm paying attention."

One of the most interesting tidbits Miller has learned involves the mid-air refueling aircraft that any secret military vehicle would need.

"The SR-71 needed a special hydrocarbon fuel," he says. "And there were several modified KC-135 tankers stationed near Wichita. The fuel has a two-week shelf life and must be safely disposed of if stocks are not used quickly."

"I was told the KC-135's are still in service, and they are still making that fuel."

According to Miller, there aren't any more SR-71s flying, and they were mostly served by tankers out of Beale AFB in California, not Kansas. So why the Wichita refueling fleet?

The Los Angeles object

Another heavyweight aviation historian who has examined "Aurora" stories is Tom Heppenheimer, famed for his ferociously precise engineering assessments of aerospace issues.

One case Heppenheimer examined centered around reports of unusual supersonic shock waves over Los Angeles in 1991-2.

Many analysts speculated that these phenomena were caused by a Mach 4 aircraft headed north at about 30,000 feet, but Heppenheimer was skeptical that any aircraft would fly at that speed so low.

He calculated that the dynamic pressures on such a vehicle would reach 4,500 pounds per square foot, ten times the tolerance proposed for known hypersonic designs.

Furthermore, the Federal Aviation Administration controls this airspace to an altitude of 60,000 feet and all aircraft, military as well as civilian, are required to have active radar transponders while in it.

The mystery plane did not appear on radar.

From sonic booms to odd jet trails

Perhaps a less conventional object, flying at a lower speed but designed to evade radar, caused the disturbance?

"The computer analysis which came up with the performance figures has never been calibrated in real flight experiments," Heppenheimer points out.

Moreover, analysis of the same acoustic data at MIT's Lincoln Laboratory suggested that the booms could have come from conventional fighters doing about Mach 1.1.

Heppenheimer is more intrigued by sightings -- and photographs -- of strange contrails which follow a "donuts on a rope" pattern, like sausage links. He interprets these as evidence for subsonic flight testing of pulsed detonation engines, possibly the next step in efficient and reliable aircraft propulsion.

But Miller has his own less highly classified explanation for such effects.

"Aerodynamics expert Steve Crow studied this effect in the early 1970s," Miller tells SPACE.com, "and so these are called 'Crow Instabilities'. Studies show that on some occasions, wake vortex interactions from normal jets such as a 747 build donuts out of trailing vortices."

The increasingly clandestine sky

None of these expert assessments has had any influence on what people continue to perceive in the sky.

They see and report large objects, sometimes bizarrely lighted and sometimes dark against the stars or clouds above. Often these phenomena are entirely silent, but witnesses sometimes report pulsating, throbbing engine noises.

And such reports are appearing in far higher numbers than in the past.

Arguably, many of these sightings are misinterpretations of both manmade and natural phenomena, and there is a long, dismaying history of such cases.

Various groups on Earth (from reconnaissance teams, to test and training groups, to smugglers and even spies) have not been at all displeased when accidental witnesses misinterpret their aerial activities.

But the remaining uncertainties remain wide enough to fly entire fleets of unknown objects right through them, all over the Earth, and even possibly off it.

Aside from waiting for hindsight decades in the future -- or for the success of lawsuits such as Gersten's -- the only hope to resolve these fascinating mysteries is to collect and rigorously assess reports.

And even, when opportunities arise, go deliberately hunting for these shadowcraft.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
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Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

From: Patrick Bailey <pgb@padrak.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 16:08:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 12:07:19 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

During the International UFO Congress last week, I talked with Jim Dilettoso about the Phoenix Lights which usually are referred to as the "so-called flares" that were seen, videotaped, and reported by the media and at all the UFO and MUFON conferences.

Remember: These "flares" were the lights that looked like they were spread out in a kind-of wavey horizontal pattern in the sky for a long time - AFTER - the large triangle(s) had slowly gone over Phoenix and stopped at least once. Peter Davenport has several witnesses to the actual TRIANGLE(S)) - who say that it was OVER 1 MILE across. Two jets also overflew the triangle(s). Peter has all the details on that at The National UFO reporting Center: <http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr> .

So anyway - read this!:

Jim tells me that he had in 1998 taken several videotapes of these "flares" from local residents and that he made a 3-D model in a computer from the videos, and then he made sure that the model gave him back what each video saw (from each prospective viewing angle) - so that the 3-D representation fitted all the 2-D videotapes - and then he rotated the 3-D model of the "flares" in the computer - and he figured out that ... (get ready - ta da:)

The so called "flares" are another very large stationary triangle.

So much for "thinking about".

This is Fact.

Patrick Bailey.

PS - Also, you will recall that the "UFO" that was seen over the Bentwaters-Woodbridge Base in Dec. 1980, as described in the CD and the book "Left at East Gate" (you know, the one that neutralized a lot of (all of?) the nuclear warheads that were stored there by the US in the UK, while the US was denying that they ever existed) - was ALSO a very large triangle. Gee, I wonder what is being buried near or under Phoenix?...

Ho hum...
Back to Bud and basketball (for most of you...)

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Re: The UFO/Disney Connection

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 22:07:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 12:12:21 -0500
Subject: Re: The UFO/Disney Connection

>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 07:46:12 -0400
>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>Subject: Re: The UFO/Disney Connection
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

I thank Stan for contributing and confirming what my aging memory cells recalled about Kimball's speech that night. I wonder whatever happened to his movie. It was a "scream." Jonathan Winters at his best.

This was perhaps the first time the insiders in the Air Force seriously considered opening the UFO floodgates. Of course, they didn't do it.

Next time was about 13 years later, in 1971(?) when Robert Emenegger was offered the chance to do a documentary on UFOs using Air Force footage of a landing and contac at Holloman AFB.

Again, as Emenegger was getting underway, the AF retracted. But Emenegger went on anyway and did t TV documentary and a book, 'UFOs Past Present And Future' (published in 1974). Emenegger appeared on that much-panned TV show 'UFOs Live' in October 1988.

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Re: NUFORA?

From: **Tim Haley** <TimHaley@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 09:19:59 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 12:21:01 -0500
Subject: Re: NUFORA?

>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 14:13:42 +0000
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: NUFORA?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Hi All,

>I was wondering if any of the UFO Researchers involved in the
>above Group would kindly take the time to reveal the answer
>behind this statement taken from the NUFORA site.

>"Many of NUFORA's founders suspect that little understood
>natural and electromagnetic phenomena are responsible for the
>majority of simple UFO and "high strangeness" cases prevalent
>within available literature"

>The question is simple:

>Is this statement telling us that mainstream Science has no DATA
>on the understanding of Natural & Electromagnetic Phenomena, but
>the UFO Researchers involved in NUFORA have this DATA to put
>forward such a statement?

>And if as the statement says, "little understood", is NUFORA
>telling us they are some authority on such Natural &
>Electromagnetic Phenomena?

Roy,

I am not part of NUFORA but the way I read the statement is
different from the way you have interpreted it.

You are suggesting that NUFORA's statement says that "natural
and electromagnetic phenomena" is "little understood".

I interpret the "little understood" to be an adjective that
describes a subset of "natural and electromagnetic phenomenon".
Of all "natural and electromagnetic phenomenon", NUFORA
"suspects" that it is the "little understood" subset of the
phenomenon that results in the "majority of simple UFO and high
strangeness cases prevalent within available literature".

Certainly there are some "natural and electromagnetic
phenomenon" that are not well understood by scientists. I detect
nothing in NUFORA's statement to suggest that NUFORA is claiming
to be an expert on this phenomena either. Nor is there anything
in NUFORA's statement to suggest anything with regard to DATA.

My two cents worth.

Tim Haley

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Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

From: **Tim Haley** <imHaley@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 10:14:26 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 12:24:29 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 09:52:25 -0500 (EST)
>From: Steven L. Wilson, Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>Subject: NASA Pulls Back From Mars
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Friday, 17 March, 2000, 13:14 GMT

>NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>MPL report will make 'sober reading'

>By BBC News Online science editor Dr David Whitehouse

>The United States is to abandon its ambitious plans to bring
>back rocks from the surface of Mars before the end of the
>decade. It is a decision that could set back hopes of an
>astronaut landing on the Red Planet by many years.

>The search for life on the Red Planet will have to slow down

<snip>

I applaud the move by NASA.

For too long the public expectation is for NASA to live up to the fiction created by Steven Spielberg and other Hollywood movie makers.

The fact of the matter is that it is extremely difficult to land a vehicle on another planet, even for humans. Maybe we have to swallow our ego a little and accept that we are not as smart as we think we are.

It is easy to criticize NASA. How many of you who are critical of NASA has ever built a rocket capable of launching a satellite? (There is an amateur satellite club that actually does this!)

So I applaud NASA's effort to slow down. Although we have made great strides in the last 100 years, we are still in our infancy with regard to aerospace technology. As demonstrated by recent NASA experiences, If we go too fast or become overconfident, we fail.

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Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 09:41:44 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 12:46:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?

>Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 02:48:46 +0100 (MET)
>From: Henny van der Pluijm <hvdp@worldonline.nl>
>Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Whether CNN has edited an image of Mars I don't know.

CNN did not edit the image; the Catbox "enhancement" released to the news media on April 6, 1998 was doctored by persons unknown at JPL. It is not a raw image as Holliman supposed; it was a heavily processed fraud.

>Whether CNN has edited an image of Mars I don't know. I do know
>that CNN has admitted that military persons were employed by CNN
>during the Kosovo conflict. Obviously communication specialists,
>they were working for CNN as so called "interns. In other words,
>there is evidence that CNN does cooperate with authorities when
>asked to.

I suspect that the deletion of Holliman's article was not the work of a CIA plant or anything like that. What I think may have happened is that someone at JPL called CNN up expressing displeasure with the negative tone of Hollimans initial article on the MGS image and that CNN then obligingly deleted it. In the old days before the Watergate Scandal, White House journalists were reluctant to print negative articles on Presidents because it could mean losing their inside sources of information at the White House. Media deference to the White House is past history, now, but it seems to still be a major factor in press relations with other official entities.

There are still a few welcome exceptions to the media's obsequious treatment of JPL, however. Reporter Billy Cox occasionally writes something that will ruffle JPL's feathers, like his recent article on the connection of the Mission to Mars movie and the actual Cydonia research, in which he quotes plasma physicist Dr. John Brandenburg as stating:

"I have it on excellent authority that JPL wants no major discoveries on Mars because they oppose manned landings. They want to keep it an academic exercise," Brandenburg charges. "Mars needs to be turned over to Johnson Space Center in Houston."

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Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

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>Friday, 17 March, 2000, 13:14 GMT

>NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>MPL report will make 'sober reading'

>By BBC News Online science editor Dr David Whitehouse

>...
>"The search for life on the Red Planet will have to slow down,"
>he said, "until people on Earth have worked out how to land on
>Mars without crashing."

JPL used to know how to land without crashing on Mars back in the '70s, when both Viking landers made it successfully using technology that was primitive in comparison to what is available now.

Apparently, they've forgotten some of the finer points of celestial navigation while they were concentrating their attentions on public relations. The laws of physics cannot be so easily manipulated as public opinion. The planet Mars is indifferent to press releases.

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We're Probably Not Alone

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Oct. 24, 1999
Former Blue Book chief says, 'We're probably not alone'

By William Coleman, Jr.
A FLORIDA TODAY guest column

In the summer of 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a businessman from Boise, Idaho, was flying his private airplane near Mount Ranier, Wash.

He reported seeing a group of unidentified objects flying along in a line over the mountains ahead of his course. He described them as appearing "like pie plates skipping over water."

The newspaper report called them "flying saucers" - a description that would never go away. Moreover, the fact that Arnold was an Air Force Reserve major added to the authenticity of the story.

Soon thereafter, the Air Force received other reports of "flying saucers." The pressure politically and otherwise was on. The Air Force hastily organized a project in 1949 to look into the sightings.

Four years later, the effort became known as Project Blue Book, which was the Air Force's official study of UFOs.

During its almost 21 years of existence, the project investigated more than 12,800 reports of sightings. All were resolved except 728 cases. Of these, the Air Force was left with 130 cases that were worrisome and unresolved.

That is, those cases contained two vital characteristics that set them apart from all the others.

First, they demonstrated high ratings of credibility, such as multiple witnesses who were highly qualified. Second, they had a quality we called "high strangeness." That means the witnesses were seeing something that had never been seen before even though they were highly experienced in the observation of aerial phenomena.

What do I believe?

The possibility of manipulative intelligent life in our universe is very likely, perhaps even in our own Milky Way galaxy. Of the 10 classes of stars that exist, three could provide the kind of stable warmth and surroundings that could support planets such as ours.

Have we been visited by extraterrestrial beings?

During Project Blue Book, we found no evidence that would conclusively prove we have. That doesn't mean that we haven't had such a visit. It only means we haven't found evidence.

Any visiting alien would introduce - and himself or herself face - several major problems. Besides those associated with geopolitical, theological and other issues, perhaps the most important would be biological.

This means the possible introduction of unknown bacteria and viruses into our population for which we have no built-in defense. Moreover, an alien could very well face just as tough a problem since he or she might be inflicted by Earth-born germs.

The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) is a marvelous project. But we must remember that if we receive a signal from a star system 10,000 light years away and we respond to it by sending a reply, we'll have to wait 20,000 years before we know whether it was received.

The nearest star that could possibly offer a planet somewhat like ours would be Bernards Star, which is about 6.1 light years away.

Imagine such a trip there, if you will. If you were a twin and your brother or sister remained here while you went rocketing to Bernards Star at 90 percent the speed of light, when you returned to Earth your sibling would be more than 12 years older than you.

Are we alone? I think not. I've always found the passage from Scripture in the Bible exciting, wherein Jesus told the people, "You are not the only sheep in my flock."

Coleman is a retired Air Force colonel and command pilot who was head of Project Blue Book for three years. He lives in Indian Harbour Beach.

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

<http://www.angelfire.com/fl/ufomiami/index.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>

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Re: Philip Going To Florida

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>Subject: Philip Going To Florida
>To: undisclosed-recipients

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> From Philip Mantle

>I just thought you might like to know that within the next few
>weeks I will be visiting Florida with my wife and family for a
>two week holiday.

>I was therefore wondering if anyone out there would be
>interested in a lecture.

>I can present a three hour audio visual lecture based on my
>involvement with UFO research in the UK over the last 20 years.

>This would cover UFO investigations conducted by me, my research
>into UK abductions, and of course my on-going research and
>involvement into the alien autopsy film.

>I am willing to travel within the Florida area to make such a
>presentation which would be extensively illustrated with slides
>and video's.

>If you are interested, or know anyone that might be interested,
>then please contact me as soon as possible direct at:

>pmquest@dial.pipex.com

Philip,

I would be interested in such a lecture. If there is anyone out there that has or will be setting it up in florida, please let me know. I too can travel somewhat within Florida, I live here.

Thanks and kindest regards,

Jim

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LOW-FLYING TRIANGULAR
UFO SEEN BY THOUSANDS
IN LIMA, PERU

On Friday, March 10, 2000, at 1:30 a.m., a triangular UFO with four bright lights appeared over Lima, the capital of Peru, and overflowed several city districts at a low altitude.

A municipal street sweeper described the UFO as "a big ship with red and yellow lights, with ten little ships coming out of it."

The object flew over Callao, Los Olivos, San Martin de Porres and Villa El Salvador in Lima, one of the largest cities in South America with a population exceeding one million.

Several thousand people witnessed the UFO's slow overflight and flooded the offices of Radio Programas del Peru (RFP) with phone calls.

Bruno Guzman, a Peruvian journalist, said that when the calls came in, he and his crew "looked out the windows of our office, which is on the seventh floor, and we climbed up on the rooftop, and we've been able to attest to the lights."

"It is quite startling to go from receiving the phone calls and eyewitness accounts to being a participant in the event, the spectacle we've just seen. We can't quite explain properly or scientifically what happened this morning."

He added, "These points of light changed from blue and red to white, moving strangely."

Hours later, at 12 noon, Television Panamericana, Canal (Channel) 5 in Lima broadcasted video footage of the UFO on its news program, 24 Horas (24 Hours-- J.T.) The footage was shot by Television Panamericana cameraman Juan C. Amoretti..

During the broadcast, anchorwoman Valia Barak stated, "A strange object crossed the skies over Lima this morning. Thousands of citizens witnessed the phenomenon."

As video footage of the UFO aired, on-site reporter Viviana Cohello said in voiceover, "This was the object observed by many at 1:30 a.m. Strange movements and plays of lights were seen in the heavens over the city of Lima, drawing the attention of hundreds of onlookers."

This was the first big UFO sighting in Lima since the overflight of February 9, 1999, just over thirteen months ago. (See UFO Roundup, Volume 4, Number 8 for February 22, 1999, "UFOs Videotaped in the Skies of Peru." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico

para la traduccion y Virgilio Sanchez Ocejo para esta historia.)

ORANGE SPHERE UFOs ARE
ACTIVE AGAIN IN AUSTRALIA

On Sunday, February 27, 2000, at 1:15 a.m., Sharon H., her husband and her two children were driving to their home in Adelaide, South Australia, returning after attending her brother's 50th birthday party.

"Whilst getting out of the car in the driveway," Sharon "happened to glance up into the night sky and saw an orange orb/ball-shaped object. She told her husband, who also then looked up" and "her two older children," who also saw the unusual object.

"They stood and watched it travel slowly from east to west" for about five minutes.

"During this time, one of her children ran inside to obtain one of her younger children's binoculars. Even though the binoculars were 'toy' ones, her husband could clearly see a tail" at one end of the orange orb.

A month earlier, on January 29, 2000, two sets of eyewitnesses spotted orange-sphere UFOs over Penrith, a city in New South Wales approximately 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of Sydney.

Just after midnight on January 29, Kathleen H. saw "five bright orange lights moving slowly upward heading northwest toward the Blue Mountains." Kathleen "stated that the objects were very bright and moving northwest. Initially they were positioned at 45 degrees above the horizon and faded out of sight at 90 degrees, the highest one disappeared out of view first," said Kathleen, who observed the spheres from her second-story balcony.

At 9:20 p.m. on January 29, Monica S. spotted "four roundish bright orange lights, each the size of a five-cent coin held at arm's length."

Monica said her attention was captured when she heard a sound like "four firecrackers." Turning and looking upward, she saw "already in the sky at about 70 degrees above the horizon three bright orange flashing lights. A fourth one moved towards the others a few minutes later. The sky was partially overcast."

Monica and her family observed the UFOs from the Robertson Park area of Penrith South and kept them in view until "they were eventually lost from sight due to cloud cover."

A week earlier, on January 22, 2000, a man named Andrew spotted a UFO in Glenmore Park, New South Wales. He reported that it was "a very bright orange light moving very slowly, pea-sized at arm's length. It was heading west toward the Blue Mountains." (Many thanks to Diane Harrison of the Australian UFO Research Network for these reports.)

MYSTERIOUS LIGHT STARTLES
MOTORIST IN MILAN, ITALY

On Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at 8:42 p.m., a motorist driving through the San Siro section of the city of Milano (Milan) in northern Italy saw a mysterious bright light in the sky.

"The light flared for approximately two seconds and then subsided to a much smaller size before darting away at a high velocity. The witness said he had the feeling the OVNI (Italian acronym for UFO--J.T.) was doing a reconnaissance of the San Siro area. It was estimated to be 2,000 to 3,000 meters (6,600 to 10,000 feet) above the ground. However, it was difficult for the witness to determine the precise altitude because he had it in his field of view for only two seconds." (Grazie a Alfredo Lissoni e Gigi Barone di Centrol Ufologico Nazionale d'Italia per questo rapporto.)

POLICE SEE LUMINOUS DISC
IN NORTHEASTERN OHIO

A UFO described as "a flat-type light" or luminous disc was seen on two nights in a row in Saybrook, Ohio (population 200). The sighting was confirmed by a county deputy and troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

It all began on Saturday night, February 26, 2000, when Dennis Johnson stepped outside his home on North Depot Road.

"Pointing toward the southwest, he said, 'When I came out, it was there. Now it's straight out, to the west. It's moving north. That's pretty strange, since most of the objects in the cloudless night sky--stars, mostly--were 'moving' in a different direction due to the rotation of the earth.'"

The following night, Sunday, February 27, 2000, Johnson saw the strange light again.

"'About 11:30 p.m. I was going outside to have a cigarette, because I don't smoke in the house, and I saw this odd-looking star,' Johnson said. 'It was a flat light instead of round and shiny, like a star.'"

"Johnson said he walked around the yard, trying to see it from several angles. 'It was just a flat-type light, so I lined it up with a telephone pole to see if it was moving.' Johnson said, 'It moved down, then to the left and the right.'"

"Johnson called his wife to come down, and she watched it for a while."

"'She told me to be careful who I call about it, because they would think I was crazy,' he said."

After watching the object for another few minutes, Johnson telephoned the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office.

"'I told them it wasn't an emergency, but I wanted to know if there were any other reports about it. They told me no,' Johnson said."

"Johnson didn't know it but a deputy was dispatched after his first phone call. In his report, the deputy said he drove into the area, scanned the skies and saw nothing but stars. He did not speak with Johnson."

"'I called again and said, 'Please send a car so I can show it to somebody,' Johnson said."

"The deputy was dispatched to the area again, with instructions to speak to the star-gazer at his home."

"When he arrived, Johnson pointed out the light, located to the west..."

"'The deputy said, 'Yeah, it's moving,' Johnson said."

Johnson and the deputy were then joined by two troopers from the Saybrook barracks of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, who also observed the strange light.

"'They were all joking, saying they weren't going to say anything because people will think they were crazy,' Johnson said."

After the officers left, Johnson stayed and watched the UFO a while longer.

"'I watched it go over the trees and out of sight,' he said. 'It just went gradually lower in the sky and disappeared.'"

The UFO 'was moving much faster than the constellations" as it set, Johnson pointed out.

Saybrook is on Ohio Route 64 approximately 55 miles (88 kilometers) east of Cleveland.

"Sheriff Billy Johnson said he believes his deputy 'saw something'" unusual.

"'I'm not going to say there aren't UFOs,' (Sheriff) Johnson said, 'Nobody's come down here and tapped me on the shoulder, but I can't rule out UFOs. All we can do is watch, observe.'" (See the Ashstabula, Ohio Star-Beacon for February 29, 2000, "Resident, troopers, deputy witness strange object moving across the sky," by Diana Lewis, page 1. Many thanks to Kenneth Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for forwarding the newspaper story.)

NEW DETAILS IN THE PALOS
HILLS UFO/CHEMTRAILS CASE

Not since the great Arizona UFO flap of 1997 has a UFO Roundup story generated as much interest

and excitement as last week's report from Palos Hills, Illinois, just south of Chicago.

To briefly recap, between 3:30 and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, our source, known as "the Public Eye," using a Model 2700 Vivitar Digital Camera, was out photographing the thick contrails known as "chemtrails" when the camera picked up images of dark UFOs in the sunny sky.

Due to a transcription error, UFO Roundup readers were unable to access the Eye's website. The correct URLs for the two photographs are <http://www.palos-hills.com/contrails/022900/27.jpg> and <http://www.palos-hills.com/contrails/022900/29.jpg>

The Public Eye is a 40-something male Chicago area resident who first began collecting photos of the mysterious and controversial chemtrails back in October 1999. He agreed to be interviewed by UFO Roundup.

"It was a sunny day and aircraft were shining brightly in the sky," he reported. "I took the photographs myself. As you can see, the objects appear to be black in color and non-reflective."

"The reason the photos were being taken was to document the chem/contrails."

Asked when he first become interested in the chemtrails, the Eye responded, "My interest was piqued by the reports on the Internet a year and a half ago. Then looking out my window and seeing the same things. Reading reports of 'substances' being found on driveways and rooftops."

The Public Eye added that he had found a similar "substance/goop" on his driveway about five years ago.

"I can assure you that this is no hoax," he added, "The photos on the site are not re-touched in any way."

"I would really like to hear from anyone else who has seen something similar to what I sighted in my photo." (Email Interview)

GALILEO/CASSINI TEAM-UP SET FOR LATER THIS YEAR

On Friday, March 10, 2000, NASA announced that the robot spacecraft Galileo will team up with the Saturn-bound spacecraft Cassini "for observations of the planet Jupiter later this year."

"In addition to the joint observations with Cassini, Galileo's extended mission includes two flybys of Ganymede and possibly other Jovian moons through the rest of the year."

'This extended travel ticket enables us to continue studying Jupiter and its fascinating moons,' Jim Erickson, project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said this week."

"The second extended mission, called the Galileo Millennium Mission," will undertake the joint observations with the \$3.4 billion Cassini spacecraft, now heading for the planet Saturn.

"Cassini will approach Jupiter this December (2000)" to pick up the gravity boost it needs "for a slingshot toward Saturn. The Cassini will observe Jupiter from afar while the Galileo will operate from within the (giant) planet's radiation belt."

"For the first time ever, two spacecraft will simultaneously explore an outer planet," said Dennis Matson of the Cassini Project. "One spacecraft will be outside Jupiter's magnetic envelope, with the other where it can observe the powerful solar wind pressing on the envelope."

The Galileo Millennium Mission will cost an estimated \$12 million.

"NASA has not yet decided how the probe will conclude its extended mission. The spacecraft may crash into Jupiter or its moon Io as a finale." (Many thanks to Steve L. Wilson Sr. for the NASA news release.)

(Editor's Comment: Crash the Galileo!? What a waste! The spacecraft has enough on-board power to keep operating for years. I have a better idea. If

there's enough rocket fuel left in the tanks, why not try to soft-land Galileo on a small, low-gravity moon like Amalthea? If Galileo survives the landing with its instruments intact, we would have the first permanent robot observatory in the outer solar system.)

NEAR SENDS BACK FIRST CLOSE-UP IMAGES OF EROS

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft sent back its first close-up photos of the asteroid Eros last week.

Eros, which was the 433rd asteroid to be discovered by Earth astronomers, is essentially a large mountain drifting through space. Since February 14, it has been orbited by the NEAR. The spacecraft shot its close-up photos from an orbital altitude of 127 miles (204 kilometers) above the asteroid.

"The saddle area displays many interesting structural features. Visible on the left are a series of closely spaced grooves that follow the terrain downslope. Opposite, on the upper right wall, trending toward the back of the saddle, is a permanent ridge. Boulders are visible throughout the range. Features as small as 20 meters (66 feet) are discernible in the image." (Many thanks to Steve L. Wilson Sr. for the NASA news release.)

(Editor's Comment: My geologist friends and I are arguing about those downward-sloping grooves. The Basalt Gang says they're fracture zones. But us renegades think they may be dendritic drainage patterns caused by ancient water erosion. That slope may be sedimentary rock. Boulders are typical outwash features. Often I wonder what my old geology professor would have made of this strange world of Eros.)

from the UFO Files...

1874: OREGON'S DOORWAY TO THE BEYOND

Newport, Oregon (population 9,000), with its bay and waterfront, is one of the most picturesque towns in the USA's Pacific Northwest. It's also the site of one of the strangest disappearance cases on record.

During the 1870s, people in Oregon's Willamette Valley turned Newport into a summer resort. The Ocean House was first built in 1866, and, five years later in 1871, the Abbey House and the Fountain House went up to meet the needs of the summer visitors.

At this time, Newport was still pretty isolated. The Oregon Pacific Railroad, which linked the town to Portland, was not built until the 1890s.

In 1871, the USA's federal government built a lighthouse on a hill overlooking Yaquina Bay, a short distance from town. The beacon operated for three years and was then closed down when a new lighthouse was built three miles to the south at Yaquina Head. When the new lighthouse opened in the spring of 1874, lightkeeper Charles H. Pierce, his wife Sarah and their ten children piled their belongings in a wagon and left the old lighthouse.

The Yaquina Bay Lighthouse "is a single structure. Rather than building a separate light tower, the whale-oil light was placed in a tower above the lightkeeper's living quarters. The clapboard structure is the second-oldest lighthouse in Oregon and the oldest structure of its kind in the state."

About the time the Pierce family was packing to leave the lighthouse, a sloop docked at Newport. The ship's owner, Mr. Trevenard explained that he was sailing up the coast to Coos Bay, Oregon from San Francisco. He was accompanied by his sixteen-year-old daughter, Muriel. However, Muriel was no sailor. She'd had a rough time aboard, afflicted by seasickness, during the cruise up north. And they still had a few days of sailing

ahead before reaching their destination. So Mr. Trevenard "asked the villagers if his daughter could stay in Newport until his return from Coos Bay."

"As was the custom in isolated pioneer settlements, the townspeople agreed to provide shelter for the girl. They assured Trevenard that his daughter could stay at the Yaquina Bay Hotel, an establishment far less grand than the name would imply. The landlady promised that she would be responsible for the young lady's well-being."

"The weeks passed, and Muriel settled comfortably into the community. She made friends easily and showed an artistic flair, spending countless hours at the oceanside sketching the dramatic scenery spread before her."

"The girl was especially friendly with a group of people who had come down from the Willamette Valley to vacation along the coast. The mild weather was ideal for picnics and bonfires at the beach, hikes in the forest and star-gazing at night."

"Late one afternoon," Muriel and her teenaged friends "decided to visit the recently abandoned lighthouse. The hotel landlady had been left in charge of the only key, and she readily loaned it to the young people."

"The youngsters explored the lighthouse, going through the various rooms on the first and second floors, and then climbed to a small room that made up the entire third floor. An iron ladder gave access to the light tower itself, but the way was blocked off."

"However, the teens noticed a closet off the third-floor room. Shelves covered three of the walls, but a fourth wall was bare."

"A young man named Harold Welch, who was particularly smitten with the charming Muriel, noticed that a piece of the wainscoting was loose. When he tugged at it, the boards fell away to disclose an iron door."

Harold let out a soft whistle. "What in blazes is that!?"

"A storeroom, maybe?" another boy guessed.

"Let's see if we can open it," a girl suggested.

With some effort, Harold "was able to remove it, revealing a tunnel about seven or eight feet (2 to 2.5 meters) long. At its end, it appeared to dip downward."

The teens stared in disbelief. Here they were, on the third floor (my emphasis--J.T.), and the door led to a subterranean chamber. It seemed impossible, but there it was. Instead of looking out at an overcast sky and pine forests, the teens found themselves facing a darkly sinister cavern.

"Several of the group laughed nervously about smugglers or pirates using the hidden tunnel for their nefarious purposes."

The teens went back downstairs, leaving the iron door wide open.

"Darkness and a quickly descending fog convinced the group to leave the house. Harold Welch had the key in hand and stayed behind to close a stubborn front door lock. Muriel stayed with him while the others started down the trail toward town."

"At this point, the story takes a most peculiar turn. For some reason never made clear," Muriel asked, "Harry, could you let me back in the house for a minute?"

Harold gave her a surprised look. "What for?"

Showing a rueful expression, Muriel replied, "I left my scarf on the second floor."

"I'll go with you," he offered.

"Don't bother. I'll just be a minute or two," she said, as Harold opened the front door.

"I'll let myself out through the kitchen."

"Harold relocked the front door and walked around to the kitchen. When Muriel didn't appear after several minutes, he rejoined his friends who had, by now, gotten about halfway down the trail. He thought she must have gone on without him."

"Muriel wasn't there."

"They were deciding what to do about the

missing girl when a woman's scream came from the lighthouse."

"Harold led the group at a run up the trail. Once inside the house they looked quickly around the first floor. They found bloodstains that appeared to lead up the main staircase."

"In the third-floor closet the youngsters found Muriel's bloodstained handkerchief near the iron panel."

"Oddly, the wainscoting had been replaced and the iron door could not be jimmed open. (my emphasis--J.T.) Earlier they had left the entrance to the secret tunnel open."

"Newport was alerted, and searches were made of the lighthouse, the ocean beach and the surrounding grounds."

"Muriel Trevenard was never seen again."

The Trevenard case stirred much comment for years. In 1899, Lischen M. Miller, the sister of California poet Joaquin Miller, visited Newport and wrote an account of the girl's mysterious disappearance. A copy of this account is available at the Lincoln County Museum in Newport.

Today the restored Yaquina Bay Lighthouse is open to tours. During the summer, the lighthouse is open every day from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The rest of the year, it's open only on weekends.

But if you do visit, and if you do climb up to the third floor, try not to knock on the iron door and say, "Anybody home?"

You never know what might come out.

(See Historic Haunted America by Michael Norman and Beth Scott, Tor Books, New York, N.Y., 1995, pages 413 to 416. Also Oregon Handbook, Moon Publications, Inc., Chico, CA, 1991, page 102)

Next Week: Aliens in Newport

Today is Saint Urho's Day, which is a holiday here in the Northland and in Finland. It's the day we honor an obscure Ninth Century bishop who reportedly drove the grasshoppers out of Finland, thereby saving the crops.

If you're in Finland, Minnesota this weekend, be sure to drop in at the annual St. Urho's Day Parade, set for Saturday at 2 p.m.

Join us next week for more UFO and paranormal news from around the Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you in seven days.

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In my previous message about CNN, I neglected to mention that Billy Cox, who interviewed Dr. Brandenburg, is a reporter for Florida Today. His article can be accessed at:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/news/people/stories/2000/mar/peo031600a.htm>

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Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

From: James S Mortellaro <docgripple@juno.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 14:16:50 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 08:31:00 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 09:51:56 -0600
>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 09:52:25 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Steven L. Wilson, Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>>Subject: NASA Pulls Back From Mars
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Friday, 17 March, 2000, 13:14 GMT

>>NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>>MPL report will make 'sober reading'

>>By BBC News Online science editor Dr David Whitehouse

>>"The search for life on the Red Planet will have to slow down,"
>>he said, "until people on Earth have worked out how to land on
>>Mars without crashing."

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>celestial navigation while they were concentrating their
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>indifferent to press releases.

Dear Lan, Steve, Errol and Listers;

Back in 1966 I began a career in aerospace, a career which startled the stuffing out me, because I just that year graduated from Manhattan college, I'd NEVER seen a computer, let alone operate one the size of my Electronics Lab at College, never used a calculator (other than a slide rule, because they would not invent one you could use and hold in your hand until the 70's).

In college, I learned how a new device had just been introduced onto our field of dreams. It was called a transistor. Woof! IC's? Ah, whassat?

In light of this higher education, I had a hand in watching spacecraft fly missions throughout the solar system, swinging by all the planets often using nothing more than inertia wheels and low thrust dry nitrogen gas, mostly inertia wheels winding up and down to move the platform.

Yet in spite of all that low technology, Voyager and spacecraft like it are still out there blasting their micro, micro, micro, micro watts of power to us from way out there, on target out beyond Pluto.

Gimme a break. I retired just a few years ago after a not so

shabby career in aerospace and very high technology. NASA lost the formula a while back. It may have been just before Challenger. Likely, it was long before. What NASA gave up was the kind of _expensive_ but necessary quality control, not just technology, but the level of care and concern that made NASA the hero of this little boy watching "Futureland" on the ABC TV "Walt Disney" shows and not even caring that my hero had worked for Uncle Addy.

Face it. It is just not there any more. It's a sign of the times. Give it up if it costs more. Make it in a place where they make less than a buck

a day and buy it from the Mongolians after we GIVE them the technology.

"Nuts!" to NASA and "Nuts!" to anyone applauding them for doing what they should've done mucho years ago. Pay attention to detail and stand by until they got it right.

Oh, and learn the difference between a mile and a kilometer. Cheeses, how could I forget?

And since it has taken a while ,allow me the pleasure of asking the following question. Why have my sales of Grippl slowed to a drippl? C'mon folks, I need the money.

Jim

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From: **Steven L. Wilson Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 16:04:17 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 08:36:03 -0500
Subject: Disk Shoots Object at Indiana UFO Researcher

The Sentinel Files
"Always Watching the Skies"

Disk Shoots Object at Indiana UFO Researcher

-- By Lynn Taylor

On Sunday, March 12, 2000, at approximately 8:30 PM, John Tosti, a fellow UFO researcher, spotted two illuminated objects outside his home near Smithville*, Indiana. John indicated that the objects were hovering silently just above a nearby tree line. He was in the process of videotaping them when two more objects appeared from out of nowhere, also with no accompanying sound. Less than a quarter of a mile distant, John could make out their outline of the second pair, and described them as, "huge disks." He commented that they had, what looked like, "headlights" shining out from them.

At that point, John turned his attention and his video camera toward the new arrivals. He was still taping when a small yellowish object "shot out" of one of the disks, straight toward him. "That kind of scared me," John said.

Then, as suddenly as the large disks appeared, they "blinked out" and were gone. When he looked around for the first two objects, they were nowhere to be found.

After the sighting, John noted the appearance of helicopters and interceptor jets in the area.

Later, a cursory review of the videotape revealed the smaller object in three frames as it was being expelled from the disk.

John's videotape is currently under analysis, and copies have been made and stored elsewhere for security reasons.

(Note: March is historically been the most active month for UFOs in South-central Indiana.)

* Smithville is located eight miles south of Bloomington, and about sixty-five miles south of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

From: **Tim D. Brigham** <TBrigham@ksinc.net>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 17:02:30 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 08:39:31 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 16:08:11 -0700
>From: Patrick Bailey <pgb@padrak.com>
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>Back to Bud and basketball (for most of you...)...

Wow, and all this time some of us were silly enough to be
careful in tossing about words like 'fact' and 'conclusive.'
Over and over, I see more resemblance between the 'believers'
and the 'debunkers' than I would like to admit. But thank
goodness for the champions of humanity. While most folks waste
their time on beer and sports, others champion the cause and

fight like warriors for The Truth(tm)! Those who don't yet believe are obviously just in denial, or employed by the government as part o the conspiracy (how bout a bloody conspiracy to fix the feckin pothole in front o my house while we're at it?) The homeless? feh! World hunger? bah! Those are just wastes of time. The true heroes face the daily battle of an invasion of men from [insert token star system here] who are stealing away millions of people in the night! They fight for truth and attempt to awaken the human race! Hm, if I was a cynic (and what the hell, I am) I might say that in some cases this is a belief system that serves the purpose of giving comfort and the illusion of meaning to the lives of those involved.

It seems, human beings have a real fear of not knowing the damned answers to everything. They'd gladly be wrong or jump the gun, just for the comfort of not having to NOT know. While the brave folks who fight for truth and light, or whatever else, think they are heroes, I'd prefer to think it takes more guts to admit you don't know what the hell the answers (or even the questions) might be. Keep your mind open, no matter what the answers may be, and whether you like them or not. Whether they end up making you feel like the victim of a galactic conspiracy, a champion of the human race, or maybe, just possibly, alone and as common as everyone else on a 'pale blue dot.'

Preserve yer ambiguity.

And to you, Mr. Quixote, I say, keep on fighting those windmills.

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"Better to go hungry than to feast on lies."
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Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

From: Paul Wittry <ppw3@home.com>
Date: Sat Mar 18 15:43:03 -0800 (PST) 2000
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 08:47:06 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 16:08:11 -0700
>From: Patrick Bailey <pgb@padrak.com>
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!
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>Phoenix?...

Hi Patrick, and All,

OK Patrick, you got me what _IS_ being "buried near or under
Phoenix?..." I'm sure you would liket to elaborate on this,
wouldn't you?

Thanks,

Paul

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Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 19:39:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 08:48:30 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 09:51:56 -0600
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>indifferent to press releases.

I think the point is that the Viking landers were designed,
built, and implemented by a system that was far more
comprehensive than was the case during the recent failures.
While the Mars Rover was a major success, the two major failures
last year have caused NASA to rethink its approach to space
exploration.

I think that it serves little purpose to point fingers and lay
blame, but NASA has learned a hard lesson that they can't manage
space programs on a limited budget. Of course, funding is a
problem for the Space Agency, and there's little political
desire to pour money into the program without tangible results
in the foreseeable future.

We will probably see greater involvement by private corporations
in the area of space flight, and in the end that may be the key
to getting the proposed International Space Station into orbit.

My 2-cents.

Steve

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Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 04:28:15 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 08:57:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?

>Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 09:41:44 -0600
>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 02:48:46 +0100 (MET)
>>From: Henny van der Pluijm <hvdp@worldonline.nl>
>>Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Whether CNN has edited an image of Mars I don't know.

>CNN did not edit the image; the Catbox "enhancement" released to
>the news media on April 6, 1998 was doctored by persons unknown
>at JPL. It is not a raw image as Holliman supposed; it was a
>heavily processed fraud.

>>Whether CNN has edited an image of Mars I don't know. I do know
>>that CNN has admitted that military persons were employed by CNN
>>during the Kosovo conflict. Obviously communication specialists,
>>they were working for CNN as so called "interns. In other words,
>>there is evidence that CNN does cooperate with authorities when
>>asked to.

>I suspect that the deletion of Holliman's article was not the
>work of a CIA plant or anything like that. What I think may have
>happened is that someone at JPL called CNN up expressing
>displeasure with the negative tone of Hollimans initial article
>on the MGS image and that CNN then obligingly deleted it. In the
>old days before the Watergate Scandal, White House journalists
>were reluctant to print negative articles on Presidents because
>it could mean losing their inside sources of information at the
>White House. Media deference to the White House is past history,
>now, but it seems to still be a major factor in press relations
>with other official entities.

>There are still a few welcome exceptions to the media's
>obsequious treatment of JPL, however. Reporter Billy Cox
>occasionally writes something that will ruffle JPL's feathers,
>like his recent article on the connection of the Mission to Mars
>movie and the actual Cydonia research, in which he quotes plasma
>physicist Dr. John Brandenburg as stating:

>"I have it on excellent authority that JPL wants no major
>discoveries on Mars because they oppose manned landings. They
>want to keep it an academic exercise," Brandenburg charges.
>"Mars needs to be turned over to Johnson Space Center in
>Houston."

Hello all:

Just a simple question here.

Is it entirely necessary to send men to Mars just to bring back
some precious rocks?

Rocks, sand and alluvia would speak volumes about the natural
history of Mars, perhaps even answering our questions about

possible life there... even if it is only ancient long extinct microbes.

How hard can it be to devise design some sort of scooping mechanism, on a lander that can take off again and bring the evidence back?

As for the cost, its not even beer money when divided among hundreds of millions of taxpayers.

The technical difficulties are probably solvable. The messiest part seems to be political.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 20:22:14 -0800
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 09:02:49 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

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Well, it may very well be that the 'flares' are another
Triangle, no argument here. But, the Govn't explanation however
thin, is the one that the public-for the most part - buys.

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Try halfway between Flagstaff and Prescott - there is a nuclear

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warhead storage area; this miserable little Restricted Area that is almost as jealously guarded as Area 51. It's on the map on sectionals and WAC charts. This whole flap started in Prescott, I recall, any details from "up in yonder Sierry Petes"* that have since been added?

GT McCoy

*Sierra Prieta mountian range made famous by various Cowboy Poets.

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Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Grant Cameron

From: **EBK**
Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 15:03:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 15:03:48 -0500
Subject: Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Grant Cameron

Tonight on 'Strange Days... Indeed'

/// Grant Cameron

One of Canada's leading authorities on Wilbert B. Smith.

Our guest tonight became involved in UFOs during an extended flap of sightings in Carman, Manitoba. While interviewing witnesses in the town he had a number of sightings of the object. (Given the name Charlie-Red-Star.)

In 1976 and 1977 he researched a series of small objects (monitors) that appeared on the ground in the Carman area. This included over 100 field trips to the area... recording of the objects... and interviewing witnesses.

One of the witnesses to the Carman events was a radar technician with the Canadian Department Of Transport who had in the 50s worked with the late Wilbert B. Smith at the Canadian Department of Communications. He was encouraged to study what Smith had done, and the radar technician directed him to a number of people who had worked with and for Smith.

All through the 1980s our guest reviewed documents related to Smith... travelling to interview both the inner and outer circle of people who had contact with Wilbert Smith when he was conducting his UFO investigations for the Canadian Government.

The work on Smith led to a live witness and to the inner workings of the US government UFO situation - Dr. Eric Walker - Former President of Penn State University.

In the late 80s he co-authored a book titled 'UFOs, MJ-12, And The Government' with T. Scott Crain. This book detailed the work of Wilbert Smith, and Dr. Walker's disclosures about MJ-12 and the inner working of what the Government actually knew.

He's had only spotty interest in the field during the 90s. At present he's researching the "Evil Alien versus Good Alien" debate... and comparing the Wilbert Smith revelations of the 1950s to what present researchers and evidence are indicating.

Grant also attended the recent Laughlin, Nevada UFO Congress and we'll also be discussing his impressions of several of the speakers, including Reed/Raif, Steven Greer, John Carpenter, Larry Warren and Daniel Sheehan. [Yes, _that_ Daniel Sheehan!]

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Re: Water on Mars?

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 10:39:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 15:30:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Water on Mars?

>Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 20:21:38 -0500 (EST)
>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>Subject: Water on Mars?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Given the NASA news reports about recently discovered canals on
>Mars, I would like to hear comments from the list on how these
>canals might have been formed.

There are no "canals" in the findings. Only eroded channels
produced by natural flood and water flow.

>I find it somewhat amusing that planetary scientists will, on
>the one hand, scoff at the interpretation of the Cydonia region
>as containing artificial structures, while on the other hand,
>exclaim that the valleys and crevices seen on the Martian
>surface must have been due to liquid water.

The presence of liquid water does not necessitate the
development of life or intelligence, so what's the problem?

>In both cases, the human brain is trying to make sense out of
>visual clues. However, a little analysis is in order.

The resolution of the images is sufficient to identify the
geometry of the channels at a level which shows that they are
natural analogues to those on earth. In addition, the recent
photos of Cydonia have equally clearly shown those to be
geologic features - unusual ones taken out of context, but not
that strange compared to the rest of Mars.

>I have not heard of any planetary scientist consider that fact
>that the mass of Mars could never support the atmosphere
>required for the surface barometric pressure to allow liquid
>water to exist. Liquid water is extremely volatile, if it
>exists at all, at less than 10 millibar of pressure. That is a
>fact of thermodynamics. How could a "heavier" atmosphere exist
>without additional planetary mass?

In the early history of Mars, outgassing, through volcanism and
other processes, was probably sufficient to counteract
atmospheric escape. It has also been considered that impacts
such as that which formed the Argyre basin would potentially
eject a certain portion of that primordial atmosphere.

Currently, liquid water cannot exist on the Martian surface,
and, indeed, it does not. Many of the remnant geologic features
on Mars which suggest the former presence of liquid water could
be formed by volcanically triggered melting of ice and
permafrost deposits.

I strongly recommend you read "Mars" (U of AZ, Kieffer et al)
and "The Surface of Mars" (Carr) before leaping to conclusions
about Martian features.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
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Have We Missed Signs Of Life On Mars?

From: **Steven L. Wilson, Sr** <Ndunlks@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 15:34:05 -0500
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Have we missed signs of life on Mars?

The surface of Mars could be littered with the chemical residues of life. Previous missions to the planet were simply not equipped to detect them, researchers claim.

The Viking spacecraft, which landed on Mars nearly 25 years ago, failed to find any signs of organic molecules, dashing hopes of detecting traces of life-modern or ancient-on the surface. Scientists have since assumed that the harsh oxidising environment on the surface would destroy such molecules and that future missions will have to drill into the ground to find them.

But the chemistry of Mars could have altered organic molecules in a number of complex ways, says Steven Benner, a chemist and Mars exploration consultant at the University of Florida in Gainesville. "There are some people who can look at music scores and see the chords," he says, "and there is a similar talent for guessing what the products of organic reactions will be under certain conditions."

The Martian surface is thought to be highly oxidising because it is exposed to the Sun's ultraviolet rays. This high-energy bombardment splits water molecules into hydrogen, and hydroxyl radicals which can oxidise organic compounds directly or combine to form hydrogen peroxide, a powerful oxidising agent.

Far from destroying all organic molecules, however, these agents may react with some of them to form stable compounds, say Benner and his colleagues. They considered how hydroxyl radicals and peroxides would react with the five most abundant types of organic compound found in meteorites, including aromatic compounds such as naphthalene and kerogen, as well as alcohols and simple hydrocarbons.

Although these compounds undergo different reactions, the researchers found that the first relatively stable product of each is a carboxylic acid. These could accumulate in the soil-acetic acid, for example, should oxidise 100 times more slowly than ethanol under the assumed Martian soil conditions. Even complex carboxylic acids containing benzene rings should be much more stable than anything preceding them, they say.

But even if carboxylic acids were abundant, the two Viking landers would not have detected them. To look for organics, the spacecraft heated a scoop of soil to 500 °C for 30 seconds and

ran the volatile products through a gas spectrometer. But carboxylic acids take longer to vaporise.

"If they had heated it for 10 to 20 minutes, they would have seen what we are predicting is there," Benner claims. And if traces of organic compounds from non-living sources such as meteorites can survive on Mars, then so might traces of compounds created by life.

"The question of organics is not closed," agrees Christopher McKay, a space scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in California. Even if the missing Polar Lander had reached its destination safely, it would not have been able to heat its oven for much longer than Viking, he says.

McKay says Martian soil samples should be brought back to Earth so ideas like Benner's can be tested quickly. "I'm a big fan of bringing the dirt home."

Author: Jonathan Knight

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Fwd Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 15:37:01 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 14:16:50 -0500
>From: James S Mortellaro <docgripple@juno.com>
>Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 09:51:56 -0600
>>From: Lan Fleming <apollo18@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 09:52:25 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Steven L. Wilson, Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>>>Subject: NASA Pulls Back From Mars
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Friday, 17 March, 2000, 13:14 GMT

>>>NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>>>MPL report will make 'sober reading'

>>>By BBC News Online science editor Dr David Whitehouse

>>>"The search for life on the Red Planet will have to slow down,"
>>>he said, "until people on Earth have worked out how to land on
>>>Mars without crashing."

<snip>

James S Mortellaro responds:

>Dear Lan, Steve, Errol and Listers;
>
>Back in 1966 I began a career in aerospace ...

<snip>

>Gimme a break. I retired just a few years ago after a not so
>shabby career in aerospace and very high technology. NASA lost
>the formula a while back. It may have been just before
>Challenger. Likely, it was long before. What NASA gave up was
>the kind of expensive but necessary quality control, not just
>technology, but the level of care and concern that made NASA the
>hero of this little boy watching "Futureland" on the ABC TV
>"Walt Disney" shows and not even caring that my hero had worked
>for Uncle Addy.

>Face it. It is just not there any more. It's a sign of the
>times. Give it up if it costs more. Make it in a place where
>they make less than a buck a day and buy it from the Mongolians
>after we GIVE them the technology.

>"Nuts!" to NASA and "Nuts!" to anyone applauding them for doing
>what they should've done mucho years ago. Pay attention to
>detail and stand by until they got it right.

Would that be peanuts, pistachios or pecans? My favorite are
Brazil Nuts. :)

>Oh, and learn the difference between a mile and a kilometer.
>Cheeses, how could I forget?

I think the actual problem was caused by using Pound-Seconds instead of Newton-Seconds. Not quite so obvious as kilometers and miles.

If one is to be critical of NASA, lets hear more specific, constructive criticism. Afterall, NASA has done more to further space exploration to date than any other government or agency.

That is not to say that NASA doesn't have problems. Obviously they do, but NASA is made up of imperfect humans and our space technology is still immature. They admit this and are slowing down to be sure of future successes. I applaud this.

Given the turnover in engineers over the last 30 years, I'm not suprised if some of the lessons learned in the past need to be relearned. But remember that successful Space Exploration is a very complex, difficult, challenging and expensive task.

IMHO, we are fortunate not to have had more mishaps.

Tim Haley

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Interstellar Travel Possible?

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 08:00:40 -0500
Subject: Interstellar Travel Possible?

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Astronomy

Interstellar Travel

The advent of interstellar travel would herald the changing of astronomy from an observational science into an experimental one! Future astronomers may prefer careers in the starfleet rather than being stuck on Earth in Universities!

The problems involved in reaching the stars are almost impossible to understate. Scientists have sent probes to eight of the nine planets in our solar system and have developed the fastest moving man made objects in the process. If those same probes were to be launched to the stars, however, they would take thousands of years to reach them! The distances to the stars are huge So huge, in fact, that the light from the nearest star to the Sun, a triple star system known as Alpha, Beta and Proxima Centauri, takes over four and a quarter years to get here. Since, according to special relativity, nothing in the universe can travel faster than the speed of light, it would seem that travel times with even the most advanced starships are going to be extremely long indeed.

To overcome this, many scientists have thought that future astronauts will have to be placed in suspended animation. This means that their bodies' metabolisms will be slowed down so that they fall unconscious. Computers will then monitor them constantly and maintain their life signs so that their bodies age very slowly. Many years will pass as the starship automatically travels to its destination and, upon arrival, the crew will be awoken. Such a concept is known as a sleeper ship.

An alternative to this idea is that the crew live normal lives aboard the starship. This normal life will include having children and as the original astronauts age and die, the children will grow up and be trained to operate the starship. In this way, when the ship finally arrives at its destination, a whole new generation of humans, who were not even born when the starship left Earth, will be running the ship. These designs are known as generation ships.

Propulsion systems are still in the theoretical stage at the moment. Chemical engines, such as are on the space shuttle, are not powerful enough to provide the thrust necessary for interstellar travel. One idea is that nuclear bombs are detonated behind the starship in order to push it along! Another idea is to use powerful lasers and huge collecting mirrors. In the same way that sailing ships use sails to collect the wind so these starships would use mirrors to collect the photons of light. The radiation pressure of the photons would then propel the starship.

There are also highly exotic ideas which lie on the tantalising fringes of modern theoretical physics. If the universe is a multidimensional place with human beings only able to perceive three dimensions, perhaps a way can be found to shortcut through the 'higher' dimensions. These so-called worm holes are currently having their mathematics calculated by the theorists but if they can be utilised for travel then perhaps the entire universe will become accessible to us. Travelling to different planets may take no more time than travelling to different countries does now!

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Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 15:22:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 08:02:49 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars

>Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 19:39:44 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: NASA Pulls Back From Mars
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>I think the point is that the Viking landers were designed,
>built, and implemented by a system that was far more
>comprehensive than was the case during the recent failures.

The problem was not technological; it was managerial. It should be possible to replicate the success of the Viking missions of a quarter century ago at a fraction of the cost with current technology.

>I think that it serves little purpose to point fingers and lay
>blame,

I think it serves a very useful purpose to hold people accountable who are responsible for failures that were totally avoidable. That was certainly the case for the Climate Orbiter if not the Polar Lander.

>but NASA has learned a hard lesson that they can't manage
>space programs on a limited budget.

What NASA may have learned that's most important is that JPL can no longer be trusted to manage Mars missions. Reportedly, NASA is going to hire a new director of robotic Mars missions who will report to Goddard Spaceflight Center, not to JPL. The release of the badly doctored "Face" image was an obvious warning sign that JPL management was willing to cut corners to suit its own agenda. Exactly the same attitude could well have been the primary factor in the loss of the two Mars probes.

JPL is treated as some infallible priesthood whose proclamations on Cydonia must be accepted without question, but when they goof up big time, the excuse is "space flight is difficult and even rocket scientists make mistakes sometimes because they're only human." Yes, they're only human, and like all organizations comprised of humans, they tend to become arrogant, complacent, and self-serving when allowed to operate without any oversight or public scrutiny for long periods of time. I think that's exactly what has happened.

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From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 15:52:27 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 08:10:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Water on Mars?

>Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 10:39:13 -0500
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>Subject: Re: Water on Mars?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>geometry of the channels at a level which shows that they are
>natural analogues to those on earth.

Very likely true.

>In addition, the recent
>photos of Cydonia have equally clearly shown those to be
>geologic features - unusual ones taken out of context, but not
>that strange compared to the rest of Mars.

This has not been shown to be true at all. The morphology of the "Face" does not conform to that of any terrestrial analogue that I am aware of. I posted a web page showing how the MGS Face image (the raw image, not the phony JPL enhancement) compares to aerial views of a mesa, which is the closest thing to a terrestrial analogue, and to an eroded earthwork structure built by Pre-Columbian American Indians. The web page is at

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/mars/structcmp/structcmp.htm>

I don't claim that the MGS image proves the Face is artificial, but I don't see how anyone can seriously claim that it proves it is not unless they come up with examples of natural structures that are at least vaguely similar to the Face. Clearly, the Face is much more similar in the symmetry and regularity of its overall shape to the Indian structure than to the mesa. The Indian mound, of course, lacks the features suggestive of a nose and nostrils on the Face as shown by the MGS image.

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>and, indeed, it does not. Many of the remnant geologic features
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>be formed by volcanically triggered melting of ice and
>permafrost deposits.

That is the conventional wisdom, but Dr. Gil Levin, the principal investigator of the Viking Labeled Release biological experiment, thinks the conventional wisdom is wrong. The paper that was published in the SPIE '98 proceedings explains why. Levin put the paper on his web site at:

<http://www.biospherics.com/mars/spie2/spie98.htm>

Levin argues, in part, that results from the Pathfinder mission indicate that water vapor tends to be concentrated near the surface of Mars, not scattered throughout the martian atmosphere as previously assumed, and that small amounts of liquid water may be possible under some conditions, even today.

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 08:15:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Water on Mars?

>Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 10:39:13 -0500
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>Subject: Re: Water on Mars?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 20:21:38 -0500 (EST)
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>>Mars, I would like to hear comments from the list on how these
>>canals might have been formed.

>There are no "canals" in the findings. Only eroded channels
>produced by natural flood and water flow.

I don't see the difference but if you insist, then substitute
"channels" for "canals"

>>I find it somewhat amusing that planetary scientists will, on
>>the one hand, scoff at the interpretation of the Cydonia region
>>as containing artificial structures, while on the other hand,
>>exclaim that the valleys and crevices seen on the Martian
>>surface must have been due to liquid water.

>The presence of liquid water does not necessitate the
>development of life or intelligence, so what's the problem?

You misunderstood me. My point is that both those who claim
that Cydonia is artificial and those who claim "channels" were
caused by water are basing their claims on visual evidence only.

It is amusing to me that planetary scientists scoff at
individuals who believe from observation that Cydonia is
artificial yet those same planetary scientists believe from
observation that water caused the "channels". I wasn't trying to
connect the two topics in any other way.

I do not profess that Cydonia is artificial nor that water
didn't cause the channels. But if water did cause the channels,
someone needs to explain in a convincing way how liquid water
could exist on a planet with such low mass.

There is a lot of speculation of how Mars was once like Earth. I
don't believe that is possible.

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>>visual clues. However, a little analysis is in order.

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>geometry of the channels at a level which shows that they are
>natural analogues to those on earth.

If I'm not mistaken, I think the "channels" on Mars are much
deeper and longer than those on Earth. So why do you say that
they are natural analogues to those on Earth?

>>I have not heard of any planetary scientist consider that fact

>>that the mass of Mars could never support the atmosphere
>>required for the surface barometric pressure to allow liquid
>>water to exist. Liquid water is extremely volatile, if it
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>other processes, was probably sufficient to counteract
>atmospheric escape. It has also been considered that impacts
>such as that which formed the Argyre basin would potentially
>eject a certain portion of that primordial atmosphere.

Probably sufficient? What does that mean?

How does ejection of a certain portion of the primordial
atmosphere increase the barometric pressure? I would think that
would lessen the barometric pressure.

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True, but again at 10 millibar, liquid water isn't going to stay
around very long and certainly not long enough to cause the deep
long "channels" that has been observed.

>I strongly recommend you read "Mars" (U of AZ, Kieffer et al)
>and "The Surface of Mars" (Carr) before leaping to
>conclusions about Martian features.

Thanks for the recommendation. I assume that it is written with
the same close minded viewpoint as those scientists who "know"
for a fact that water created the "channels".

BTW, I never leapt to conclusions. I simply wanted a specific
explanation of how liquid water could exist long enough to cause
the "channels". I still haven't heard one.

Given only observations from an orbiting satellite, who is it
really that is leaping to conclusions?

I apologize if my original post offended you in some way.

Cheers,

Tim Haley

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Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?

>Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 04:28:15 -0800
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Subject: Re: Is CNN Editing Reality?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Just a simple question here.

>Is it entirely necessary to send men to Mars just to bring back
>some precious rocks?

>Rocks, sand and alluvia would speak volumes about the natural
>history of Mars, perhaps even answering our questions about
>possible life there... even if it is only ancient long extinct
>microbes.

>How hard can it be to devise design some sort of scooping
>mechanism, on a lander that can take off again and bring the
>evidence back?

>As for the cost, its not even beer money when divided among
>hundreds of millions of taxpayers.

That's exactly what NASA had planned to do. But since the
double-header calamities of the Mars Polar Lander and the
Climate Orbiter, all such plans are on hold. The sample return
mission and most of the other scheduled Mars missions planned
for this decade will probably be delayed until the next decade.

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What about photos of an active geyser of some kind, which I have seen in a publication put out by Vincent Depietro?

My friend purchased the publication; I don't remember the title of it, but there were some interesting surface shots of the features of Mars, including what looks like a puff of smoke or vapor.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Disney's Alien Encounter Show

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Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 08:32:41 -0500
Subject: Disney's Alien Encounter Show

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MICKEY MOUSE CONQUERS THE MARTIANS

Disney tells us the truth about UFO`s.

By Mark Pilkington
markp@syzygy.co.uk

A glowing object flies across the television screen. "This is not swamp gas. It is not a flock of birds. This is an actual spacecraft piloted by alien intelligence - one sighting from tens of thousands made over the last 50 years on virtually every continent on the globe. Intelligent life from distant galaxies is now attempting to make open contact with the human race and tonight we'll show you the evidence."

So began Disney's hour long Alien Encounters special, aired across America in February and March of 1995, written and produced by Andy Thomas, a freelancer who has produced Cops and a UFO "believer". This came soon after DisneyWorld Florida had hosted a two week "UFO Summit", running from January 23 to February 17, as part of the preparations for the opening of a remodelled "New Tomorrowland". Strangely, although the summit was organized by UFO magazine's Don Ecker and featured such luminaries as Budd Hopkins, Clifford Stone and George Knapp, there was no public announcement prior to the conference and no announcements made to UFO groups or other media. That the "Alien Encounters" show was aired so soon after the summit makes it extremely unlikely that its purpose was to discuss the programme's content, so this meeting and its intentions currently remain a mystery of sorts; naturally this has had the conspiracists ruminating furiously.

The TV special, hosted by Robert Urich (star of "Vegas") was presented as a serious examination of the modern UFO mystery and an expose of the U.S. government's cover-up of what it knows about the phenomenon. It also served to promote the new "Alien Encounters" attraction, which opens this summer at Disney World Florida and, as far as I could make out, purports to simulate a UFO encounter and abduction, presumably by the "Grays". What are the motives behind this programme and the ride it is previewing? How did Disney get involved in the murky world of UFOs? Is it just cashing in on a phenomenon that is now attracting more public and media attention; a subject already saturated with magic and mystery and only too ripe for the Disney treatment? Or is it somehow involved at a deeper level, breaking the waters for something, or someone, else? A closer look at the programme and, ideally, a ride on the simulation itself should give us some clues.

After the opening sequence the show opened with an introduction by Disney co-chairman Michael Eisner himself, standing in front of an official looking building, surrounded by heavily armed paramilitary types. Saying something like "Let's take a look inside...", he steps towards the building only to be halted by the guards and their weapons; jokingly he says "Well, perhaps

not" and smiles conspiratorially. This ambiguous opening set the tone well for what was to be an extremely ambiguous programme; an intriguing mix of fact and fiction unhesitatingly presented as hard truth.

Throughout the show Urich waved unconvincing-looking, Hollywood style "government reports" in front of the camera and spoke repeatedly of the government's "imminent" revelation of what it knows about UFOs and of the "inevitable" encounters we were soon to experience. Was he talking about the new ride? What does he, or Disney, know that we don't? Much decent film footage was shown; some old, some new, including the "Guardian" footage of a landing UFO and its occupant skulking in a field. This Canadian video actually showed a blurry model helicopter and a guy in a bad mask. It was revealed to be a hoax in UFO Magazine (co-sponsor of the Alien Summit at Disney World) and on Fox's "Sightings", shown several months prior to the Alien Encounters programme. Other footage of note was: previously unseen (according to Urich) film of secret experimental disc-shaped craft from the '50's and '60's, all made to look ridiculously unflightworthy; mysterious lights zipping around over the White House, presumably intended to be from the famous cases of 1952; and, perhaps most interesting of all, a short scene of soldiers turning over a ragged-looking silver disc-shaped object.

This fragment was shown more than once, in the context of the Roswell incident and government cover-ups; it was black and white footage, looked old and grainy and the military uniforms looked like those used around WW2 (not that I'm an expert on the subject, though I have seen plenty of war footage). The object looked lightweight, easily lifted by a few men, and appeared to be covered in torn tin foil, thus fitting descriptions made by Roswell witnesses. At the time false rumours were being circulated that Steven Spielberg had acquired military film showing a crashed flying disc and alien bodies, and that he was to use the footage in a film about Roswell and Area 51. In fact the real story concerned a German researcher, Volker Spielberg, and what was soon to become the infamous Santilli autopsy film. Whether there is any sort of Disney connection between the footage shown in the Alien Encounters programme and Santilli's film is open to question, though the timing of the two releases certainly coincided quite conveniently, presumably for both parties.

Presented in Alien Encounters as proof of the government's involvement in the UFO mystery were the hotly debated MJ-12 documents, the shaky foundations upon which so much of the current cover-up mythology rests. During the programme no arguments were presented against the documents' authenticity. This is not the place to argue the pros and cons of the MJ-12 debate, save to say that there is plenty of evidence to support both sides; to me, however, they are clearly classic disinformation: parts of them do seem to mention real events, whilst others are clearly faked. If the documents were disseminated in the hope of sending the UFO community off on a wild goose chase and discrediting those involved in the affair, then they have proved at least partially successful. So why are they being dredged up now by Disney?

So now that Alien Encounters has firmly established the reality of UFOs, a context is set; a context of abduction and, ultimately invasion. First of all we are told of bacteria and microbes that have come to earth from space and have been analyzed by scientists for years. At the time NASA had made no mention of the Martian Microbes that hit the headlines in July of this year (1996), and very few people knew of the meteorite's existence. Is this what Disney was referring to? Urich, intercut with scenes of hard working scientists, posited that these alien microbes might take the form of an advanced guard, sending information about us and our planet across the galaxies to be picked up by whoever sent them.

So why were they sent? Budd Hopkins, interviewed next along with some frightened abductees was here to tell us. The aliens, the "Grays" as they are affectionately known, want our DNA, our sperm, our ova, our blood; they retrieve these in a terrifying manner, kidnapping us from our homes and treating us as we treat lab rats and tagged dolphins. This is not a reassuring thing to hear, especially from Walt Disney and the grandfatherly Budd Hopkins. So where were John Mack, Whitley Strieber and all the abductees who have developed meaningful relations with the

"visitors"? The people who see in them something spiritual, transformative and beneficial to mankind. Are they just too weird for Disney TV? Have they been duped into loving their captors? Or do their ideas conflict with the official line? Who are we supposed to believe here?

It seems then that Disney has the following to tell us: UFOs are real; they are extraterrestrial spacecraft flown here by the "Greys" who are conducting long-term genetic breeding experiments on terrified, innocent human beings. The U.S. government (whatever that is) has known about these beings since at least the Roswell incident of 1947 and is about to make public what it has kept secret since then. Talk about telling them what they want to hear! Some of the evidence for these claims was flimsy, such as the MJ-12 documents; some of it was fake, such as the "Guardian"; other, new, evidence was presented without introduction, let alone authentication. All right, so it was a Disney programme aimed at the general public, not the UFO buff, but why did it present the story that it did, and why did it present it as the truth?

There could be a number of possible reasons for this. Least worrying of these is that the whole programme was simply an advert for the new "Alien Encounters" ride. Clearly part of it was, they even share the same name, and moments from the ride were shown repeatedly throughout the show. So Disney ask someone to concoct a show about UFOs for them; this someone happens to be an avid "believer" and isn't too discerning about their sources or the information they uncover; they stick it all together and, just to add flavor, make out that it's all absolutely true. Tim Klein, senior producer for broadcast marketing at Disney says; "The government has nothing to do with the TV show. It's strictly a vehicle to promote the new attraction." So how did they get "secret" military footage? Would the government allow Disney to show them as liars, as having no control over an alien menace? Maybe it is going to release its information and they thought Disney were the best people to prepare us for it; maybe there is going to be a public landing, as the show implies; maybe, maybe, maybe. In the two years since the programme was aired the government has done nothing but further deny that anything extraterrestrial happened at Roswell; all we've had are some crummy microbes on a rock and Independence Day.

So consider this as a less savory hypothesis, bearing in mind that the best disinformation is supposed to contain parts of the truth (like the MJ-12 documents). Disney wants to advertise its new UFO ride so they turn to the government or military, amongst others, for help. The government, or whoever is in charge of UFO research, sees this as a great opportunity to get those pesky researchers and UFO groups off its back by telling them that everything they suspected was true after all. Hell, it could then release a load of official-seeming papers, have the ufologists jump around excitedly (having finally discovered the truth as they wanted to hear it), and take a well earned break from covering up whatever it is they really know- or don't, as the case may be. The government is happy, most of the UFO community is happy and Disney is happy because lots of people want to go on their new ride.

Then there is the paranoid approach. Who better would there be than Disney to create fake crashed UFO and autopsy footage, complete with historic US president; or to stage some sort of mass, public, UFO landing, broadcast around the world as the real thing and causing temporary global hysteria. So the government is "forced" to reveal all its UFO (dis)information and so once again almost everybody is happy. For a while everyone would stay quiet, leaving them to get on with whatever it is they are doing. Maybe they want us to be afraid of the aliens, maybe that suits their needs too. After all isn't their ultimate goal just to keep us under control? And what better control tool is there than fear? Would we still be afraid if we knew the whole truth? Probably. There's a lot of scope for good religion in the UFO mythos, and what better tool is there to control the masses than fear and religion combined?

Perhaps the answer will come as a mixture of all the above. Really all we can do is wait and see, and maybe even then we will never know the full situation. Whatever the case, the media's love affair with UFOs is on again; not a week goes past without some new segment or special on our TV sets. Bill

Clinton's proposal to declassify all government material over 25 years old may also prove interesting. I suspect that we're going to be seeing and hearing a lot more of our mysterious flying friends. The truth is certainly out there, but I doubt it's at Disneyworld.

1 Since most of this piece was written, over a year ago, I have spoken to a well known UFO researcher who has been on the Alien Encounters ride; his experience bore no relation to that reported by the majority of UFO abductees.

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Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 23:30:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 08:35:51 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!

>Date: Sat, 18 Mar 2000 17:02:30 -0600
>From: Tim D. Brigham <TBrigham@ksinc.net>
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 16:08:11 -0700
>>From: Patrick Bailey <pjb@padrak.com>
>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights Were _Not_ flares!
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

The Phoenix researchers had the opportunity to prove or the flare theory. They could have taken home video of the flares, if they were visible. I have heard that there was professional video of the flares. This is not comparable (\$50,000 camera does better than a \$500 camera). Don't know whether a good experiment was carried out.

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 01:19:29 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 08:38:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt

Hi All,

Sorry for the godawful delay in getting this thing rolling but I have been consulting with Nancy Turner (one of the folks involved in the original study) and I wanted to try to duplicate the procedures they followed as closely as possible. As a result of those conversations the following changes have been made to the procedures I outlined in an earlier post.

1. Q-tips (instead of Scotch tape) will be used to gather the samples.
2. Dust samples (Q-tips) will then be placed into baggies, labelled, sealed with tape, and sent directly to Nick Balaskas.
3. Pertinent information will be logged onto a form that will be e-mailed to you (you can print it out on your end) which is to be submitted along with the samples.

Easy as pie.

Your dust samples can be mailed to Nick at:

Nick Balaskas
Physics and Astronomy
York University
132 Lumbers Building
4700 Keele Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3

FAX: (416) 736-5516

The final list for the 'control group' participants is:

1. Jan Aldrich
2. Chris Rutkowski
3. Sean Jones
4. Mike Woods
5. Rebecca Schatte
6. Todd Lemire
7. Brian Cuthbertson
8. GT McCoy
9. Peter Brookesmith
10. S. Miles
11. Laura Miller
12. Mark Cashman
13. Luis R. Gonzales Manso
14. Errol Bruce-Knapp
15. Stanton Friedman

I will contact the abductees and ask them to begin taking and submitting their samples. Look out for an e-mail (by Tuesday) containing a copy of the information form which is to accompany your submission of dust samples. I won't be sending out collection kits as they are not necessary. The items you will need are all 'household items' and should be readily available to all.

I want to thank you all for your time and cooperation. It is appreciated. Who knows? Maybe something 'interesting' will come out of it! :)

Nick, get ready. After they receive the info forms you should begin getting samples in the mail. :) Let's focus on looking for the 'glass-like beads' that the original study discovered.

Any questions? Feel free to contact me privately at:

jvif@spacelab.net

Regards to all,

John Velez

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DESTINATION: SPACE Chat with Carlotto & Nerbun

From: Yvonne Hedenland <Yvonne.Hedenland@email.msn.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 09:36:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 14:16:46 -0500
Subject: DESTINATION: SPACE Chat with Carlotto & Nerbun

D E S T I N A T I O N : S P A C E Chat with Dr. Mark Carlotto and Peter Nerbun

D E S T I N A T I O N : S P A C E
<http://www.solarcafe.com/destinationspace>
Beyond Mission to Mars
Chat with Dr. Mark Carlotto and Peter Nerbun
Tuesday (March 21) at 6pm, PT

Mission to Mars has brought new awareness to the Cydonia anomalies. But what's the reality behind the infamous Face?

According to mathematical computationist Peter Nerbun, the Mars Global Surveyor will be in position to acquire new images of the Cydonia region on March 22nd and again on June 17th and September 13th of this year.

JPL/NASA's website has promised:

"The spacecraft will fly directly over the Cydonia region, where enigmatic features were observed in the Viking mission, a few times during its mapping mission. The Mars Global Surveyor project will announce these imaging opportunities in advance and will post the resultant images on the Internet."

Join imaging expert, Dr. Mark Carlotto - author of The Martian Enigmas and co-author of The Case for the Face - along with Peter Nerbun for a special chat to discuss Nerbun's computations as well as what imaging possibilities that lie ahead for MGS and Martian science.

Please note: this chat will be taking place during the actual imaging session up on Mars, according to Nerbun.

This chat is accessible at:

<http://www.solarcafe.com/destinationspace>

by using either our built in chat page or any IRC client. The chat server name is chat.solarcafe.com and the channel/room name is #planetarium

We look forward to seeing you online.

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Implant Technology

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 10:58:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 14:18:45 -0500
Subject: Implant Technology

Got your implant yet?

<http://www.digitalangel.net/>

Don't be the last one on your block to get your Digital Angel!

Terry

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Re: Dust Bunny Hunt

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 15:03:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 16:56:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 01:19:29 -0500
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Dust Bunny Hunt
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hi All,

Couple of 'corrections.' I wrote:

>Sorry for the godawful delay in getting this thing rolling but I
>have been consulting with Nancy Turner (one of the folks
>involved in the original study) and I wanted to try to duplicate
>the procedures they followed as closely as possible.

1. It's Nancy "Talbot" not Turner. (I was probably thinking of 'Ike.' <lol>)
2. They (BLT) did not conduct a formal "study." I didn't realize the full meaning the term 'study' carries for folks in the academic community.

Both of the above were 'unintentional fouls' and I apologize to Nancy publicly for screwing up her name. Sorry. :)

Participants in the dust bunny hunt should -all- receive a copy of the info form that is to accompany all samples that are submitted by tomorrow night the latest. (Tuesday)

TTY all L,

John Velez, Dumb Bunny ;)

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Cheaper UFO-Like Satellite Substitutes?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 16:33:21 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 17:00:10 -0500
Subject: Cheaper UFO-Like Satellite Substitutes?

Hi everyone.

Motorola, the company which owns the 66 operational Iridium satellites (and a few more in-orbit spares) has thrilled many observers of the twilight skies with the frequent very bright flashes their satellites produce by reflected sunlight. No doubt, some of these flashes were sometimes mistaken as UFOs.

Now this private company, which has recently filed for bankruptcy, plans to do something really incredible. It is making plans to de-orbit all its satellites within the next two years or so, a spectacular fiery end to their multi-billion dollar investment. There must be good business reasons for doing this but to me it doesn't make sense, anymore than when our Canadian Government ordered the destruction of the AVRO Arrows, the best planes in the world at the time and only outperformed by a few, four decades later.

Last weekend I was reading the April 2000 issue of Popular Science. This issue makes mention of a different private company, Sky Station International, and their plans to float giant solar-electric helium filled airships 13 miles above all the world's major cities, with the first 500 foot long airship expected to be in the air by 2002. We may soon have bright football shaped UFO-like objects to amaze us during twilight to replace the brief flashes of light from the Iridium satellites. Unless their presence scares off real UFOs, future UFO sightings over cities will likely be attributed to sightings of these giant airships.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Cheaper UFO-Like Satellite Substitutes?

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 14:26:34 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 09:39:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Cheaper UFO-Like Satellite Substitutes?

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 16:33:21 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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Hello Nick:

As I understand it, the bankrupt Iridium venture is going to use
retro rockets (or something similar) to de-orbit the satellites.
Not as a cost saving measure, but simply to cut down on the space
junk.

It is rare for a bankrupt company to clean up after itself in
such a spectacular fashion.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Implant Technology

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 17:43:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 09:41:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Implant Technology

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 10:58:22 -0500
>From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
>Subject: Implant Technology
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Got your implant yet?

><http://www.digitalangel.net/>

>Don't be the last one on your block to get your Digital Angel!

>Terry

Hi Terry,

The implications of this technology are staggering. Whole books could be written about it and it still wouldn't begin to scratch the surface. Because there is 'so much' to this topic I will aim my bullets carefully. :)

At the website it says:

>Potential Uses of Digital Angel

>Although still in the early developmental stage, we believe
>Digital Angel could have an array of beneficial potential
>applications:

And an "array" of negative ones as well! But this is a 'sales pitch' and they don't want you think about that.

>provide a tamper-proof means of locating and
>identifying individuals for e-business and e-commerce
>security; locate individuals, including children, who are lost
>or who have been abducted; monitor the medical conditions
>of at-risk patients; track and locate military, diplomatic and
>other essential government personnel; determine the location
>or the authenticity of valuable property; track the whereabouts
>of wilderness sports enthusiasts (mountain climbers, hikers,
>skiers, etc.).

All of which are noble and excellent applications. Makes you stop and wonder what a 'Military mind' could do with such technology. :)

John Velez, unwitting Alien 'Digital Angel' customer.

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Extraterrestrial Gases Found In Buckyballs On Earth

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 19:17:51 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 09:43:49 -0500
Subject: Extraterrestrial Gases Found In Buckyballs On Earth

Hi everyone.

Carbon atoms can be packed together in a few different ways to form solid materials with great variations in their chemical and physical properties. For example, pure carbon is found in nature as charcoal, graphite and diamond. One newly discovered and surprisingly very different way carbon atoms can be arranged together is as "buckyballs" which have hollow centers. Now scientists inform us that extraterrestrial gases have been found trapped inside some of these buckyballs. See the forwarded e-mail from NASA's Ames Research Center below for details.

This is just the latest of many such new discoveries where scientists have concluded that the extraterrestrial hypothesis is the best explanation for what they have observed. Maybe if all ufologists make an effort to share more of their UFO observations with scientists, I would not be surprised if they agree with us that many mysterious UFO cases can also be best explained as extraterrestrial too.

When one carefully reads the last few paragraphs of this forwarded e-mail and sees how little science really knows about anything, including the early history of the Earth and our origins, even this extraterrestrial explanation for the unexpected gases found in buckyballs will likely turn out to be the wrong anyways.

Reality is much stranger than what we can even imagine.

Nick Balaskas

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RESEARCHERS DISCOVER EXTRATERRESTRIAL GASES IN BUCKYBALLS

Extraterrestrial gases, including helium, are trapped in "buckyball" molecules in a layer of sedimentary clay found in many places on Earth, according to a paper to be published March 28, 2000, in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The discovery provides a new tool for tracing asteroid and comet impacts in Earth's geological and biological records. A University of Hawaii geochemist and her colleagues, including a NASA scientist, found gases that did not originate on Earth inside buckyballs, or fullerene carbon molecules.

The fullerene molecule is a hollow, cage-like structure typically made of 60 or more carbon atoms; it is also referred to as a "buckyball," in honor of Buckminster Fuller, designer of

the geodesic dome that resembles the molecule.

"We discovered extraterrestrial noble gases trapped inside buckyballs in a one-inch thick sedimentary layer of clay that is exposed at several locations on Earth," said Ted Bunch, a scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in California's Silicon Valley. "The buckyballs containing the gases arrived on Earth about 65 million years ago during an asteroid impact that scientists theorize ended the age of the dinosaurs. The clay layer that formed from fallout of the impact debris was globally distributed," Bunch explained.

Luann Becker, of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI; Robert Poreda, of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY; and Ted Bunch of NASA Ames, discovered the extraterrestrial gases in the fullerenes. An advance copy of the article will be posted on the Internet on March 21 at

<http://www.pnas.org>

"Helium from different sources on Earth, like our atmosphere or the emissions from volcanoes, have a very different isotopic signature from the helium in a meteorite," Becker said. An isotopic signature is the ratio of the isotopes of an element; for example, terrestrial helium consists of a small amount of helium 3 (whose nucleus has two protons and one neutron), and mostly helium 4 that has 2 protons and 2 neutrons. Cosmic helium is mostly helium 3.

"The helium we found within the fullerene cages of Australia's Murchison meteorite, for example, is similar to the helium that existed when our Solar System first formed," Becker stated. That finding points to a cosmic source for the fullerenes, the researchers say. In contrast, molecules formed in the high pressure and temperature of an earthly impact or the heat of wildfires that followed would have encapsulated terrestrial helium, according to the researchers.

They say the finding also supports the theory that atmospheric gases and organic compounds arrived on the Earth's surface during asteroid and comet strikes early in the planet's history when impacts were very numerous. The discovery relates to previous work by Becker and Bunch, published in Nature in July 1999 that first identified naturally occurring fullerenes in a meteorite. The scientists found significant quantities of very large fullerene molecules, some containing as many as 400 carbon atoms, in samples from the 4.6-billion-year-old Allende meteorite that landed in Mexico three decades ago.

The subsequent work examined several Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary clay sediments distributed worldwide, including deposits in Denmark, New Zealand and North America. In each case, the researchers found fullerenes that encapsulated noble gases with unmistakable extraterrestrial and possibly extra-solar isotopic signatures.

The scientists examined the one-inch clay layer because it is a well-studied sediment that contains extraterrestrial iridium and highly shocked minerals resulting from an asteroid impact 65 million years ago. A highly shocked mineral is one that has experienced temperatures of more than 2,000 C and pressures of about 400,000 atmospheres from impact shock. The clay layer documents a period of abrupt change in biological evolution, including mass extinction of the dinosaurs, now generally attributed to the impact of a carbonaceous asteroid with the Earth.

Becker said she hopes to expand the research to examine other periods of mass extinction such as the even more devastating event that formed the 250-million-year-old Permian/Triassic layer of sediment. She added that she hopes to determine if impacts with Earth trigger global change, including whether fullerenes of extraterrestrial origin delivered gases and carbon necessary to establish life on Earth.

"We now have a powerful new tracer to look at sediment layers very carefully," Becker said. "It opens new possibilities in looking at the problem of how planetary atmospheres evolved and maybe even how life evolved on Earth and perhaps on other moons and planets." She said she also hopes to work with astronomers to study the formation of fullerenes. "We have yet to learn why

these things are there and what they tell us about carbon in the universe. We need to figure out how to establish their existence and how to search for it."

Grants from the NASA Cosmochemistry and Exobiology programs supported the research.

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P3N: DoD Search A Sham Declares UFO Group

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 16:42:12 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 09:45:41 -0500
Subject: P3N: DoD Search A Sham Declares UFO Group

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.caus.org/pn032000b.htm>

P3N: PRESS RELEASE: March 20, 2000

Department Of Defense Search A Sham Declares UFO Group

In the ongoing Phoenix, Arizona federal lawsuit, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) vs. the Department of Defense (DoD), Judge Stephen M. McNamee had directed that the DoD provide CAUS with the details of its search for information about a football field-sized triangular aerial object that has been seen by thousands of witnesses for the past twenty years.

On March 17th, the DoD provided that information, submitting three affidavits detailing its search within the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), two of the three components searched within the DoD for the requested information.

Though the Department of Defense had previously stated that they conducted a computerized search of the Joint Chiefs of Staff using "unique identifiers and keywords," the affidavits submitted on Friday referred to the ordinary terms of "UFO, unidentified flying object, spacecraft, alien craft, and flying saucer" as well as some innocuous terms as "big, large, hover, soundless, corner and underneath."

"Not only was the DoD search inadequate and unreasonable, it was a sham. No wonder they conveniently omitted these terms in their original affidavits" declared Peter A. Gersten, attorney and Executive Director for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, the UFO activist group known for its use of the Freedom of Information Act in its pursuit to end all secrecy surrounding these enigmatic craft. "This is proof that the DoD treated the CAUS request as a typical request for UFO information and did not take it seriously."

Even the e-mails sent to the 200 employees of DARPA, Gersten found lacking. "Though the e-mails did include the description of the craft, it did not include either the sketches nor the photo that were also included in the original CAUS request. Instead each employee was told that the photo and sketches were available 'if you need to see them'" stated Gersten. "It is very difficult for me to believe that not one past or present DARPA project even resembled the object described."

None of the responses from DARPA employees were included with the latest affidavits. There was also no mention of the procedure used to search the Defense & Space Operations Division, the third component searched.

Gersten told P3N that he intends to file a response to the new affidavits asking Judge McNamee to deny the Department of Defense's Motion for Summary Judgment. "It is obvious that there are several issues that still should be decided. To dismiss this lawsuit now, knowing that no reasonable search was ever done, would be an injustice and an insult to the spirit and intent of

the Freedom of Information Act as well as all the people who are seeking the truth about these strange objects in our skies."

Gersten will also be asking for another court appearance to argue his latest objections.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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Re: Implant Technology

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 21:40:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:31:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Implant Technology

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 10:58:22 -0500
>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>Subject: Implant Technology
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Got your implant yet?

><http://www.digitalangel.net/>

>Don't be the last one on your block to get your Digital Angel!

Isn't it comforting to know that everyone can have a Guardian Angel? It's the next best thing to having your own "orbs."

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Re: Cheaper UFO-Like Satellite Substitutes?

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 19:31:59 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:35:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Cheaper UFO-Like Satellite Substitutes?

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 16:33:21 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>Subject: Cheaper UFO-Like Satellite Substitutes?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hi Nick, Listfolk,

>Hi everyone.

>Motorola, the company which owns the 66 operational Iridium
>satellites (and a few more in-orbit spares) has thrilled many
>observers of the twilight skies with the frequent very bright
>flashes their satellites produce by reflected sunlight. No
>doubt, some of these flashes were sometimes mistaken as UFOs.

>Now this private company, which has recently filed for
>bankruptcy, plans to do something really incredible. It is
>making plans to de-orbit all its satellites within the next two
>years or so, a spectacular fiery end to their multi-billion
>dollar investment. There must be good business reasons for
>doing this but to me it doesn't make sense, anymore then when
>our Canadian Government ordered the destruction of the AVRO
>Arrows, the best planes in the world at the time and only
>outperformed by a few, four decades later.

Sense is not one of humanity's virtues, I'm curious what the various Govn't agencies around the Globe are going to do with all the expensive paperweights that they bought-such as the US Govn't. they bought (I think 500) quite a few planes. As to the CF-105 Arrow , the only Jet that was near it's equal was the SR-71/F-12 and the Arrow could out climb it to altitude! and the F-15 and F-14 are not nearly as fast. The TRS-2 was another example.

I am convinced that had we not spent Billions and Billions on various dead end projects (such as the BOMARC)and p***ing away lives and dollars in idiotic exercises such as Vietnam.We would be on Mars, with a Lunar base, figuring out an economical way to get to Apha Centuari.

>Last weekend I was reading the April 2000 issue of Popular
>Science. This issue makes mention of a different private
>company, Sky Station International, and their plans to float
>giant solar-electric helium filled airships 13 miles above all
>the world's major cities, with the first 500 foot long airship
>expected to be in the air by 2002. We may soon have bright
>football shaped UFO-like objects to amaze us during twilight to
>replace the brief flashes of light from the Iridium satellites.
>Unless their presence scares off real UFOs, future UFO sightings
>over cities will likely be attributed to sightings of these
>giant airships.

Could be , Nick I can see it now : "Airship hovering over NY clearly the cause of Mysterious Lights !" Oh, well,

GT McCoy

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Re: Implant Technology

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 00:34:27 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:37:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Implant Technology

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 10:58:22 -0500
>From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
>Subject: Implant Technology
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Got your implant yet?

><http://www.digitalangel.net/>

>Don't be the last one on your block to get your Digital Angel!

>Terry

Hmm,

Can't you see the advertising campaign for this little jewel...
Following the popular traditions of

Got Milk (Dairy Farmers ad campaign)

Got Beer (New PETA campaign)

Got Implant (New? campaign)

The ad agencies could direct a series of ads towards women that
go to the effect of "Do you know where your husband is... well
from the makers of dark (oops Digital) angel you can no exactly
where he is at, and how much beer he has guzzled...

Then the series of ads directed towards men that go to the
effect of "Have you ever been lost in the wilderness on a
hunting trip? Buried in an avalanche, or just wondered what
your wife, kids and dog was doing while you were gone on a
business trip, just tap in with Digital angel...

Gee, the thing will be an instant hit.... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: MGS May Overfly The 'Tholus'

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 08:19:20 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:41:24 -0500
Subject: Re: MGS May Overfly The 'Tholus'

I received this message from Peter Nerbun yesterday and he gave me permission to forward it.

Pete has been watching the progress of Mars Global Surveyor over the past two years, using commercially available astronomy software for his orbital computations. He predicted the first Cydonia overflight in April, '98 quite accurately.

Of course, the fact that MGS can take the images doesn't mean it will. Until evidence to the contrary is produced, I'd have to assume that JPL will continue to flagrantly violate the promises it made to re-image Cydonia at every opportunity, as it has for the past two years.

The "Tholus" is a conical structure not too far from the "Face" that appears to have a ramp or groove spiralling up to its summit from its base.

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I am now able to forecast the region of Cydonia over which MGS will pass on Wednesday, March 22. It will be the Eastern section very near to the Tholus. Amazingly, the JPL web site now offers precise real time overflight coordinates for MGS.

<http://mars3.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/realtime/ground-pds.html>

Scroll down to the bottom of this link and you will see 4 numerical values -- top latitude, bottom latitude, left longitude, and right longitude.

If you draw a square on a map of Mars using these values, MGS is located directly over the center of the square at any given moment.

The site refreshes about once every two minutes, but that is good enough to provide MGS overflight coordinates which allow me verify and fine tune my prediction.

The overflight will occur between 15:00 GMT and 15:30 GMT.

I do not believe that Malin will rotate the spacecraft to image the Face but rather will acquire an image of the Tholus only if MGS passes within a longitude range of 0.07 degree of the Tholus (the width of the image strip). That degree of precision forecasting is still out of reach.

Peter

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Re: Implant Technology

From: Donnie Shevlin <dshevlin@charter.net>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 09:29:43 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:43:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Implant Technology

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 17:43:20 -0500
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Subject: Re: Implant Technology
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 10:58:22 -0500
>>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>>Subject: Implant Technology
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Got your implant yet?

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>>Don't be the last one on your block to get your Digital Angel!

>>Terry

>Hi Terry,

>The implications of this technology are staggering. Whole books
>could be written about it and it still wouldn't begin to scratch
>the surface. Because there is 'so much' to this topic I will aim
>my bullets carefully. :)

>At the website it says:

>>Potential Uses of Digital Angel

>>Although still in the early developmental stage, we believe
>>Digital Angel could have an array of beneficial potential
>>applications:

>And an "array" of negative ones as well! But this is a 'sales
>pitch' and they don't want you think about that.

>>provide a tamper-proof means of locating and
>>identifying individuals for e-business and e-commerce
>>security; locate individuals, including children, who are lost
>>or who have been abducted; monitor the medical conditions
>>of at-risk patients; track and locate military, diplomatic and
>>other essential government personnel; determine the location
>>or the authenticity of valuable property; track the whereabouts
>>of wilderness sports enthusiasts (mountain climbers, hikers,
>>skiers, etc.).

>All of which are noble and excellent applications. Makes you
>stop and wonder what a 'Military mind' could do with such
>technology. :)

>John Velez, unwitting Alien 'Digital Angel' customer.

Howdy all,

Or John, how long ago the chip was originally invented. I heard
speculation years ago that chips similar to this were available to the
military/intelligence agencies.

In a way, if 'I' were to sew one of these into my daughters clothes I would feel better about her being outside alone. Against child abduction it would be considered 'god sent' but I have to agree with John that in the wrong hands, which I'm sure it already is, would be a problem.

You know, a thought just occurred (one of few) that if 'we' installed these chips into our more frequent abductee's that perhaps we could trace them. A simple computer application could store hours of GPS locations per person. Just a thought.

Donnie Shevlin

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Filer's Files #11 -- 2000

From: George A. File <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 12:15:46 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:48:51 -0500
Subject: Filer's Files #11 -- 2000

Filer's Files #11 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
March 21, 2000, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020
Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

SPRING IS HERE IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE

Like David Letterman last week I had heart by-pass surgery so I'll be around for another thirty years. It was a mind expanding experience and I wish to thank the great team of Doctors who updated my mechanisms at Deborah Hospital in Brown's Mills, New Jersey. Almost hourly C-141 and KC-10 aircraft from Mc Guire Air Force Base flew by the hospital windows kind of waving at their old flying buddy. I could write a book about my week in the hospital, while trying to get out these files. While flat on my back, I tried to convince others in the hospital about the reality of UFOs and many agreed with my point of view. Several of my nurses had stories concerning the reality of the phenomenon. One night at about three in the morning my attractive nurse came to my hospital bed to give me some medicine. She told me about her close friend who had worked with aliens at a Western Base. Here I was with tubes and electronic devices connected to me, hardly able to move, and a very sincere person was six inches away telling me a fantastic story about the reality of UFOs. Her friend worked for GE a major US company and would be gone for six months at a time. Unfortunately, she could not reveal his name but she did provide creditability to the following story about Dr. Hans Nieper. This is one of the fascinating things about Ufology, not a week goes by without someone telling me a story or sending a photograph about UFOs. A clear pattern is starting to emerge. Let people know your interested and you will start getting stories from people as well.

With the coming of spring, UFOs are moving around the country on a more regular basis. They seem to like the comparatively mild weather. So if you personally would like to see a UFO, you have a good chance while watching the setting sun. Face the sun and block it with your hand or some object. Now watch for fast moving objects often moving from behind your back towards the sun in western sky. Let me know if you see one.

DR. HANS NIEPER SAYS ALIENS ARE VISITING US

Bruce Jessop writes, "I would like to share something with you which is not a sighting but a meeting I had in November 1998 with a Dr. Hans Nieper who unfortunately has since passed away in Germany. We were talking about various things and the subject of antigravity came up. He has written a book on the subject. And I noticed in his office that he had photos of himself with a couple of other well-known people and US presidents. After some minutes he asked me if I believed in UFO's? I shared with him two sightings that I had back in New Brunswick, Canada and Montreal in 1981 as a huge craft slowly glided across the highway no more than 35 yards in front of my car. He asked me "What do you think the highest classified secret of the US government is?" I waited and he answered, "The US government have made contact with four races of alien life." He described them as follows: 1) Short grays. 2) Tall grays. 3) Reptilian, 4) tall fair skinned like this part of the world. Dr. Nieper was a

world-renowned medical doctor. But most revealing, after he told me about the four races, I asked him where he got this information. He just pointed to the wall and there was a photo of him and Werner von Braun. He told me that he had had early involvement with von Braun, starting up NASA and was privy to classified information. He was an intimate friend of von Braun. Dr. Nierper was also an astrophysicist and had gone to study the pyramids in Egypt and wrote an article to show proof that the stones had been cut with a laser device." Thanks to CAUS and Bruce Jessop for letting me use his article.

Editor's Note German scientist Hermann Oberth who headed an official West German three year UFO study group and is considered the father of rocketry stated in 1954, "There is no doubt in my mind that these objects (UFO's) are interplanetary craft of some sort. I am confident that they do not originate in our solar system, but they may use Mars or some other body for a way station. It is also our conclusion that they are propelled by distorting or converting the gravitational field." From Frank Edwards' book, Strange World, Lyle Stewart, New York, 1964, pp. 209 - 210.

CONNECTICUT LIGHT

MIDDLETOWN -- Investigator Larry Clark has forwarded the following message: "My name is Dean Burgess and I want to report a UFO sighting around 8:00 PM on March 10, 2000." Looking out my window I saw a bright light hovering over the Powder Ridge Ski Resort seven miles away. The light did not move for a minute and then started to move horizontally. The light was huge about the size of a pea at arm's length. As I watched it started a descent that took it behind the mountain and out of my sight. "Did anyone else see this light?" Thanks Dean Burgess BURGESSSTEAMER15@aol.com and Larry Clark at www.nymufon.org

Larry Clark writes, "You mentioned it moved horizontally at the top of the mountain ski resort. My first assumption would be that it was some kind of equipment associated with the facility. Was the facility operating when you saw this bright light? If so, and people were atop the mountain, I would expect that anything unusual that could be seen so closely by a number of people would have resulted in an item in the local newspaper. Investigation will continue.

NEW YORK FLYING TRIANGLE

BRIGHTON -- MUFON State Director Jim Bouck writes this is for your files: "In the town of Brighton, a man, while out hiking on March 15, 2000, at 6:12 PM observed a totally black triangular object in the sky. The closest thing he could compare it to is the stealth fighter plane. The difference being that the object was estimated to be no more than six feet long and four feet wide. It was shaped more like an arrow head with the arrow head notch toward the rear. The sides were ragged in edge, not clean edged. The object flew at a very low altitude, perhaps forty feet above treetop level at about ten miles per hour. The sighting lasted about 45 seconds. Thanks to Jim Bouck NY MUFON State Director.

Editor's Note: The size of objects in the sky are very difficult to estimate. However, smaller objects are often reported departing from larger ones. UFOs have often been reported with an ability to change size and shape. The investigation continues and perhaps other witnesses can be found. I would also like to welcome Jim Bouck as our new State Director who took over from our lawyer friend Dana Schmidt who has now retired. We want to thank Dana for all his great work. Jim has many talents including excellent computer knowledge that will aid our work.

PENNSYLVANIA CROSS SHAPED UFO

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH - On March 12, 2000, the witness was preparing for bed when she noticed bright white, non-blinking lights stationary object in the sky, The object seemed to be a group of lights arranged in a cross pattern (exact number not known, but definitely exceeded 8). After going outside for a better look, the witness saw what appeared to be 2 more identical objects. The first object remained stationary approximately 1/2 mile distant, while the 2 additional objects traveled slowly to the north. No sound was heard that could be attributed to the objects. At the time of the sighting the sky was partly cloudy

with no precipitation. The objects remained beneath the cloud cover for at least 10 minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport, NUFORC,

WASHINGTON DC TWO UFOs

Peter Davenport writes that a government witness reports, "I observed two small lights cross the night sky from the Belt of Orion to the North Star." They appeared to be chasing one another. I was standing in Constitution Gardens on the north side of the pond, looking approximately southwest towards Orion. "I saw what I at first took to be a shooting star because of its speed and the way it seemed to be falling or dropping, but it didn't fade away the way falling stars usually do." Then I saw that there were actually two lights, which were moving along parallel to each other. The lights were small and white with a pale greenish tinge. I thought it might be an airplane with a light on either wingtip, but the lights were not flashing, and they seemed to be moving too fast for an airplane. As I watched, the two lights converged into one, and then changed again so that one appeared to be following or chasing the other. The rear light seemed to be 'swinging' back and forth behind the path of the front light. It crossed my mind that they might be fighter planes, but they looked like they were much too close together, and there was no noise. A regular airplane went by in same location, and I could clearly hear it. The lights were headed almost directly towards the North Star, but a little lower on the horizon. They disappeared into the lights of the city. I looked at my watch, it was 10:05 PM, and the entire incident had taken about ten seconds. Thanks to NUFORC ufocntr@nwlinc.com

Peter B. Davenport states, "The yellow orbs were seen over Prescott Valley again this evening. They first appeared on February 2, 2000, and they have been seen sporadically over Arizona since that time. Other states from which similar phenomena have been reported are FL, TX, CA, OR, IL, MI, WI, and PR. "Very strange stuff, in my opinion."

FLORIDA STRANGE LIGHTS

SAWGRASS -A woman driving south on the Sawgrass Expressway (I-75) saw a huge light hovering just east of the highway on March 2, 2000. The light was in place for several seconds before moving at 10:14 PM. Once the object began to move, the intense light dulled and she realized it was not one large bright object, but two. The objects were just underneath each other. The objects started to move and the first object climbed straight up in the sky. The second object followed at close range.

AVON PARK -- Driving east towards Avon park on Highway 98 on February 8, 2000, I looked up in the sky and saw a burnt-orange fireball. It would fade out and glow back in another position in the sky. As I reached hwy 27 at 5:15 PM I turned south and saw toward the eastern sky three (same color) fireballs. Theses three fireballs would be as far apart from each other as two miles and as close as 200 feet. The last one I seen that night was at 8:45 PM south of Lake Placid. There is an Air Force bombing range nearby, but I know of no activity going on there at night. It is mostly a reservist base. I also hunt the land there through their lease program, and I never have seen any activity at night. Also two years ago when a friend and I were going to go hunt there, we saw the same thing (two orange fireballs) east of Wauchula, but nowhere near the bombing range. I think this in my mind rules of any kind of military flares. I am a truck driver so I headed south towards Miami, and did not see anything else. Thanks to the UFO Disclosure Net at www.ufodisclosure.net and Jeffbloom4@ispchannel.com

PALOS HILLS ILLINOIS PHOTOS

I saw your "Filer's Files #10. You had a piece about a sighting I had. The exciting photographs are located at my main web site at:

<http://palos-hills.com/>

Contrail/Chemtrail Page: <http://palos-hills.com/contrails/>
Photo Number 27 is at: <http://www.palos-hills.com/contrails/022900/27.JPG>
Photo Number 29 is at: <http://www.palos-hills.com/contrails/022900/29.JPG>

MICHIGAN STUDENT REPORTS UFO

HOWELL -- A student reported to Doug Parrish, a German/Russian/English teacher at Howell High School, that he was sitting in his bedroom 55 miles northwest of Detroit doing his homework when he saw a UFO. On March 12, 2000, at least one--and sometime later, two--UFO's were reported as having been sighted by a high school sophomore in the nighttime sky. He has a large bedroom window, which faces to the South. At 3000 feet from this window there is a tree line that take up the bottom fifth of the viewing area of the window. Suddenly, around 11:30 p.m., the student became aware that a large aerial object was visible in the right lower (southwest) portion of the window. It was as wide as the distance between the little finger and the thumb at arm's length when both fingers are stretched as far apart as they will go. The definitely large and round object was tilted at what appeared to be an angle to his line of sight. He ruled out an airplane because the navigational lights, which he saw, were the wrong colors and there were far too many of them. They seemed to be blinking in some kind of pattern and gave the impression that they were somehow circling around the edge of the craft. The craft performed unlike any helicopter and zigzagged across the sky. It first appearing here, then with a short, fast movement, appearing there, only to repeat the maneuver in another section of the sky. It would momentary halt at each point before moving quickly to the next location. His window was open a small amount, but he heard no noise. The skies were cloudy and the temperature was about 30 degrees. A few minutes later, the craft made for the lower left-hand corner of the viewing area only to disappear temporarily behind the tree line. A moment later, the craft reappeared along with a companion craft. Both craft continued with the circling pattern of lights around their outer perimeters, but then both craft once again disappeared behind the tree line. The sighting lasted at least eight minutes. It is interesting to note that the student, a well-liked young man with many friends and a member of the high school wrestling team, waited until all other students had left before taking Mr. Parrish aside to relate this incident to him. He appeared sincere. Thanks to Doug Parish dparrish@ismi.net

MINNESOTA HAS UNUSUAL LIGHTS AND TRIANGLE UFO

ST. PAUL -- William I. McNeff, MUFON State Director writes, "On January 27, 2000, the witness looked out the kitchen window, where there was an open field brush land extending 800 feet." He saw what appeared to be a private airplane moving toward him 45 degrees above the horizon to the West. The craft moved more slowly than the average small plane. As it came closer the witness observed a square configuration of lights about the size of a small house. Two of the lights were white and two were blue. The altitude of the craft when first seen was estimated at 5000 feet. The appearance was similar to typical pulsing airplane lights, except that airplane lights are not blue and do not appear in a square configuration. The lights continued to approach at about 75 mph, slowing perceptibly several times and then stopping for a couple seconds at less than 2000 feet altitude and 200 feet distance. The craft made an abrupt 130 degree turn to the left and moved slowly toward the northwest. The witness watched the craft go out of sight behind a line of trees. No helicopter rotors were heard or seen and would have been evident at that distance. The witness was convinced it was not a plane or helicopter. Sighting Evaluation: Since it approached along the normal flight path from Holman Field, the craft was possibly a helicopter. However the lack of noise or rotors argues against that interpretation. Conclusion: Unidentified. Investigated by Dean and Margaret DeHarpporte.

MINNEAPOLIS -- "On September 2, 1999, a woman who is a financial/business administrator for a major local corporation was driving in the northwest suburb of Plymouth. She was driving along a road leading onto a peninsula that extends out into Medicine Lake, which is near the intersection of Highway 55 and 169. She observed a pair of bright white and very intense lights located to the northwest ahead. She felt that they resembled two landing lights. To her they seemed to be out of place, and were searching for something. She continued to drive up the peninsula a few hundred feet and reached a point where the trees no longer obscured her view. The lights were no longer visible but above the treetops was a large, dark triangular object. Its size was as large as her hand at arm's length that she felt was slightly

less than that of a house. This might put it in the 30 to 60 foot range. The object was black to charcoal-gray matte-colored (see illustration below). The closest vertex of the triangle was pointed in her direction, with the object moving toward her. There were lights at the two rear vertices, one red and one green. Also, all over the underside of the object was a pattern of three dimensional rectangular relief concealing something within.

MAKINEN -- On November 20, 1999, a family of four was watching a video when the oldest son (20) noticed a bright red light in the southern sky. The family went outside to observe four lights forming a square, then changing to include fifty lights in a straight line centered between the four lights. "I thought this was really weird," Terry the father said. This prompted him to go inside and dial 911. The object stopped for a minute or so and began to pulsate. When Terry came back outside, the object began to move again toward the north and finally disappeared over the horizon. The family observed the object for eight minutes and managed to take pictures of the UFO with two cameras. The photos from the new camera look "wiggly". Visibility was about 10 miles with high overcast clouds. Some hunters in the area also witnessed the object. No conventional or natural objects seem to fit the description. Conclusion: Unidentified. Investigated by FIT Dr. Stephen Hero and FI Director Craig Lang. Thanks to William I. McNeff MUFON State Director.

NEBRASKA MISSILE SHAPED

OMAHA -- As I was returning to work on March 16, 2000, traveling northbound on 72nd street-approaching State Street my wife and I (a network engineer) noticed a white missile-like object hanging in the sky 140 degree nose down at 1:05 PM. Slowing our vehicle down, I realized the object was not stationary but rather traveling at a snail's pace in the sky west of 72nd at a consistent altitude. The craft did not appear to have any wings or lights nor was any sign of propulsion contrails evident. Although I cannot accurately estimate the distance the object was from me with nothing to use for a reference, it did not appear to be more than a couple thousand feet up in the sky as it traveled west/southwest. The object appeared to be an inch long and a 1/8 of an inch thick at arm's length. The sky was clear with very few cumulus clouds high above and nothing obstructed my view of the object. As I turned west on State Street and pulled over to get a better look, the slow moving object totally disappeared from view. I have never seen anything remotely similar to this object before in my life, especially the weird angles (nose-down if the front of the object was at the end which pointed in the direction that it was traveling) that it appeared to fly. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

ARKANSAS FIREBALL

CABOT - The witness writes, "I would like to keep my name and email address confidential if you would please regarding the fire balls in Arkansas." My husband and I saw one at approximately 8:25 PM on March 9, 2000, Thursday night just outside Cabot. It appeared at first to be a small plane on fire. It was not. It was a large ball with a tail between 20-40 feet long flying at tree top level. In fact, it looked like an oversized Roman candle. We watched it for about two minutes then it disappeared. There was no contact with earth that we could see; no explosion. No one seems to have any answers. Apparently my husband and I were the only ones to report this to the media. If you have any information regarding this mystery. I would be interested to know. Little Rock Air Force Base is less than 20 miles from where we saw it and there were five C-130's in the air at the time. Thanks to Jack Editor's Note: Based on your and other descriptions the most likely cause was a bolide meteor.

LIFE MAGAZINE MARCH 2000 COVER SHOWS UFOs

Life magazine has a fifty year history of bringing UFO photographs to the public. Just in case you did not catch this, the cover of "LIFE" Magazine's March current issue addresses UFOs ... and I believe this might be LIFE's final (or one of LIFE's final) issue. If so - this issue would likely have some historical significance (because of the unique way LIFE elected to close out their niche in photojournalism). Cover can be viewed by accessing:

<http://lifemag.com/insidelife/insidelife.html> Shown:
 Photographed for LIFE by Nigel Parry in Agua Dulce, Calif. UFO
 photo and digitally placed UFO from National Archives. Thanks to
 Ron Hannivig, Simpson PA

PERU UFO CAUGHT ON TV

LIMA -- During the early morning hours of this March 10, 2000, a UFO made a slow flyby of the city at a very low altitude for about 15 minutes, allowing many local residents to witness its unhurried passing. Some witnesses saw small spheres emerge from the object drifting away aimlessly. Dozens of witnesses phoned the news media and several minutes of video footage were secured by Pan-American Television (Lima Channel 5). The news has been spread all over the country on the "24 Horas" (24 Hours) news program on Pan-American TV. The following is a transcript of the broadcast: Voice of Valia Barak, anchorwoman on the "24 Horas" set: "A strange object crossed the skies over Lima early this morning. Thousands of citizens witnessed the phenomenon..." Voice of Viviana Coehello, on site reporter, with camera image by Juan C. Amoretti: "This was the object observed by many at 1:30 a.m.. Strange movements and plays of light were seen in the heavens over the city of Lima, drawing the attention of hundreds of onlookers. " [A group of four lights in a triangular arrangement can be seen, moving with uncharacteristic slowness over the rooftops}. Eyewitness): "It was a big ship with yellow and red lights...and ten little ships came out..." Voice of Viviana Coehello: "A considerable number of phone calls from El Callao, Los Olivos, San martin de Porres and Villa El Slavador congested the switchboards of Radio Programas del Peru (RPP). The common denominator was the unidentified flying object that flew over our capital." Eyewitness Bruno Guzman, journalist: "It is quite startling to go from receiving the claims, phone calls, and eyewitness accounts to become a participant in this environment, this spectacle we've just seen. We can't quite explain properly or scientifically what happened this morning. Around one o'clock in the morning we began receiving calls from the public; later we peered out the 7th floor window; later we climbed up on the rooftop, and we've been able to attest to the lights, these points of color that changed intermittently from blue, red to white light, moving strangely." (Information courtesy Rose Marie Paz Wells. Translation credit (c) 2000, Scott Corrales) Thanks to Skywatch International

LETTER REGARDING DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Red Setter writes: The essential reference book for forbidden Scroll-related knowledge might be "Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls Revealed" by John Marco Allegro (deceased), Gramercy Press, New York, 1983. Not a single copy remains in Australia. If you can access Library of Congress and get a copy to Xerox, that would be a real breakthrough! Allegro was the British member of Scrolls team, picked in early 1950s. By 1983, he decided to divulge all. I cannot judge his translations, but apparently parts of Ezekiel and Genesis clearly detail ET. Visits. Lot's wife does not turn into a "pillar of salt", but rather her skin "turns the color of salt which is on the plain," e.g. radioactive damage. "Angels of the evening and morning star" warn the occupants of S-G, later they use "fire spears." Ezekiel shares fellowship with visitors from the stars, later he finds a glassy ring on the ground where rocks were m

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEKS FILER'S FILES

Dr. Richard Boylan writes: As regards the Filer's Files newsletter I must correct several glaring inaccuracies. In the section purporting to describe Dr. Steven Greer's position on extraterrestrials, two major mistakes occur in the narrative (below). 1. Dr. Steven Greer DOES know that ET encounters are taking place, contrary to Filer. Dr. Greer has had ET encounters of his own, and talked to scores of experiencers. Dr. Greer and I have talked on this point for years. Dr. Greer also makes the important additional point that, in addition to actual ET encounters, there are thousands of unlawful kidnappings and assaultings/rapes of innocent civilians by rogue military-counterintelligence units who try to use drugs and hypnosis to make their victims mis-remember their kidnapping as an "alien abduction". Dr. Greer emphasizes, as do I, the importance of not confusing these rogue military-intelligence kidnapping-assaults with the real and benign extraterrestrial

encounters. But Dr. Greer NEVER says that there are no genuine ET encounters. 2. Mr. Filer seriously misidentifies the billionaire that told Dr. Greer that the ETs were demonic and behind every evil event in history. That billionaire was NOT Laurence Rockefeller, who actually wants to meet the ETs and learn the secret to prolonging life. No, the paranoid billionaire described is actually Prince Hans Adam of Liechtenstein, EU, who along with Las Vegas billionaire Bob Bigelow, has financed a number of selective UFO "investigators" and gatherings which peddle the "evil alien invader" propaganda line so pleasing to The Prince. It is important to keep the facts straight. Thanks to Richard Boylan, Ph.D.

REPEAT OF WHEN DISCLOSURE SERVES SECRECY FILES

CSETI Director Steven M. Greer M.D. has put out a new book that is worth reading. Steven who provides some profound thinking in his own right indicates he does not feel abductions are actually taking place. He gives us insight into the mind of one of the most consequential men of the century who he doesn't agree with when he states, "In one lengthy meeting with a multi-billionaire, I was told that he gave great support to UFO activities which propel the so-called 'alien abduction' subject into public awareness because he wanted humanity to unite around fighting this 'alien threat'. Later, this very influential figure informed me that he believed these demonic ET s were the cause of every set back in human history since Adam and Eve. Sound familiar?"

Last Week's Editor's Note: This billionaire has been friends with many US presidents and top political, religious and economic leaders worldwide for more than fifty years. Is it possible that Laurance Rockefeller knows what he's talking about? Thanks to Steven M. Greer M.D. See www.CSETI.com.

This Week's Answer: Thank you Dr. Boylan for revealing the name of the billionaire whose name I had been unable to obtain. I and others have wrongly assumed it was Mr. Rockefeller. In my discussions with Dr. Greer where we spoke to Congressional staffs in Washington DC, Dr. Greer had always referred to abductions as: "so-called alien abductions." I apparently misunderstood him. I wish to be accurate on Dr. Greer's position. Now I would be interested in learning Prince Hans Adam of Liechtenstein position on UFOs since I have not had the good fortune to meet this gentleman. Thank you for pointing out my error. Good health to us all.

PHOTOGRAPH BOOKLET of some of the best UFO shots available and data on their propulsion systems. \$10.00 by US Navy Commander Graham Bethune.

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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FUFOR Web Site

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 13:02:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:53:08 -0500
Subject: FUFOR Web Site

Following a month of frustration, the Fund for UFO Research web site is back on line. However, the URL has been changed to

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In looking at it I realize that I haven't modified the email buttons to send email to the correct address, and I'll take care of that this evening. Otherwise it should work normally, and there are a few minor corrections that have been uploaded that weren't included previously.

We are planning a re-design of the web page, but that's still in the discussion phase.

I apologize for the confusion that this will cause, and know that this will force others to modify their link pages. It seems the Murphy's Law was in control in this transition, and if it could go wrong, it did.

Steven Kaeser

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C-E: And Now, 'The Rest Of The Story'

From: Francis Ridge <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 11:22:25 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 16:04:21 -0500
Subject: C-E: And Now, 'The Rest Of The Story'

Here's something everyone should know:

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On March 31, 1948, exactly nine months after that day, Al Gore was born.

That clears up a lot of things.

Please support the websites:

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Re: C-E: And Now, 'The Rest Of The Story

From: Jsmortell@aol.com
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 16:42:40 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 18:42:38 -0500
Subject: Re: C-E: And Now, 'The Rest Of The Story

>Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 11:22:25 -0600
>From: Francis Ridge <slk@EVANSVILLE.NET>
>Subject: And Now, 'The Rest Of The Story'
>To: CURRENT-ENCOUNTERS@LISTSERV.AOL.COM

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Dear Francis, EBK, Listers and other entities lurking:

Thank you for sharing this. As a perceived abductee, I have often observed what I call the "Nodding Action" of earthbound reptiles.

I have not noticed this effect in use by the reptilian dirt bags that I have been with... but I strongly suspect they do the same thing as our earthly variety, they just do it behind our backs.

As an example, observe lizards, specifically. They perform this type of activity. You will notice that the first thing a lizard will do in order to establish it's territory, is to nod it's head up and down rapidly. This is done in order to establish that "This is MY territory, Bubba! I am the boss here."

Observe that Gore, whenever he sits or stands behind the president, continuously nods his head up and down in agreement with every single thing Mr. President has to say. What does this say about the president? Has anyone done an analysis on his birth date? Did he get born in a highly active UFO place and time? Well, I certainly think research should direct it's activity to determine the answers to this question. Co-inky dance, or corn spirits?

We have this to say about that... "Finally, the TRUTH " revealed, revealed, sorry.

Read my latest book, "Gesundt on Alien Politics," Published on Canal Street by the same people that bring you Gripple Drip in the new, convenient intravenous package. Available now for only \$19.95. And if you act now we'll send you a three litre bag of IV Gripple Drip, with all the hardware to give yourself a quick and easy three day joy ride through your inner space. Compliments of Gesundt Institoots worldwide.

J. Jaime loves each and every one of yous.

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Re: FUFOR Web Site

From: **Tim D. Brigham** <TBrigham@ksinc.net>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 16:12:19 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 18:45:45 -0500
Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site

>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 13:02:35 -0500
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: FUFOR Web Site
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>that name, but the process could drag on for a while and we
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>could.

Sorry to hear of the problems.

This just brought to mind that, in the past, I know certain
'skeptic' groups have bought up domains of sites that were even
the least 'pro-ufo' as soon as they lapsed. Following that they
simply turned the site into a link to their own org/site,
thereby locking the name up and funneling folks into their own
lil propoganda booth.

I'm not saying this is what happened to you all, but it wouldn't
shock me. How 'skeptic' groups that claim to push critical
thinking and rationalism can 'sucker folks' in (and in my view,
basically censor others) like this is beyond me.

If anyone has any first hand experience with this sort of thing,
I'm sure more than a few of us would be ready to write a nasty
letter to the domain predators responsible.

Good luck with getting everything sorted out.

Best,

Tim

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Re: Missoulian Claims UFO Sighting During WWII

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 14:44:07 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 18:47:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Missoulian Claims UFO Sighting During WWII

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.msnbc.com/local/KECI/45641.asp>

Missoulian claims UFO sighting during WWII
NBC Montana

MISSOULA What would it take to make you a believer in unidentified flying objects? For some, it may come down to actually having to see one. A strange "sighting" made a believer out of one Missoula resident.

It's been nearly sixty years since that night during World War II when Wayne Nordby stood outside the barracks at the airforce base in Salina, Kansas, and looked up into the night sky. That was the night he saw an unidentified flying object.

Wayne Nordby, a WWII veteran, said, "And I know I was sworn to secrecy when I came out of the service not to talk about things, and I haven't."

After the war, Nordby made a life in Montana as an upholsterer. He raised a family, and retired. These days he's slowed a bit, and uses oxygen tubes. Now, he has more time to read, paint, and listen to radio talk shows about the paranormal. He also has plenty of time to reflect.

Wayne Nordby said, "The world is not quite everything that we see."

Recently, Nordby read a letter to the editor in the Missoulian about the existence of aliens.

He called the letter's author, Michael Bishop (a UFO researcher), and shared his experience. Michael Bishop said, "Hey, boys and girls, they're real, and they're here."

Recently, a meeting was arranged between the two men.

A certified hypno-therapist, Bishop guided Nordby into a relaxed state, to regress back to the night of the sighting.

During this session, Wayne Nordby said, "It's not quite dark because the light from the base is shining up against the clouds which are very low, there is a fine mist blowing, as we look up we see this huge, cigar-shaped object. There's no controls in the back end, there's no bathtub underneath, I can't see any lights."

Nordby said the object was three times larger than a B-29. At the time, the B-29 was the largest aircraft the military had. According to Nordby, this was no B-29.

Wayne Nordby said, "It didn't fit any category that I could make. And I was a trained observer."

Although he hasn't seen a UFO since world war two, that one time was enough to make him a believer.

Wayne Nordby, "I'll tell you it will leave you with some impressions that the world is not quite what it seems."

UFO classes were scheduled last year at both the University of Montana Experimental College and the Willard adult education, but both were cancelled for lack of interest.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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Re: Interstellar Travel Possible?

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 1956 22:58:55 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 18:50:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Interstellar Travel Possible?

>Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2000 13:54:52 -0500 (EST)
>From: Steven L. Wilson <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>Subject: Interstellar Travel Possible?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Source: ASTRONOMY UNBOUND

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>Astronomy

>Interstellar Travel

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>The advent of interstellar travel would herald the changing of
>astronomy from an observational science into an experimental
>one! Future astronomers may prefer careers in the starfleet
>rather than being stuck on Earth in Universities!

<snip>

>An alternative to this idea is that the crew live normal lives
>aboard the starship. This normal life will include having
>children and as the original astronauts age and die, the
>children will grow up and be trained to operate the starship. In
>this way, when the ship finally arrives at its destination, a
>whole new generation of humans, who were not even born when the
>starship left Earth, will be running the ship. These designs are
>known as generation ships.

<snip>

>There are also highly exotic ideas which lie on the tantalising
>fringes of modern theoretical physics. If the universe is a
>multidimensional place with human beings only able to perceive
>three dimensions, perhaps a way can be found to shortcut through
>the 'higher' dimensions. These so-called worm holes are
>currently having their mathematics calculated by the theorists
>but if they can be utilised for travel then perhaps the entire
>universe will become accessible to us. Travelling to different
>planets may take no more time than travelling to different
>countries does now!

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The above leads me to think that, before we master wormholes,
our first ambassadors to space civilization may be young'ns who
never lived a second on Earth, the planet they represent. I
guess they'll show the aliens the same multidimensional movies

and synapse stimulating experiences that they grew up with. They learned the Stories of the Earthlings from their predecessors and will pass the stories down to the aliens.

Plus, a heavy dose of our greatest music. A greater compilation than was sent into space previously. However, the Beatles may have reached extraterrestrial aliens over the years. That would be good for all our evolution. But generation ships, ambassadors from a planet they have never been to, that is truly bizarre.

Josh

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Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article

From: James Oberg <JamesOberg@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 17:41:24 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 18:55:10 -0500
Subject: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article

A real NASA coverup!!!

NASA knew Mars Polar Lander doomed
United Press International - March 21, 2000 15:01

By James Oberg, UPI Space Writer

HOUSTON, March 21 (UPI) -- The disappearance of NASA's Mars Polar Lander last December was no surprise to space officials, UPI has learned.

Prior to its arrival at Mars, a review board had already identified a fatal design flaw with the braking thrusters that doomed the mission, but NASA withheld this conclusion from the public.

The probe was lost while attempting to land near the martian south pole on December 3. Two small microprobes which had deployed separately also were never heard from again.

It was the second expensive setback for American interplanetary exploration in less than three months. On September 23, a companion probe had been destroyed when a navigation error sent it skimming too deeply into the atmosphere of Mars.

Following these failures, NASA commissioned several expert panels to review the accidents and recommend improvements in NASA procedures.

A source close to the panel probing the second accident has told UPI that its conclusions are "devastating" to NASA's reputation. Unlike the previous accident, where management errors merely prevented the recognition of other human errors, in this case it was a management misjudgment which caused the fatal flaw in the first place.

"I'm as certain as I can be that the thing blew up," the source concluded.

As explained privately to UPI, the Mars Polar Lander vehicle's braking thrusters had failed acceptance testing during its construction. But rather than begin an expensive and time-consuming redesign, an unnamed space official simply altered the conditions of the testing until the engine passed.

"That happened in middle management," the source told UPI. "It was done unilaterally with no approval up or down the chain of command."

The Mars Polar Lander employed a bank of rocket engines which use hydrazine fuel. The fuel is passed through metal grates which cause it to decompose violently, creating the thrust used by the engines.

These metal grates are called "catalyst beds," or "cat beds." Their purpose is to initiate the explosive chemical reaction in the hydrazine.

"They tested the cat bed ignition process at a temperature much

higher than it would be in flight," UPI's source said. This was done because when the cat beds were first tested at the low temperatures predicted after the long cruise from Earth to Mars, the ignition failed or was too unstable to be controlled.

So the test conditions were changed in order to certify the engine performance. But the conditions then no longer represented those most likely to occur on the real space flight.

Following the September loss of the first spacecraft due to management errors, NASA had initiated a crash review of the Mars Polar Lander to identify any similar oversights. According to UPI's source, the flaws in the cat bed testing were uncovered only a few days before the landing was to occur on December 3.

By then it was too late to do anything about it.

Garbled rumors of some temperature-related design flaw circulated in the days before the landing attempt. However, as in the September case when space officials possessed terrifying indications of imminent failure even before the arrival at Mars, NASA made no public disclosure of these expectations.

The Mars Polar Lander investigation team has also reportedly identified a second fatal design flaw that would have doomed the probe even if the engines had functioned properly.

The three landing legs of the probe contain small microswitches which are triggered when the legs touch the surface. This signal commands the engines to cease firing.

Post-accident tests have shown that when the legs are initially unfolded during the final descent, springs push them so hard that they "bounce" and trigger the microswitches by accident. As a result, the computer receives what it believes are indications of a successful touchdown, and it shuts off the engines.

Since this false signal actually occurs high in the air, the engine shutdown automatically leads to a free fall and destructive high-speed impact.

Ground testing prior to launch apparently never detected this because each of the tests was performed in isolation from other tests. One team verified that the legs unfolded properly. Another team verified that the microswitches functioned on landing.

No integrated end-to-end test was performed due to budget and time constraints. But UPI has been privately told that "this has been reproduceable on a regular basis" in post-flight tests.

Perhaps by coincidence, in a safety memo to NASA employees distributed on March 20, NASA administrator Dan Goldin stressed "the importance of adequate testing." Reliability, he said, "requires well-thought-out verification and test activities."

Goldin explicitly described the adverse impact of "our difficulties with recent failures in late stages of development -- such as system integration and testing -- and during mission operations." The memo did not specifically attribute these problems to the Mars failures.

The Mars Polar Lander also deployed two small "penetrator" probes, both called Deep Space 2. They were designed to fall freely through the thin atmosphere, hit the ground at about 200 meters per second (400 miles per hour), and come to rest deep in the soil.

All attempts to pick up radio signals from these probes, relayed via another spacecraft already orbiting Mars, also failed. Reportedly, the review board believes that the probe radio equipment could not have survived the impact.

Alternately, the probes may simply have hit ground too rocky for survival. Engineers also suspected that their batteries, which had been charged before launch almost a year earlier and not checked since then, might not have retained sufficient power.

"Nobody in the know really expected either of the penetrators to work," UPI's primary source said.

Dr. Carl Pilcher, head of NASA's planetary program, talked with space scientists at last week's Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in Houston. While expressing disappointment at the setbacks and skepticism of ambitious flight schedules -- "Our ambition exceeded our grasp," he told the scientists -- he would not discuss the results of the accident investigation.

The conclusions, he did admit, "make sober reading." The investigation was led by Tom Young, a former manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory which runs most of NASA's deep space probes.

"Goldin recently told his managers that the Young report will be the Rogers Commission of space science," Andrew Lawler wrote in the March 10 issue of Science magazine, "referring to the devastating critique delivered by a panel that examined the 1986 Challenger disaster."

And in a March 9 internal memo from JPL director Ed Stone, which UPI has obtained, space workers are warned that "the days ahead may at times be difficult."

According to Lori Garver, NASA's associate administrator for plans, the report on NASA's failures will be reviewed internally and then will be sent to the White House before being released to the public.

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Letter to NASA Administrator Goldin

From: **Lan Fleming** <apollo18@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 19:57:55 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 21:31:44 -0500
Subject: Letter to NASA Administrator Goldin

Yesterday, I sent the following letter to NASA Administrator Dan Goldin (fax 202-358-2810)

I'm pretty sure a subordinate will screen the letter out before it reaches Goldin, and if not, he probably won't bother reading it as soon as he sees what the subject is. So I'm posting it here.

Mr. Daniel Goldin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

3/20/00

Dear Mr. Goldin:

Using astronomy software and the orbital elements published for Mars Global Surveyor, it is predicted that on March 22 and June 17 the spacecraft will overfly the Cydonia region of Mars. I respectfully request that you honor the promises NASA has made and direct the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to attempt the acquisition of images on those two dates of some of the unusual objects in Cydonia - e.g., the "Fortress," the "Face," the "Tholus," etc.

It is known that several imaging opportunities have presented themselves in the past, and that each time no images were taken as promised. This, and the improperly processed versions of the "Face" image of 4/5/98 released to the news media by JPL cast serious doubt on the NASA's commitment to honor the public's trust.

And the promise has been made in no uncertain terms at least twice, once by you personally. On JPL's own web site, the stated policy on Cydonia is:

<http://mpfwww.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs/cydonia.html>

"The Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft is only able to photograph features on the surface of Mars that are directly below it as it makes each orbital pass. The spacecraft will fly directly over the Cydonia region, where enigmatic features were observed in the Viking mission, a few times during its mapping mission. The Mars Global Surveyor project will announce these imaging opportunities in advance and will post the resultant images on the Internet."

The late John Holliman, CNN science journalist, said in a report he published on 4/15/98 at

<http://www.cnn.com/TECH/space/9804/15/holliman/index.html>

"I talked to NASA administrator Daniel Goldin last Thursday and he tells me the Mars Global Surveyor will continue to take pictures of the Cydonia region, where the face is located, until everyone is satisfied."

"Many of you are writing telling me of a NASA conspiracy to hide information about the face, and I asked Goldin to provide all the information possible about the region where the "face" is

located. He says he will, and I believe him. Let's see what happens as Surveyor continues its mission. "

This exchange between you and Mr. Holliman occurred almost two years ago. You might ask yourself, given JPL's performance to date, would Mr. Holliman still believe you?

Sincerely,

Ian Fleming

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Re: Hudson Valley Update?

From: William Sawers <wsawers@ihug.co.nz>
Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:01:53 +1200
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 14:32:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley Update?

>Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2000 18:35:43 -0500
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: Hudson Valley Update?
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: William Sawers <wsawers@ihug.co.nz>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2000 13:19:05 +1300
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 13 Mar 2000 21:26:43 -0500
>>Subject: Hudson Valley Update?

>>I understand that Hudson Valley has had/is having more of the
>>same sightings of the "triangle shaped UFO" that prompted the
>>book by Philip Imbrogno (sp?) and I think Dr Hynek had a part
>>in it.

>>If anyone has a Web site or info on these latest sightings
>>could they please post.

>I haven't yet heard about a recent-recent sighting, about the
>only thing i've heard recently was Bruce Cornet claiming that a
>red laser light was targetting him & following his car...

>At any rate, a few links to gather more NY/HV/PB info:

<snip>

Hey Ron, just a quick note to thank-you for the addresses re
above, I have had a little look but it's going take time to get
thru some excellent stuff...cheers for that , and for
brightening my day on some of your TIC comments, especially re
Greer and Co. (I'm still grinning)

William

"I'm not prejudiced... I hate everybody equally!"

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Re: FUFOR Web Site

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 23:04:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 14:40:59 -0500
Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site

>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 16:12:19 -0600
>From: Tim D. Brigham <TBrigham@ksinc.net>
>Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>This just brought to mind that, in the past, I know certain
>'skeptic' groups have bought up domains of sites that were even
>the least 'pro-ufo' as soon as they lapsed. Following that they
>simply turned the site into a link to their own org/site,
>thereby locking the name up and funneling folks into their own
>lil propoganda booth.

>I'm not saying this is what happened to you all, but it wouldn't
>shock me. How 'skeptic' groups that claim to push critical
>thinking and rationalism can 'sucker folks' in (and in my view,
>basically censor others) like this is beyond me.

>If anyone has any first hand experience with this sort of thing,
>I'm sure more than a few of us would be ready to write a nasty
>letter to the domain predators responsible.

>Good luck with getting everything sorted out.

Thanks for the thoughts. We're going to keep an eye on the situation and advise the list if this gets that nasty. I hope that's not the case.

Steve

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Re: Implant Technology

From: Sharon Kardol <sharon@hotmix.com.au>
Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 16:42:01 +0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:00:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Implant Technology

>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 09:29:43 -0600
>From: Donnie Shevlin <dshevlin@charter.net>
>Subject: Re: Implant Technology
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>>Got your implant yet?

<snip>

>You know, a thought just occurred (one of few) that if 'we' installed
>these chips into our more frequent abductee's that perhaps we could
>trace them. A simple computer application could store hours of GPS
>locations per person. Just a thought.
Donnie Shevlin

So, now not only will abductees have "their" implants in them,
they'll also have "ours". Soon they wont be able to make it
through metal detectors :)

Cheers

Sharon

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Re: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 17:54:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 22:53:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article

>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 17:41:24 -0500 (EST)
>From: James Oberg <JamesOberg@aol.com>
>Subject: Mars Probe Coverup
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>A real NASA coverup!!!

>NASA knew Mars Polar Lander doomed
>United Press International - March 21, 2000 15:01

>By James Oberg, UPI Space Writer

<snip>

Hmmm ... & NASA responds!

<http://marslander.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news69.html>

I wonder if this is a Grand Conspiracy on NASA's part to make it
look like Mr. Oberg isn't their head Disinformation Agent!

j/k

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Nibiru - A New Member Of Our Solar System?

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 18:11:05 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 22:57:34 -0500
Subject: Nibiru - A New Member Of Our Solar System?

Hi everyone.

The forwarded RAS announcement below shatters one concept that many of us assumed to be fact - that all planets orbit around central stars. Of course, if any of these 13 newly discovered "free-floating planets" were to pass close to an existing planetary system like our own, they would be drawn inwards towards the sun and could become newly orbiting planets locked in highly elliptical orbits. They would occasionally create havoc with the other planets in the inner solar system in much the same way as Zecharia Sitchin's hypothetical Nibiru.

Nick Balaskas

Date: 22 March 2000
For immediate release

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ASTRONOMERS DISCOVER FREE-FLOATING PLANETS IN THE ORION NEBULA

The most sensitive survey ever undertaken of the region in the Orion Nebula where new stars are forming has revealed 13 "free-floating planets" as well as more than one hundred very young brown dwarfs. The discovery was made by Dr Philip Lucas of the University of Hertfordshire and Dr Patrick Roche of the University of Oxford using a new camera on the United Kingdom Infrared Telescope (UKIRT) in Hawaii. Their results will be published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Brown dwarfs are objects that might have become stars, but never accumulated sufficient material. With less than 8% of the Sun's mass, they did not heat up enough inside to trigger the nuclear reactions involving hydrogen that keep stars shining over long periods. Nevertheless, they do produce some nuclear energy for a short time (from deuterium, a rare isotope of hydrogen) if their mass exceeds 1.3% the Sun's mass - about 13 times the mass of Jupiter. Astronomers regard this as the minimum mass for a brown dwarf.

The new infrared survey of the Trapezium Cluster in the Orion Nebula, turned up 13 objects below the 13 Jupiter-mass threshold. The mass of the smallest is equivalent to no more than about 8 Jupiters. These objects have been dubbed "free-floating planets". They give off only residual heat left over from when they were born. By nature they are more like the giant planets of our solar system than stars. However, they do not orbit any star and drift

through space by themselves. Only two similar objects have previously been discovered. (Japanese astronomers found them in the southern Chamaeleon Nebula.) The discovery of thirteen more in one cluster suggests that they might be very common.

Astronomers believe that most stars are born in giant molecular clouds - vast clumps of cold gas and dust. The nearest such cloud lurks just behind the glowing gas of the Orion Nebula. The Trapezium cluster at the heart of the Orion Nebula has recently broken out of the dark molecular cloud. It is therefore the best place to look in order to find out about the creation of stars, brown dwarfs and free-floating planets in the rest of the Galaxy. The backdrop of the Orion Molecular Cloud obscures everything that lies behind it, which is very useful because it means that all the objects seen in this part of the sky are members of the cluster, except for perhaps a handful which lie in the foreground.

Because brown dwarfs and free floating planets quickly cool down, they are easiest to find when they are young and still retain some heat from the formation process. The objects in the Trapezium cluster are mostly about one million years old - very young compared to the five-billion-year age of the Sun.

An interesting feature of this study is that no planets have been found under 8 Jupiter masses. It may indicate that there is a limit to how small these free-floating planets can be but even more sensitive surveys will be needed to confirm this. In the meantime UKIRT has been used to obtain spectra of about twenty of the brown dwarfs and planets. The results are still being analysed but they show the signature of water vapour that is expected in relatively cool stars and brown dwarfs, at a temperature of a mere 2700 degrees Centigrade. The planets will eventually cool down to earthly temperatures but it is unlikely that they could ever sustain life. Although the total number of brown dwarfs and planets in the Trapezium may be similar to the number of stars, individually they have less mass. If this a typical cluster, brown dwarfs and planets do not contribute significantly to the dark matter that many astronomers believe pervades the universe.

This survey is one of the first projects undertaken with the new infrared camera UFTI, the UKIRT Fast Track Imager. It is the most sensitive search yet conducted for low mass stellar and sub-stellar objects. For all the objects they detected, Lucas and Roche measured the strength of radiation given off at three standard wavelengths in the near infrared (known as I, J and H). They used this data to deduce the mass, luminosity and temperature of the objects. UFTI was built by a team headed by Roche and Lucas at Oxford University in 1998, with the help of several British universities.

ILLUSTRATIONS

[The following sentence was edited by AAS to reflect the fact that we do not forward attachments. spm]

A low-resolution JPEG version and higher resolution versions may be downloaded from the following web pages:

<http://www-astro.physics.ox.ac.uk/~pwl/trapl.jpg>

<http://www-astro.physics.ox.ac.uk/~pwl/trapl.gif>

<http://www-astro.physics.ox.ac.uk/~pwl/trapl.tif>

Caption: An infrared picture of the central part of the Orion Nebula constructed from the three separate images taken with UFTI (the UKIRT Fast Track Imager) on the United Kingdom Infrared Telescope. The three colours used in this false colour image (blue, orange and red) correspond to infrared radiation with wavelengths twice as long. Hence, this picture shows Orion as we would see it if our eyes were sensitive to light of twice the wavelength they are actually capable of detecting. The picture shows stars, brown dwarfs and planets together with diffuse starlight, which is scattered by tiny particles of cosmic dust, and light emitted by energised gas. Infrared images are vital for this work, as they penetrate the dusty clouds and are able to pick up faint objects which cannot be seen in visible light images.

NOTES

1. Both UFTI and UKIRT are funded by the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council.

2. The paper describing this work has been accepted for publication in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, but the date of publication and is not yet available.

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Re: Reed Hoax

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 02:00:45 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 08:19:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 09:15:30 -0500 (EST)
>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 11 Mar 2000 16:23:08 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Fri, 10 Mar 2000 22:05:37 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>To Robert Gates and the List,

>I think that you just gave a good illustration of the
>"Hoax-Debunking scenario", which we could also call the "Rotten
>Apple scenario" : if I find a rotten apple in the barrel I throw
>them all out.

I didn't throw them all out, merely talked about how the organizers of this so called conference went out of their way to trot out a guy whose information can't be verified, whose story doesn't and can't be verified _but_ they want him to speak at a serious conference.

I predict that if this guy was considered to be "popular" by the conference organizers, they will invite more of these guys. Its called pander to whom and whatever gives us the most popularity, which translates to \$ in our pocket.

>What is the scenario in this case ?

The people who created the scenario were the conference organizers, who demonstrate that they don't have problems offering fiction mixed with facts and serious speakers. It leaves the suggestion that they don't care whether its fact, fiction or what, just who or whatever will give the biggest entertaining show.

>A dubious speaker is invited at a convention, together with
>about thirty others. You are right to lament that he was well
>received by the audience (I can confirm that since I was there :

As I have said many times, many dubious speakers are well received by the audience until what they say is so obviously phony or doesn't happen, then the same gullible people focus their attention on the next entertaining story that comes along.

>I glanced five minutes in the room to check that). But I can
>also tell you that many speakers did not buy it (I checked that
>too).

>Never mind, your mind is set already.

>They have invited Reed, therefore there was nothing good there :

They knowing invited a guy whose own credentials and story doesn't check out _and_ they knew that in advance. Some folks have said that doesn't say much about the people doing the inviting.

>>Being that the organizers of this conference seem to want people >>whose credentials don't check out, and whose very basic story >>doesn't check out, kind of tells me the conference is not a >>serious conference, but a UFO entertainment show.

>And that's what is so devastating. There were some very >interesting presentations there, but do you care to know? The >only mails I have seen on this list are to laugh at Reed and the >Laughlin congress.

If Reed and his show got alot of interest and entertainment value, nexts years conference will likely have two or three speakers with dubious tales and credentials speaking, all the while the truly worth while speakers will get bumped.

I don't doubt that their were good speakers, _but_ we are seeing the very beginning of a good/serious UFO congress turning into a UFO entertainment show unless something changes because of all the Reed commentary.

Cheers,

Robert

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 12

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 10:59:40 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 12:01:43 -0500
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5, Number 12

UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 5, Number 12
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MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION
CAUSED THE FIRE AT THE
CHURCH IN UGANDA

"Rutemba Didas heard what sounded like an explosion, then saw black smoke billowing from the brick structure on a hilltop compound where members of a religious cult had been living for several years."

"The farmer and his neighbors heard screams coming from the chapel" the morning of Friday, March 17, 2000, "but they couldn't get close to the new building where the members of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God lived in this remote corner of southwestern Uganda." "We did not see any person running away. We really don't know what happened to the leaders," Didas said, standing a short distance from where the charred bodies lay spread across the floor of a 120-foot-by-30-foot structure."

"Circumstances surrounding the deaths--who the dead were and how the fire was started--remain foggy." "Little was known about the cult, although it appeared to incorporate Christian beliefs, and local farmers said it was led by a former prostitute."

The fire took place in Kanungu, a market town about 320 kilometers (200 miles) southwest of Kampala, the capital of Uganda.

"In Kanungu, cult members locked themselves in the chapel early Friday and nailed doors and windows closed, then sang for a few hours before dousing themselves in gasoline and paraffin and setting themselves ablaze, said David Sseppuuuya, deputy editor-in-chief of the government-owned New Vision newspaper, quoting investigators."

"According to an eyewitness on the site, they came around and said farewell to the people and they heard that the Virgin Mary would appear on Friday, so they did expect to die on Friday," Sseppuuuya said."

"Didas said the cult was established in 1994 by former prostitute Credonia Mwerinde at her family's compound."

"He said members of the cult did not socialize with others in the area and communicated only by gesture, although they did sing and pray aloud. The women wore white veils, and the men wore black, green or red shirts, he said."

"Local leaders said members of the sect slaughtered their cattle and feasted for a week before

the fire, drinking soft drinks and singing religious songs, according to the independent newspaper The Monitor."

"Cult members from inside and outside the compound had been invited to a ceremony Friday to inaugurate the chapel, which had been built by Mwerinde over the graves of her parents."

"In other building of the compound, there were images of the Virgin Mary and several rosaries."

"Tumwesigye Kajungu, a former schoolteacher from the trading center who refused to join the cult, said his wife and six children died in the blaze."

"I last saw my wife on March 8. She told me something was going to happen on the 15th. And if nothing happened, she would see me again," he said."

Uganda's Ministry of the Interior said they expected the death toll to reach 330.

(Editor's Comment: Got the picture so far? Another group of kook Christians committed "mass suicide" by setting themselves on fire. But if that's the case, then how do you explain this next report?)

"Prisoners dug a long trench Monday" March 20, 2000 "and a bulldozer shoveled charred corpses into a common grave, the final resting place for hundreds of members of a religious cult led by a former prostitute. Most of the victims apparently were women, and police counted the bodies of 78 children, the (Uganda) interior minister said."

"These are the ones we could count,' Interior Minister Edward Rugumayo said, 'The others are unrecognizable.'"

"Rugumayo spoke to reporters in Kampala after inspecting the burned hulk of the church hall just outside Kanungu...He said that in addition to the 330 bodies found after Friday's fire in the church, five bodies were spotted through a hole in a nearby pit latrine." (my emphasis--J.T.)

"Rugumayo said police were sure there were more bodies in the latrine, a walled communal structure common in African villages but were awaiting digging equipment to excavate the pit. He did not offer an explanation of how or when the bodies got into the latrine."

"In the last few months, Ugandan police had dismantled two cults accused of being a menace to themselves and the country."

In September 1999, Ugandan police cracked down on the Church of the Last Message of World Warning, "whose members were accused of abducting children and abusing minors.. This sect, located in a farm in central Uganda, professes 'doomsday beliefs' under the guidance of their 'prophet,' Wilson Bushara of Bukhoto in Nakaseke County, Uganda."

Members of the World Warning church are exclusively Tutsi and Bahima indigenous people from southern Uganda, Burundi, northern Tanzania and eastern Zaire.

In November 1999, Ugandan police "scattered an illegal gathering of the cult which has grown around the young prophet Nabassa Owajwa in western Uganda. This young woman, aged 19, claimed to have died in 1996 but to have been resurrected by God to exhort the masses to repent before the year 2000."

Just over the border from Kanungu, in the neighboring African nation of Rwanda, the Virgin Mary (formerly known as Miriam bat-Joachim--J.T.) appeared to a teenaged girl named Marie Clare from 1980 to 1985 and left several messages. In one message, the apparition claimed she would return to Africa "in twenty years' time," i.e. the year 2000. (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for March 20, 2000, "Cult fire death count could hit 470," page 3A and March 21, 2000, "Uganda cult deaths," page 2A. Also thanks to Scott Corrales for the EKE news story.)

(Editor's Comment: Here we go again. Another unpopular religious sect wiped out by forces unknown, just like Heaven's Gate in 1997 and the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas in 1993. The motive is clear. Somebody wanted to halt the Marian apparition in Kanungu. But you have to wonder what secret tribunal vetoed the continued existence.

of Ms. Mwerinde's sect. This appears to be Bogus Suicides Week. Check out what's going down in Canton. Ohio.)

UFO WITNESS SLAIN IN
SUSPICIOUS PLUNGE
FROM HOSPITAL WINDOW

"A 39-year-old Guernsey County patient at Marcy Medical Center" in Canton, Ohio (population 64,161) somehow got through the open window of his ninth floor room yesterday (Monday, March 13, 2000) and plunged seven stories to an adjacent roof."

"The man, from Kimbolton, was declared dead at the scene. Canton police found a bag of his clothing next to the body. He was wearing his hospital gown."

"Stark County coroner's investigator William Dishong said there was no evidence of a struggle or foul play. However, police are investigating to determine if it was a suicide or a criminal act."

"Relatives said they were planning to bring the man home from the hospital yesterday when they heard of the accident, which happened about 8:30 a.m."

"A cousin, William Robert Juergens, said hospital officials" claimed that the patient "was 'seeing flying saucers' and was agitated the night before."

"'I don't understand why they didn't have him psychologically evaluated,' Juergens said, 'I was told that he was pacing all night, that he wasn't sleeping.'"

"Canton Detective Capt. James Myers said the man took his action quickly. The other patient in the semi-private room with him was not aware of what happened."

"Dishong said the man apparently closed the curtain separating the beds. He said a nurse had been in the room...two minutes before the patient was discovered missing. The nurse said the window was closed at that time. But when she returned, the window was open, and the man was gone."

"'I don't remember any other incident where anyone jumped at a hospital,' Myers said."

(Editor's Comment: Memo to Captain Myers--In 1949, former Secretary of the Navy James D. Forrestal jumped out of a high window at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Of course, some people say Forrestal had a little help when he "jumped.")

"The horizontal windows on this floor slide up and down rather than swinging out. They are kept locked with special keys. No one could explain yesterday how the window became unlocked. (my emphasis--J.T.) Myers said the window was not broken."

"The man had been injured from a four-car auto accident Friday (March 10, 2000) in Plain Township, but it was not reported that he was disoriented."

"Stark County Sheriff Timothy Swanson said witnesses reported that he was doing between 60 and 70 miles per hour on Cleveland Avenue near the North Canton city limits with his headlights off." (Editor's Comment: Makes you wonder what he was running from, doesn't it?)

"He struck several orange construction barrels before hitting another car head-on. Two other cars were involved in the accident, which occurred at 8:42 p.m."

"No one was seriously injured. Swanson said there were no signs of drug or alcohol use."

According to Juergens, the patient "was never married and had no children but lived with a dog named Toto. He had a high-pressure job as an accountant for several oil firms in Houston and Venezuela until about two years ago, Juergens said. Since then, he had delivered pizzas in Cambridge," Ohio.

"'Everyone I speak with is trying to say je jumped, and I can't see him doing that. He just wasn't that kind of person,' Juergens said, 'He had some mental problems. He had some breakdown, but he never hurt

himself or anyone else. He was more concerned with getting home to get his dog fed.'" (See the Akron, Ohio Beacon-Journal for March 14, 2000, "Fall kills hospital patient in Canton" by John Higgins and Andale Gross. Many thanks to Kenneth Young of Cincinnati UFO Research for forwarding the newspaper article.)

SMALL DELTA-SHAPED UFO
SEEN IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2000, around 6:30 p.m., M.J.C. decided to go for a hike in the woods near his apartment complex. He lives about a half-mile from Expressway 590 in the south side of Rochester, N.Y. (population 231,700), just north of the town landfill belonging to the neighboring community of Brighton, N.Y. (population 34,500).

"That evening I started hiking through the woods on a trail which starts at the back of my apartment complex and skirts north along the edge of the Brighton landfill. The trail eventually works its way down to a very shallow stream at the bottom of a ravine," Mike reported.

"Eventually I decided to leave the trail and head right down to the stream itself. I proceeded to tiptoe downstream on some of the rocks and then climbed over downed trees before deciding the path was getting a bit too soggy and obstructed for my liking. Instead of hiking back on the trail I'd taken, I decided to take a 'shortcut' back to the landfill."

Following a very steep climb out of the ravine, he "walked through the woods headed in the direction of the road which runs through the landfill proper. However, after the climb, I was all out of breath and had to take a standing rest behind a pile of rocks."

"Glancing up ahead, some movement caught my eye. Something dark up in the air. First I thought it might be a kite, then a balloon, then a bird. Finally, as it drew closer, the only possibility that I hadn't eliminated was a radio-controlled model of some sort. But then again, what kind of radio-controlled plane is absolutely silent?"

"The object was totally black in color and flat on the underside. The closest thing that I could say the craft resembled was the Stealth fighter plane, but it was quite scaled down in size. Although it's difficult to estimate size against a background of clouds, the object was eventually close enough to me where I'm confident in saying it wasn't more than six feet (1.8 meters) long, and my best guess is that it was only four feet (1.3 meters) long."

"The object looked very much like a black arrowhead in shape, complete with an arrowhead's notch toward the rear. But it also presented a multi-faceted design on top, similar to the Stealth's anti-radar deflective design. However, the ends of the object appeared to have a clean edge but I noticed they were partially ragged, as in the difference between a standard pyramid and the stepped look of a South American (Mayan, Toltec or Aztec--J.T.) pyramid. Although the effect was mere detail, I thought it was worth mentioning."

"As the object glided directly past me, I could begin to see what clearly looked to be windows arrayed in a hexagon-shaped dome on top. Now picture a Stealth cockpit positioned directly in the middle of the craft with these same types of windows being on all sides."

"The object was traveling at a constant speed and altitude, absolutely level. The degree of steadiness it showed combined with the fact that it was moving over a long distance without making a sound made it seem utterly unnatural to me. It also flew at a very low altitude, perhaps a mere 30 to 50 feet above the highest treetops. I'd estimate the speed to be around 10 miles per hour (16 kilometers per hour). It traveled at the same speed throughout the entire sighting which lasted maybe 45 seconds."

"I watched it glide past me and then over the ravine. After another 15 seconds, I could no longer see it beyond the treeline, but it was headed directly

toward the 590 Expressway which is located approximately a half-mile (0.8 kilometers) away."

Rochester is on Interstate Highway I-90 approximately 359 miles (574 kilometers) northwest of New York City. (Email Interview) (Editor's Comment: This is not an aircraft as we understand the term. At such a low airspeed, any plane would stall and drop out of the sky. The UFO obviously was using some other means of "lift" than its wings.)

FOUR DISCS VIDEOTAPED IN SMITHVILLE, INDIANA

On Sunday, March 12, 2000, at 8:30 p.m., Indiana ufologist John Tosti "spotted two illuminated objects outside his home near Smithville, Indiana (population 90), a small town 65 miles (104 kilometers) south of Indianapolis.

Tosti reported that "the objects were hovering just slightly above a nearby tree line. He was in the process of videotaping them when two more appeared from out of nowhere, also with no accompanying sound."

"Less than a quarter-mile distant," Tosti "could make out the outlines of the second pair, which he described as 'huge disks.' He commented that they had what looked like 'headlights' coming out of them."

"At this point, John turned his attention and his video camera toward the new arrivals," reported fellow ufologist Lynn Taylor, publisher of the UFO newsletter, The Sentinel Files.

"He was still taping when a small yellowish object 'shot out' of one of the disks, straight toward him."

"That kind of scared me," Tosti reportedly said.

"Then, as suddenly as the huge disks appeared, they 'blackened out' and were gone. When he looked around for the first two objects, they were nowhere to be found." (See The Sentinel Files for march 18, 2000. Many thanks to editor Lynn Taylor for letting UFO Roundup quote from the newsletter.)

MYSTERY METEOR CAUSES BIG BLAZE IN ARKANSAS

"A mysterious fire scorched forty acres early Friday morning (March 10, 2000) before emergency workers controlled it, central Arkansas officials said."

"The Pulaski County Emergency Management Dept. responded to the fire just before midnight a few miles south of England (population 3,351) when a call alerted officials to a probable plane crash, Emergency Management Director Kathy Botsford said."

"No evidence of a plane crash was found."

"The fire burned parts of Pulaski, Lonoke and Jefferson Counties. Most of the damage was centered on land in Jefferson County, which is in charge of the investigation, according to Lt. Eugene Butler of the county's sheriff's office."

"Only one house sits near the 150-foot-wide, mile-long area that burned, but no damage was reported to the building."

"A pipeline explosion was also suggested as the cause of the fire, but Botsford said the contents of the pipes running through the area are non-flammable and the company that owns the pipeline said no leaks had been detected."

"Several people in the area reported seeing shooting stars between 9 and 10 p.m., but Botsford was skeptical of the meteorite theory."

"I just doubt this possibility at this point," Botsford said, "We're just not really sure what started the fire."

"Butler said he had reports of a 'mushroom-type ball of fire' in the area before the fire, but he couldn't say how it started."

"Right now we're just trying to find the origin of the fire," Butler said."

"Pulaski County Sheriff's Office spokesman John Rehrauer said he saw something in the sky while driving

in Little Rock--25 miles (40 kilometers) northwest of England--around 8 p.m."

"'I was driving down the freeway, and it caught my eye,' Rehrauer said, 'I said to my wife, 'That was a bright shooting star.'" (See the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette for March 11, 2000, "Strange blaze near England puzzles police." Many thanks to Errol Bruce-Knapp for forwarding the newspaper story.)

ANOTHER UFO REPORTED IN NEW SOUTH WALES

On January 30, 2000, at about 4 a.m., an adult male "was at his factory in" Brookvale, New South Wales, Australia, and saw orange-sphere UFOs "from his window. He got in his car and drove to Beacon Hill for a better vantage point. At the time, they were doing strange manoeuvres as if surveying certain areas west of Sydney. He watched them for around an hour until he couldn't see them any more." (Many thanks to Tricia Down Under for this report.)

TWO CROP CIRCLES APPEAR IN EASTERN SPAIN

"Two large crop circles of unknown origin have appeared in a wheat field near Els Omellons," near Las Garrigues in Spain's Barcelona Province.

"Their symmetry and size has caused them to be compared to UFO landing circles. The circles are 36 and 26 meters (118 and 85 feet) in diameter.."

However, the Spanish newspaper El Periodico suggested that it was a hoax, pointing out that "Authorities and local residents believe it is all hooliganism. The photo shows the local alcalde (mayor) pointing at the circles." (See the newspaper El Periodico for March 11, 2000, "A false UFO frightens Las Garrigues." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbiden Mexico para esta historia.)

READER FEEDBACK:

The recent story on youthful Fatima seer Jacinta Marto drew some commentary. (See UFO Roundup, Volume 5, Number 10.)

Joaquim Fernandes of the University of Fernando Pessoa in Porto, Portugal writes, "The article about Jacinta is accurate." He adds that a good book on Fatima is available over the Internet. It's entitled As Aparicoes de Fatima o Fenomeno OVNI? You can ask about the book at this email address--estampa@mail.telepac.pt

Debra S. writes, "I didn't know the Fatima children were jailed. Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco should have been singing this...
"Johnnie Cochrane, you are a friend of mine/
You come to free us when we get into a bind/
You're the best./You're my friend./Mi amigo!"

Very funny, Deb. You know, if O.J. Simpson could sing, he could move to Branson and turn that into his first hit platinum CD.

from the UFO Files...

1966: STRANGE ENCOUNTER IN NEWPORT, OREGON

If there's an award for the weirdest-looking aliens ever to appear on Earth, the Newport Three are a cinch to win.

Newport, Oregon (population 9,000) is a scenic port city on Oregon's Pacific Ocean coastline, which has been a summer resort community for well over a century.

In 1874, Newport was the scene of one of the strangest disappearance cases on record. Muriel Trevenard, a 16-year-old girl, vanished from the third floor of the old Yaquina Bay lighthouse, and she was

never seen again. (For details, see UFO Roundup, Volume 5, Number 11.)

By 1966, however, there was nobody left alive who remembered the strange case of Muriel Trevenard. The case had been relegated to local folklore and pretty nearly forgotten.

But then, in April 1966, strange phenomena began again in Newport.

On April 5, 1966, there was a miniature UFO flap here in the USA. Saucers were sighted in Alto, Tennessee and Lycoming, New York, with both cases ultimately being reported as "unknowns" in Project Blue Book.

That evening, in Newport, 16-year-old Kathy Reeves and another teenaged girl were walking home to Kathy's house on Pioneer Mountain when the girls had "a funny feeling" that they were being followed.

Coming to a bend in the road, Kathy and her friend looked back and "saw what appeared to be a flashlight with a cover over the end."

"I thought it was somebody playing a trick, so I threw a rock at the light. A lot of big ones went on all around it, and we ran home."

What they saw next, however, brought both girls to a screeching halt. Three weird shapes were moving across a pasture, heading for the multi-colored lights further downslope. Kathy blinked in disbelief. Aliens!

Indeed, these were the strangest-looking aliens ever seen in the fifty years since Roswell. Afterward, Kathy described them as "three little tree stumps" that "walked across the pasture." The entities had neither heads nor arms, and their legs resembled the taproots of a tree trunk. She added that the trio seemed to be wearing multicolored clothing, "orange, blue, white, yellow and watermelon-colored."

Screaming, the girls ran upslope to the house at top speed.

In the days that followed, there were several "poltergeist" experiences in the Reeves's home.

According to author Jim Brandon, "The Reeves family were harassed to the point of moving out of their home on Pioneer Mountain. Before that, however, a number of people studied the goings-on."

"Max W. Taylor, a chemist for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation, camped out on the Reeves front lawn and was rewarded by seeing what he described as 'two bluish lights' perched on the roof one night."

"Deputy Sheriff Thomas W. Price saw a flying object. 'I don't know what it was, but it was orange and it was bigger than any star. I know it wasn't a meteor or a satellite because it was maneuvering. There was a noise like a giant spinning top. It made the hair stand up on the back of my neck.'"

"After the Reeveses left, the new owner, Delbert Mapes, said the freak show seemed to have left with them."

Of course, no one was able to explain why the picturesque fishing town of Newport, Oregon became the locale of not one but two paranormal cases ninety years apart. Or why both cases involved sixteen-year-old girls.

File under Mysteries of the Pacific Northwest. (See the book *Weird America* by Jim Brandon, E.P. Dutton, New York, N.Y., 1978, pages 189 and 190. Also Project Blue Book, edited by Brad Steiger, Ballantine Books, New York, N.Y., 1976, page 369. Also the Spokane, Wash. Spokesman-Review for October 18, 1966, page 1.)

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Re: FUFOR Web Site

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 12:12:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 12:08:13 -0500
Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site

>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 13:02:35 -0500
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: FUFOR Web Site
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Following a month of frustration, the Fund for UFO Research web
>site is back on line. However, the URL has been changed to

>www.fufor.com

>To make a long story short, the Domain Name that had been
>registered (fufor.org) apparently lapsed at the same time as the
>provider contract and became available before we had realized
>what happened. When I attempted to re-register the name I found
>that a speculator had grabbed it several days before and
>fufor.org was no longer available. We may attempt to re-secure
>that name, but the process could drag on for a while and we
>wanted to get the site back up and running as quickly as we
>could.

Don't give in to them Steven. I'm sure there are a lot of us out there who have registered domains then received 'junk mail' from speculators telling us to register (in my case) the .net and .org domains as well.

A quick check shows that they had already registered them and were obviously expecting my 'business' to pay up. Let them sit on the domains, this is a hobby not a business and I think that trying to buy it back is going to cost a *lot* of money.

I live in London, England and have received a phone call from a company allegedly on Wall Street trying to get financial information from me for investing purposes. When I told the person that I do not have that sort of money he told me I had invested before (I haven't) and my company UFOINFO is on the Wall Street list!

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Don't worry about people having to update links, that's what trying to keep a website up to date is all about. I'm sure the majority will be on your side in this case.

Best wishes,

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Fwd Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 23:28:39 -0500
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Thanks for your words of encouragement. We have no intention of letting these people profit from this. If the name becomes available in the future we will likely secure it to control the FUFOR name, but even though we're a non-profit group we can live the .COM extension.

Steve

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Re: Reed Hoax

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2000 15:57:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2000 00:00:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Reed Hoax

>Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 02:00:45 -0500 (EST)
>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2000 09:15:30 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Reed Hoax
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>The people who created the scenario were the conference
>organizers, who demonstrate that they don't have problems
>offering fiction mixed with facts and serious speakers. It
>leaves the suggestion that they don't care whether its fact,
>fiction or what, just who or whatever will give the biggest
>entertaining show.

>>A dubious speaker is invited at a convention, together with
>>about thirty others. You are right to lament that he was well
>>received by the audience (I can confirm that since I was there :

>As I have said many times, many dubious speakers are well
>received by the audience until what they say is so obviously
>phony or doesn't happen, then the same gullible people focus
>their attention on the next entertaining story that comes along.

<snip>

>I don't doubt that their were good speakers, but we are seeing
>the very beginning of a good/serious UFO congress turning into a
>UFO entertainment show unless something changes because of all
>the Reed commentary.

I'm not saying discount them all either. I'm simply saying that a little common sense needed to be applied here. I've mentioned the grossly ignorant mistake of inviting Lee Shargel to a IUFOC event to speak. A degree in Egyptian Quantum Mechanics...? Ring any bells?

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."
<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy)
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Re: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:16:16 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2000 00:06:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article

>Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 17:54:33 -0500
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 17:41:24 -0500 (EST)
>>From: James Oberg <JamesOberg@aol.com>
>>Subject: Mars Probe Coverup
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>A real NASA coverup!!!

>>NASA knew Mars Polar Lander doomed
>>United Press International - March 21, 2000 15:01
>
>>By James Oberg, UPI Space Writer

><snip>

>Hmmm ... & NASA responds!

><http://marslander.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news69.html>

>I wonder if this is a Grand Conspiracy on NASA's part to make
>it look like Mr. Oberg _isn't_ their head Disinformation Agent!

Read the article by Mr. Oberg again. The conclusion appears to be quite obvious, at least it does to me. It appears to be an attempt to discredit those who have discredited Oberg. What a neat arrangement, eh?

Les Oberge de deux Signa turns out to wear a white hat after all. The plops thicken. This scenario is neither new nor is it unique to the more "modern" NASA. It was way back in 1966, when I was assigned to unmanned spacecraft as a systems integration engineer, that I and another engineer were looking for "catastrophic failure mechanisms" in various important circuits which both NASA as well as Grumman figured in the failure of the first flight article. I was still in college when that happened, but when ol' Morty arrived on the scene, full of piss and grapple, he was gonna fix ALL the problems for everybody.

Thank God youth only comes once. It is however, too bad that it comes in the beginning, because then you have a lifetime left over in which to wanna crawl under a blankey and suck your thumb for all your naivete'.

That circuit we discovered, would have blown all the dry nitrogen thrusters, low and high thrust, run up the inertia wheels and drain the batteries dry before they even had a chance to charge the sucker up again.

NASA would have no part of it. "The chances of that circuit failing are astronomically low... blah, blah, etc., etc." Just let it go little boy, we'll take care of it (heh, heh). Well, the next one flew and the circuit blew just like we said it could. NASA did not want to fix it. Would've cost too much to redesign everything as a result of fixing this problem. Besides, if we didn't launch now, the whole program might go away for

lack of funding.

Let her rip. And hope for a miracle. Well, there was one. A miracle. The miracle was that they got away with it again and again and again.

OAO, Challenger, Mars... God knows how long the list is. Conspiracy or maybe just very bad management and a system which rewards the beast for keeping it's mouth shut. These are some of their favorite things.

Jim Mortellaro

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Oberg - NASA Fights Back

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 21:04:35 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2000 00:09:31 -0500
Subject: Oberg - NASA Fights Back

Hello everyone.

Below is the response from NASA to Jim Oberg's UPI story of their coverup regarding the loss of the Mars Polar Lander.

Stay tuned for the truth...

Nick Balaskas

Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 20:05:02 -0500
From: Joseph O'Neil <joneil@MULTIBOARD.COM>
To: RASCALS@ap.stmarys.ca
Subject: [RASCALS] NASA ights back

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From: **Roger R. Prokic** <rprokic@pobox.com>
Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 21:58:00 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2000 00:11:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article

>Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 17:54:33 -0500
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: Oberg's 'Mars Probe Coverup' Article
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 17:41:24 -0500 (EST)
>>From: James Oberg <JamesOberg@aol.com>
>>Subject: Mars Probe Coverup
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>A real NASA coverup!!!

>>NASA knew Mars Polar Lander doomed
>>United Press International - March 21, 2000 15:01

>>By James Oberg, UPI Space Writer

><snip>

>Hmmm ... & NASA responds!

><http://marslander.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news69.html>

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I think it is a clear sign that Oberg is on NASA's shit list!

Roger R. Prokic
Principal RF Systems Engineer
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From: NASANews@hq.nasa.gov
Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 11:10:22 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 22 Mar 2000 15:15:45 -0500
Subject: NASA's Response To Oberg's Mars Polar Lander Story

Peggy Wilhide
Headquarters, Washington, DC
(Phone: 202/ 358-1898) March 22, 2000

Brian Welch
Headquarters, Washington, DC
(Phone: 202/ 358-1600)

Don Savage
Headquarters, Washington, DC
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Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 08:27:26 -0500
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Subject: Snippets O' Saucer Smear Volume 47, No. 2

Source: Saucer Smear Volume 47, No. 2 - February 10th, 2000

<http://www.martiansgohome.com/smeas/v47/ss000210.htm>

Editor And Still Supreme Commander: James W. Moseley, J.S.*

Short Smears

- Shamefully, the prestigious Franklin Mint is coming out with a replica of the Roswell saucer, based on input from four alleged experts - Roswell witness Frank Kaufmann, another supposed witness identified only as "Kewper", Sgt. Clifford Stone, and (eek!) Linda Moulton Howe.

- Big Loser of the Month appears to be a UFO lecturer named Lloyd Pye. As mentioned in previous "Smears", Pye obtained an ancient skull from Mexico which he believed might be alien or an alien hybrid. Unfortunately, DNA results so far indicate that the skull in question is male and human. Even more unfortunately, Pye has gone \$50,000 into debt, in paying for all this testing. Well, better luck next time! (This item lifted from the Jan. 2000 MUFON Journal.)...

- Our favorite Y2K horror story: The item in our last issue about Phil Klass of CSICOP and James Randi, formerly of CSICOP, was taken from the Jan-Feb 2000 issue of "Skeptical Inquirer". Karl Pflock received his copy in late December, and when ours failed to arrive in the mail, he kindly loaned us his copy. As of this writing (Jan. 27th), ours still hasn't arrived. Reason? Terrible computer problems at CSICOP Headquarters. These began shortly before the millennium and now are supposedly cured, according to a spokesperson in their office. But isn't it a gas that this strictly scientific organization was one of the very few to suffer such persecution by the random forces of (shudder!) Nature!

- Soon-to-be-retired pilot John Lear writes:

"Got your card. Enclosed is a few bucks to get back on your List.

"As you probably already know, I did indeed drop out of Ufology approximately ten years ago, due to the fact that you refused to publish the New Yorker Magazine cartoon of me in 'Saucer Smear'. It was a large emotional blow to me, not to mention a personal and professional embarrassment, to be terminally snubbed by someone who I thought was a good personal friend.

"I am still flying, having just turned 57. I only have three more years to go, due to mandatory retirement for commercial pilots at age 60. (Just another government conspiracy.)

"In preparation for retirement I purchased the Treasure Hawk gold mine in Gold Butte, Nevada (220 acres). The Treasure Hawk was a good producer in its day (1972-1986). However, the previous owner neglected to share his wealth with the IRS and ran into a few problems. He died in 1994 and I purchased it from

his wife in 1996. I have spent the last three years cleaning up his mess and getting the millsite ready for production. As you can imagine, with 28 separate agencies to report to and get permission from, there is a lot of paperwork to do.

"I have also set my wife up in the movie studio business... It keeps her busy and out of the gold mine..."

- Arch-skeptic Robert Sheaffer writes:

"...Re the Trent photos, Bruce Maccabee says that he photographed the cloud that supposedly cast such sharp, distinct, sun-like shadows on the eaves of his house at sunset, and that 'it was not particularly remarkable'. I urge him to contribute this discovery to journals of meteorology, as this contradicts what the textbooks say..."

"Folks, do try this at home. Try to find a single cloud at sunset that casts sharp-edged shadows of the eaves of buildings. It would be almost as remarkable as seeing a UFO. And in any case, the paper on my web page www.debunker.com proves that the supposed 'shining Trent cloud' could not possibly have appeared much larger than the sun, and tiny clouds cast very little light.

"Perhaps it was the Star of Bethlehem? I mean, if you're going to invoke one miraculous event to explain this photo (an E.T. craft), why stop at one?..."

*Who?

Moseley, James W., the founder of the Saucers and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (SAUCERS). Since 1954 he has published some variation of SAUCER News. For many years Moseley was the primary mover and shaker in ufology in the New York area. He was a fixture on early talk radio programs, and was an intimate collaborator with the late Gray Barker. The wealthy son of a U.S. Army General, Moseley has always approached the UFO mystery with a note of humor and common-sense skepticism, which has brought him more than a few critics. He has for many years served as Chairman of the National UFO Conference.

-Bishop Allen Greenfield,
writing in his book, 'Secret
Cipher Of The Ufonauts'

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Then find out the actual spacing of the image dots on the
original picture (or find out the magnification factor of the
published print).

Then take the spacing of the dots on the original; and divide by the focal length to get the angular spacing.

Make a point-by-point comparison with the spacings of the suspected stars.

If the spacings agree... bingo.

If not, at least we have information to say "if it were X feet away then the size was about Y" (projecting the angle out to distance X) Why the investigator didn't do this already I do not know.

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Perhaps I'm being unduly cynical, but any time a Polaroid is involved, little bells start going off in my head.....

later,

Roger Evans
Moviestuff, Houston TX

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From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 16:47:33 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 17:42:37 -0500
Subject: Re: The Unhappy Truth: ET Has No Home To Phone

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Source: The Toronto Star
>http://www.thestar.com/editorial/news/20000325NEW01d_CI-ALONE.html
>Saturday, March, 25th, 2000
>Finally, The Unhappy Truth: ET Has No Home To Phone
>By Lynda Hurst
>Toronto Star Feature Writer
>Ever look up into the starry, starry night and wonder who or
>what - if anything - is out there?
>Surely this little blue dot we're on can't contain the only
>intelligent life in the universe.
>We couldn't really be alone, could we?
>We probably are, or as good as, according to a provocative new
>book that's challenging the prevailing scientific wisdom that
>our planet is surrounded by umpteen alien worlds, albeit
>unheard-from to date.

But we are alone. No doubt about it. Let's make an assumption just for the sake of the argument. Let's say there is no life out there except for us. Let's say it's our purpose to go out and populate the universe.

Us!

Then, if the above is true, then there is definitely no God. For no God could ever wish to infect His universe with the likes of us. It's axiomatic.

In any case, we are alone.

OK. Now, let's say that there is life out there. They drop by or even just monitor our broadcasts, "Lucy, I'm home!" or how about a "Luscious Jackson" tune what got somehow broadcast on some diluded frequency ... or "Lum 'n Abner" maybe.

If you were a life form which was even a bit more advanced than us and you listened to this scheiss, what would you do? Huh? Probably sneak off on tip toes and hope they didn't recognize you. Or, figure, "hey, these idiots messed it up so much, we may as jump in and see what we can do with this whacked out life form!"

And we are alone anyway. I mean who would wanna come close enough to be recognized?

One alien race says to the other, "Say, you seen them boogers on that blue one, over there by that star, the yellow one?"

"Sure have, them peoples is nuts, don't go to close. THEy shoot first and then don't aks any questions either. Just keep

shootin!"

>Rare Earth says that simple, microbial life is likely abundant
>in the universe, but complex life - thinking beings like us -
>is rare, if not unique.

Thinking beings like us? Holy cow. What a marvelous concept
about us! And unique is likely, but unique does not necessarily
mean alone. Just on porpoise.

Speaking of porpoises, why is it that these seeming brilliant
beasts don't say much except they play with us? Because they are a
lot smarter than that. They make believe they are just dumb,
cute animals.

Now that's smart.

Jim Mortellaro

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From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 01:53:28 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 21:37:12 -0500
Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site

>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 16:12:19 -0600
>From: Tim D. Brigham <TBrigham@ksinc.net>
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>>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 13:02:35 -0500
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>>Following a month of frustration, the Fund for UFO Research web
>>site is back on line. However, the URL has been changed to

>>www.fufor.com

>>To make a long story short, the Domain Name that had been
>>registered (fufor.org) apparently lapsed at the same time as
>>the provider contract and became available before we had
>>realized what happened. When I attempted to re-register the
>>name I found that a speculator had grabbed it several days
>>before and fufor.org was no longer available. We may attempt to
>>re-secure that name, but the process could drag on for a while
>>and we wanted to get the site back up and running as quickly as
>>we could.

>This just brought to mind that, in the past, I know certain
>'skeptic' groups have bought up domains of sites that were even
>the least 'pro-ufo' as soon as they lapsed. Following that they
>simply turned the site into a link to their own org/site,
>thereby locking the name up and funnelling folks into their own
>lil propoganda booth.

Tim,

Although it would be surprising if anyone was bothered to that
extent by on-line 'UFO' related material, maybe we can verify
this. Can you recall any specific examples?

If so inclined, it's possible to also register the more obvious
domains which might compromise existing, recognised sites. Some
examples: still available are the domains 'CUFOS.com',
'CUFOS.net', 'FUFOR.net', 'BUFORA.com', 'BUFORA.net', 'BUFORA.org'
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Even if a non-profit organisation, it's become essential to also
own the '.com' domain and personally, I would strongly advise

CUFOS to register 'CUFOS.com' without delay, especially as the cost in doing so is negligible.

It's not the web site that's most significant - what happens to mail which is incorrectly addressed? Although the correct e-mail address may be held in an address book, I know from experience how common it is for an e-mail address to be quickly typed and the '.com' extension assumed.

Taking CUFOS as an example; if mail is currently sent to 'CUFOS.com', it will 'bounce' and the sender should become aware of the problem. However, if 'CUFOS.com' is registered by someone else and has a mailbox - which many domain registrars provide as standard even if no web site exists - the mail is received by the domain owner.

They might forward misdirected mail - assuming the intended destination is clear - or they may not and simply delete it, in which case, whomever sent that mail won't be notified it wasn't received. If awaiting a reply which never materialises, the sender might conclude that CUFOS aren't interested and reminders could also go unanswered. Meantime, CUFOS know nothing about the correspondence.

It does happen and I've come across several occurrences where highly confidential mail is misaddressed like this. From my experience, rarely is it forwarded.

Incredibly, it's clear from the research I conducted that the entire issue isn't appreciated by even the largest companies [senior management normally aren't familiar with Internet domain issues and IT managers don't realise the business implications]. The situation is particularly chaotic when UK companies have only registered the '.co.uk' domain and someone else now owns the '.com' equivalent.

Bottom line - although the '.com' variant is strictly intended for US companies, that's been overtaken by practicalities. Register the '.com' address first of all and work backwards from there, it no longer matters whether you are only an organisation or resident outside the US.

>I'm not saying this is what happened to you all, but it wouldn't >shock me. How 'skeptic' groups that claim to push critical >thinking and rationalism can 'sucker folks' in (and in my view, >basically censor others) like this is beyond me.

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Consequently, on 24 January, 1999, 'CSICOP.com' and 'CSICOP.net' were acquired by 'Riley G', supposed 'psychic' and 'remote viewer', etc.

If you enter either of these CSICOP URLs, they will automatically take you to his main web site, the similarly named 'www.psycop.com'. Realising the dangers, he has astutely also registered 'PSICOP.net' and 'PSICOP.org'.

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"The real secret is that a UFO from another planet did crash back in the year 1947, and yes there were alien beings captured on scene, along with their dead. The aliens were in fact taken to what is known as Area 51 for further review. Since then several more Aliens landings have occurred around the world, and key Government Officials from several nationals are aware of this. We even have aliens living and sharing their technology

with us in Area 51 and several other classified military bases in the USA and other countries".

Despite previous, universal acknowledgements that Area 51 didn't actually exist in 1947 and one or two other slightly contentious claims here, we can only note Mr G's credentials as a psychic, remote viewer.

As requested, any examples of 'supportive' UFO web sites being usurped by 'skeptics' would be of interest.

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NASA Calls Batmobile Designer

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 21:50:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 21:50:31 -0500
Subject: NASA Calls Batmobile Designer

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

Source: scifi.com

<http://www.scifi.com/scifiwire/print.cgi?2000-03/23/10.30.tv>

9:00am ET, 23-Mar-00

NASA Calls Batmobile Designer

NASA engineers have called Batman's car designer for advice on building a new generation of exploration vehicles to traverse Mars, according to the Space.com Web site. George Barris, the designer who created the Batmobile for TV and movies, received the call from engineers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, the site reported.

"I'm usually the one who gets the call from motion picture and television studios to design and build vehicles for film and TV," Barris, now in his late 70s, told Space.com. "This is the first time I have been contacted by NASA for the real thing."

Engineers from NASA's Mars EVA (extra vehicular activity) project office called Barris after they came across a model of Barris' "Moon Scope," a full-size working six-wheeled vehicle designed in the 1960s for lunar exploration. NASA is now cooperating with Barris, who has given the space agency permission to use any of his designs.

Barris is a longtime designer of fantastic vehicles for Hollywood, including the Munsters' hearse, the Green Hornet's car and Knight Rider's talking Trans Am. Barris is scheduled to receive the Life Career Saturn Award from the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films in June.

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Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 23:09:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 06:31:15 -0500
Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site

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>From: James Easton <voyager@ukonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>Although it would be surprising if anyone was bothered to that
>extent by on-line 'UFO' related material, maybe we can verify
>this. Can you recall any specific examples?

>If so inclined, it's possible to also register the more obvious
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You can carry this to another level and really become paranoid about the dangers that lurk in the shadows. Many years ago someone realized that people would often mistype the URL and created a porn site that was reached via "www.yahhoo.com". I don't know how beneficial this was for visitation, but I found myself staring at his opening screen in a state of shock before I realized what I'd done and entered the correct domain name. So, it would seem that the more popular sites on the "net" would need to also reserve any name that closely resembles their URL.

Of course, the point you make is very important. The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has registered "www.mufon.com", while "www.mufon.org" was secured by the Missouri chapter. To my surprise "www.mufon.net" redirects your browser to "www.alienimplants.com", which is a site maintained by Derrel Sims. So the potential problem is not only between the UFO community and Sceptics, but also among the highly competitive entities (philisophical and/or commercial) on either side of this issue.

For those companies that have invested large sums to promote their name this is an economic issue. It that would require that they secure any top-level domain name that relates to their product name, even if they don't have a web site of their own.

The Fund for UFO Research is going to discuss securing "fufor.net", but we'll have to weigh the cost of paying for the

name against a potential threat. But this should indeed serve as a wake-up call and no one should allow their Domain Name registration to inadvertently lapse. Make sure that the records associated with your Domain Name are current, so that someone will be notified if it is about to expire. If your Domain Name was secured by your Web provider and they handle the paperwork, make sure the contact information is transferred directly to someone in your organization if you decide to change Providers.

Steve

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Britain's 1950s Flying Saucer Revealed

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 20:44:37 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 07:01:58 -0500
Subject: Britain's 1950s Flying Saucer Revealed

Greetings list -

Source: The London Sunday Times

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/sti/2000/03/26/stinwenws02024.html>

Sunday, March 26, 2000

Revealed - Britain's 1950s flying saucer
Jonathan Leake, Science Editor

It is the nearest the RAF got to a UFO. Recently discovered photographs taken at a secret laboratory in the 1950s reveal for the first time how close Britain came to developing a saucer-shaped stealth fighter after the second world war.

The pictures, taken at a research centre in Canada, show a revolutionary ultra-high-speed jet fighter designed by the British engineer John Frost. Aviation experts who studied the pictures last week said the jet incorporated some of the features on America's stealth fighter plane.

Work on the aircraft in the 1950s was codenamed Project Y. Frost and his team initially set out to build a disc-shaped machine with vertical takeoff, but ended with a sleek, arch-shaped aircraft.

"The pictures are a wonderful find," said David Windle, who has researched the history of Project Y. "It is technology that Britain just lost and it is a pity the project was abandoned. Who knows what would have happened if they had pursued it."

The photographs were taken at a laboratory in Malton, near Toronto, where Frost was working with Avro-Canada, a subsidiary of the British firm Avro, to develop a jet fighter for the Canadian government. He wanted to create an aircraft which could fly at 2,500mph and take off and land on its tail.

The existence of Project Y has been known about for years, but no pictures of the aircraft have ever been found. An aviation researcher accidentally discovered the photographs in a file at the Public Records Office in Kew.

An elongated saucer shape was used because of the revolutionary "radial flow" jets designed to power it. The engines were designed to emit the exhaust gases from several small nozzles, increasing the thrust of the jet.

Aviation experts said last week that the prototype vehicle would have been almost invisible to radar because of its slim cross-section. It would also have been more likely to evade enemy missiles because of the lower heat output through the numerous jet outlets.

It is not known why the revolutionary jet never went into production, but the project was abandoned before the plane had its first test flight.

Alex Raeburn, then assistant superintendent of manufacturing at

Avro, described the life of secrecy for those on the base. "The security was very tight," he says. "Armed guards were stationed on the doors and drawings were taken away as soon as we'd made the component. In fact, we never knew exactly what it was we were making."

Verne Morse, one of the team who worked on the secret project, said he was amazed any pictures had survived because of the total secrecy surrounding the project. He described how he saw a subsequent model designed by the team.

"When I saw it [the plane] for the first time I was stunned," he said. "I'd heard rumours we were working on a flying saucer, but I dismissed them. Now, here I was looking at it, and I was speechless."

In 1954, the Canadian government decided to end the development of the aircraft. The American Air Force took over the project and later a scaled-down version of the plane became an "air jeep", which was nicknamed the Avrocar.

Raeburn said he witnessed test pilot Spud Potocki flying the saucer-shaped craft. "I remember him flying up to the hangar windows and looking in like a humming bird might do. When he flew in cold weather the engines sucked pieces of ice off the puddles. They'd float around in the air, shining in the sunlight."

Professor Michael Graham, professor of aerodynamics at Imperial College, said: "In the 1950s there was a lot of interest in different aircraft shapes. This is built like a kind of flying wing. Its ability to hover is useful for landing in rough places."

While Frost worked on Project Y, American engineers were developing their own ultra-high-speed jets at desert bases in California and Nevada, which led to the development of spy planes such as the U2.

In 1961, however, despite the successful flights of the Avrocar, the American air force halted all funding for the company's researchers. There were no more British-designed flying saucers and Frost left Avro and moved to New Zealand, where he died.

Last week Tony, his son, said: "Dad was a brilliant artist who was always designing things, but he combined that skill with being a very capable mathematician and great lateral thinker."

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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CPR-Canada News: Two Crop Circles Reported in Spain

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2000 21:26:42 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 07:05:14 -0500
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Two Crop Circles Reported in Spain

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The E-News Service of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

March 25, 2000

TWO CROP CIRCLES REPORTED IN SPAIN

What may be the first circles of 2000 (?), in Spain, were reported in the latest issue of UFO Roundup. England and the rest of Europe should not be far behind, as the first circles there last year were reported in early April. Watch those fields! Thanks to Joseph Trainor for this report.

From UFO ROUNDUP 5.12
March 23, 2000

Editor: Joseph Trainor

TWO CROP CIRCLES APPEAR IN EASTERN SPAIN

"Two large crop circles of unknown origin have appeared in a wheat field near Els Omellons," near Las Garrigues in Spain's Barcelona Province. "Their symmetry and size has caused them to be compared to UFO landing circles. The circles are 36 and 26 meters (118 and 85 feet) in diameter. "However, the Spanish newspaper El Periodico suggested that it was a hoax, pointing out that "Authorities and local residents believe it is all hooliganism. The photo shows the local alcalde (mayor) pointing at the circles." (See the newspaper El Periodico for March 11, 2000, "A false UFO frightens Las Garrigues." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbiden Mexico para esta historia.)

See also the CPR-Canada web site for complete listings of news stories, reports and related information and links:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

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'The UFO Experience' Domain Name At Auction

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 09:44:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 10:18:31 -0500
Subject: 'The UFO Experience' Domain Name At Auction

Since we've been discussing domain names and their registration, I have been informed that John White is in the process of closing down 'The UFO Experience' web site and the Domain Name is now at auction on ebay. Search for Item #289196625 and you'll find it. (I might suggest that you also do a search on Domain Names and see the numerous entries. One or two have opening bids requests in the six figure range, but few actual bids.)

What follows is the announcement by John:

'The UFO Experience' is a world-famous phrase coined by the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek in his 1972 book of that title.

You may not know that I represent Dr. Hynek's literary estate. I named my annual conference 'The UFO Experience' out of respect for Dr. Hynek's pioneering work.

However, after 12 years of producing the conference, my family and I have decided to end the conference and shut down the Omega Communications website which supported it. (The conference videotapes are now for sale through UFOCity at:

www.ufocity.com

Are you interested in buying my website domain name and address? It is registered with InterNIC, the organization in charge of Internet names and addresses. I'm going to auction it on e-Bay the first week of May. If you're not interested, do you know anyone who might be? Would you kindly spread the word around in your circles?

Here are the terms I'll set for an auction:

The winning bidder/buyer will own all rights to the domain name, with no strings attached.

The buyer will pay all InterNIC transfer fees to have the domain name transferred to a name of the winning bidder's choice. The minimum bid will be \$500 and payment must be received within 10 days of auction close.

The transfer of domain name ownership will not begin until the payment has cleared.

The buyer must pay by bank cashier's check, bank wire transfer, U.S. Postal System money order, or through escrow service (with all escrow fees paid by the buyer). No personal checks will be accepted.

The buyer must warrant that he or she is at least 18 years of age and legally able to consummate a final sale.

The buyer must contact me immediately upon end of auction to arrange payment and to give information for transfer of the domain name.

To join the auction:

1. Log on to e-Bay at:

<http://www.ebay.com>

2. At the top of the home page, under "What Are You Looking For?", key "Domain Names" in the box and click on "Find it!"

3. The next screen will have all Domain Name auctions. (There will probably be dozens of them.) Look for 'The UFO Experience'.'

I'll be grateful for your help in spreading the word.

John White
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CT 06410
USA

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From: **Stephen MILES Lewis** <elfis@austin.rr.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 11:51:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 13:06:13 -0500
Subject: Re: 'The UFO Experience' Domain Name At Auction

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Steve

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Hi James,

Sorry for the lack of response till now, but I was out of town
on interview for a PhD program and am just now returning. Other
than the car crash that seriously messed up my car and my
already bad knee on the way home, things went well.

For a quick answer to your query: the first site that comes to
mind having been bought up by a skeptic group was
brotherblue.org. A lot of folks, both pro and con, don't care
much for bro blu, but after his site went offline for a while,
it suddenly became a redirect page that lead to the CSICOP main
page (looks like they both give and take). A quick check with
internic (if memory serves- this was probably over a year ago
now) listed some unknwn person as the new owner, but
unfortunately I cannot recall if CSICOP as an organization was

listed or not. I think the site was in the process of being reworked, or simply taken down, when someone apparently bought it up. I haven't checked up on it all lately.

I'm sure there are other examples, and I know I have bumped into a few of them in the past, but no others specifically come to mind.

It does not surprise me though that it works both ways, and that 'believers' have done the same thing. Unfortunately it's probably just human nature in general, not specific to UFOs. Hell, I know of many times I've accidentally typed a URL wrong and gotten redirected to a multilevel marketing site or a porn ad. Just the way it goes. It's more disturbing to me though when it's done to censor the views of others or to trick folks into getting certain types of info thrown at them.

Best,
Tim

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Re: FUFOR Web Site

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>Subject: Re: FUFOR Web Site
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>>Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 01:53:28 +0000
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>>>Date: Tue, 21 Mar 2000 16:12:19 -0600
>>>From: Tim D. Brigham <TBrigham@ksinc.net>
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hi Tim, list and all...

><snip>

>For a quick answer to your query: the first site that comes to
>mind having been bought up by a skeptic group was
>brotherblue.org. A lot of folks, both pro and con, don't care
>much for bro blu, but after his site went offline for a while,
>it suddenly became a redirect page that lead to the CSICOP main
>page (looks like they both give and take). A quick check with
>internic (if memory serves- this was probably over a year ago
>now) listed some unknown person as the new owner, but
>unfortunately I cannot recall if CSICOP as an organization was
>listed or not. I think the site was in the process of being
>reworked, or simply taken down, when someone apparently bought
>it up. I haven't checked up on it all lately.

As Tim knows, we discussed this incident some time ago (he and I
and friends). "Brother Blue" may have accidentally let his domain
registration lapse due to personal situations at the time.
Whatever... it seemingly cost him his digital namesake, first to
CSICOP, then seemingly (if you check right now) the following:

<http://www.saic.com/>

(for their domain info see very bottom
of this long post)

<http://www.networksolutions.com/cgi-bin/whois/whois?STRING=brotherblue>

The "real" Blue Brethren?
Brother Blue (BROTHERBLUE2-DOM)
BROTHERBLUE.COM

RIBORDY, SCOTT (BROTHERBLUE4-DOM)
BROTHERBLUE.NET

RIBORDY, SCOTT (BROTHERBLUE3-DOM)
BROTHERBLUE.ORG

<http://www.networksolutions.com/cgi-bin/whois/whois?STRING=brotherblue.org>

Domain Name: BROTHERBLUE.ORG

Administrative Contact:
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no.valid.email@WORLDNIC.COM
RIBORDY, SCOTT
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858 826 6000 (FAX) 123 123 1234
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Registrant:
Brother Blue (BROTHERBLUE2-DOM)
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US

Domain Name: BROTHERBLUE.COM

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Record last updated on 30-Aug-1999.
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Domain servers in listed order:

DNS.BRIDGEDNS.COM 140.239.30.4
DNS2.BRIDGEDNS.COM 140.239.30.5

Registrant:
RIBORDY, SCOTT (BROTHERBLUE3-DOM)
Domain Name: BROTHERBLUE.ORG

Record last updated on 10-Mar-2000.
Record created on 12-Sep-1999.

Domain servers in listed order:

NS19.WORLDDNIC.COM 216.168.225.149
NS20.WORLDDNIC.COM 216.168.225.150

Registrant:

RIBORDY, SCOTT (BROTHERBLUE4-DOM)
Domain Name: BROTHERBLUE.NET

Record last updated on 10-Mar-2000.
Record created on 12-Sep-1999.

Domain servers in listed order:

NS13.WORLDDNIC.COM 216.168.225.143
NS14.WORLDDNIC.COM 216.168.225.144

<http://www.networksolutions.com/cgi-bin/whois/whois?STRING=saic.com>

Registrant:

SAIC (SAIC-DOM)
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San Diego, CA 92121

Domain Name: SAIC.COM

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US

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Record last updated on 04-Sep-1999.
Record created on 09-Feb-1989.

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Success of 'Mission To Mars' the talk of Tinseltown

Was Brian de Palma in hiding because NASA was out to get him?
No one seems to know.

by Paul Davids - 03/24/2000

What a difference a week makes in Hollywood! A major film lives or dies based the weekend box office numbers. From one week to the next, depending upon those Friday-to-Sunday grosses, the world changes overnight, as a film's fortunes rise and fall.

Case in point: Consider the slugfest at the box office last weekend between 'Mission To Mars' and ''Erin Brockovich''. The Julia Roberts film opened to about \$28 million gross this past weekend, while director Brian De Palma's Mars journey, beginning its second week, sunk over 50 percent. 'Mission To Mars' was down from \$23 million the opening weekend to just over \$10 million last weekend, its second weekend in theaters.

Despite its strong first weekend showing, 'Mission To Mars' is now in the dog house, due to the beating it took from critics. However, on Tuesday night, March 14, 'Erin Brockovich' hadn't officially opened and 'Mission To Mars' was still the box office champ. And on that night, I swooped down from the sky in my hovercraft to attend the premiere of 'Erin Brockovich' in Westwood, Los Angeles, at the Mann's Village Theater. It was a "hard-ticketed" event, which meant that the theater assigned seats, similar to how it is for a play.

'Brockovich' had one the biggest Hollywood premieres of the year 2000. The film was an unqualified success. Without exception, everyone in the audience relished Julia Roberts's performance. Steve Soderbergh's directing of a near-perfect screenplay was pure tour de force.

I sat alongside Steve Stabler, who produced around 80 films, and not one of them takes place in outer space or has any aliens in it. I guess this means that science-fiction wouldn't qualify as his favorite genre. But he did produce a few of Jim Carrey's most popular movies when he was at Motion Picture Corporation of America, including Dumb and Dumber, which is America's favorite moron flick of all time. About a year or so ago, Steve Stabler founded Destination Films, which has made about nine pictures in its first year.

After the film premiere (which the real 'Erin Brockovich' attended), Steve and I marched down the red carpet that connected the Mann's Village Theater to the gigantic tented party down the street. The honchos of Universal, including President Ron Meyer, smiled ear to ear after the successful premiere, sensing a potential hit.

But there was another movie being discussed by those present: 'Mission To Mars'. The movie wasn't the topic of discussion because people liked it. Rather, the film stunned people because it had barreled its way to the number one position at the box office despite horrible reviews. The Mars film had become the one to beat; it was lodged there in first position.

Yes, I will admit that the screenplay of 'Mission To Mars' was not great. It had its moments of klunkiness and corniness. But the story did strive to open our minds. You could certainly pick away at trivial points of the plot. But considering the garbage that passes for movies these days, you could argue it was a bit of a masterpiece - especially in set design, special effects and overall visual concept.

The weird thing about the anti-'Mission To Mars' hysteria that is sweeping Hollywood is that none of the Mars-haters even try to explain what they didn't like about the film. They don't consider it worthy of an itemized list of bad points, as though it's beneath that level. My theory, of course, is that people are freaked out by the premise. They'd never thought about it before. Could life on Earth - and mankind in particular - have been seeded by a life-form from another planet?

For some inexplicable reason, most of the folks in Tinseltown seem to think that this kind of speculative storytelling makes for bad science and even worse science-fiction. In fact, at a pre-release press screening, the audience actually HISSED and BOOED at the ending. Interestingly, TIME magazine credits the concept to Richard C. Hoagland, author of the book 'The Monuments Of Mars', which has rocketed up the Amazon.com bestseller list since the Mars film appeared on the horizon. The book continues to climb at warp speed. Never mind that Hoagland was never paid a dime. That's Hollywood! But Hoagland still has the real story to tell, better known as the version that will really make NASA go nuts!

TIME actually wrote that 'Mission To Mars' echoes Hoagland's book. The Mars film is predicated on the concept that there is a face on Mars and that it is real. The story has twisted reality, changing the appearance of the actual face on Mars to look like the face of an alien gray: large eyes, slit mouth, etc. When the astronauts go inside the face at the climax, they see holographic images that convey the history of our solar system and the seeding of planet Earth with DNA in ancient times. And they also see an image of the long-departed Martians, who are depicted to look more or less like Grays. But these Martian Grays have emotions. The one we see sheds a tear. It's a tear for the destruction of the life that was on Mars, eons ago. Then again, maybe it's a tear of joy because humans finally found their way back to Mars, the planet of humanity's forefathers.

For kids, and for adults with open minds, the imagery of the destruction of life on Mars, and the creation of life on Earth (and its evolution) was some of the best screen imagery seen in ages. Don't forget, it's a Touchstone picture, and Touchstone means Disney. I refer you to the 'Flying Saucers Over Hollywood!' of a few weeks ago featuring Michael Eisner, CEO of Disney. He has been positioning himself as a hero to ufologists and those who have made the leap to the "New Paradigm." First there was Disney's 'Alien Encounters' TV show, which point-blank charged that there was a UFO coverup. Stanton Friedman himself couldn't have done a better job of stating the case. Then there was 'Fantasia 2000', in which playful whales levitate to the sky in beams of blue light from the heavens. How's that for an abduction fantasy? And now there is 'Mission To Mars', in which, contrary to everything NASA has ever said about the subject, a face on Mars is presented as a real, constructed artifact from ancient times.

So Disney has proven to be something of a thorn in the side for NASA. As you can discover at Richard Hoagland's website (www.enterprisemission.com), one of the trailers for 'Mission To Mars' actually accused the space agency of covering up the truth behind the movie. They waited until the last possible moment to say it, and as a strategy, it may have boosted box office revenue. We saw the old trailer for months before the film opened, so, giving us something new at the last minute was good promotion for ye ol' opening weekend box office grosses.

There was another topic of conversation at the premiere party:

the director of 'Mission To Mars', Brian De Palma. People wondered where in the world he was (and if he was still on Earth, for that matter). It seems that Brian has disappeared. No press interviews. He was gone in 60 seconds. Abducted? In hiding? Why does a director who has the number-one movie at the box office go into hiding? Doesn't commercial success insulate a filmmaker from the nasty hisses and cruel critiques of the rabid makers of public opinion? There may have been another dimension (no pun intended) to Brian's disappearance.

You see, it seems that when they were making the Mars film, there was no mention whatsoever of a face on Mars. It wasn't in the script. The screenplay, without the Mars face, was brought to NASA with requests for advice and help. Lunar Astronaut Story Musgrave even agreed to play a bit part (a very bit part). Scads of NASA advisors climbed aboard the project as consultants. Yet, according to my inside source for the last few months (a special effects designer who used to work at Hoyt Yietman's special effects company, Dreamquest), the script was suddenly changed. The face was added. Well, not THE face. As I said, filmmakers changed it into a large-eyed 'Gray' face -- without NASA having a clue about what was happening. The story was changed from a conventional space rescue mission to homage for the Face on Mars and the concept of aliens having seeded life on Earth in very ancient times.

Was Brian de Palma in hiding because NASA was out to lynch him? No one seems to know.

And what is NASA saying about the movie? Absolutely nothing. The silence of no comment is as loud as it can possibly get. NASA has been trying to erase the Face on Mars from public consciousness for decades, and no doubt they considered this film an ambush. A rather successful and sneaky ambush, at that. If we were a fly on the wall at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena (JPL), we'd probably hear a bunch of grown engineers arguing about whether Brian de Palma should be roasted on a spit or merely boiled in oil.

For ufology, it's always great to have a number one picture out there that tells part of our side of the story. In echoing Richard Hoagland's book with its face on Mars premise, 'Mission To Mars' definitely puts part of the 'new paradigm' into the public consciousness in a new way. It's always risky to imply that aliens may have had a hand in our Creation, that maybe God needed aliens to accomplish what the Bible always told us God did in a single day - the last day of Creation before He rested (Hey, anybody who's getting that much bang for the buck deserves a day of rest!). But part of the problem is that Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell don't like this kind of science-fiction movie. So you get huge opening weekend grosses, and then the Word whispers out to quash the excitement. And for those who didn't reject the movie on religious grounds, they had other grounds for dumping on Brian de Palma. It ranked 99 out of 100 in 'hokiness', as defined by the Establishment. That's the same Establishment that doesn't believe in UFOs.

After all the damage done by the devastating reviews, TIME tried to resurrect the Mars film a bit. They conceded that 'Mission To Mars' was not the devastatingly bad movie the critics portrayed it to be. They gave it credit for its ingenuity and some captivating touches, such as a jitterbug sequence in space that was, like, totally charming.

The question is, now that the dust has settled, where will the movie leave ufology? And where does it leave other producers who have an interest in this subject matter? What are the chances that we'll ever get the real story of the real Face on Mars onto the screen. We'll have to wait and see. I'll be among those biting their nails. Hoagland and I have worked almost five years together trying to bring a loosely fictionalized version of the Face on Mars to the screen, from the inception of its discovery in 1976 (when it showed up in two of the Viking spacecraft photos), to the recent disappearances of various real Mars spacecraft.

When I left the premiere of 'Erin Brockovich' that night, the question was uppermost in my mind as to who would be champ at the box office on 'Erin Brockovich's' opening weekend: Erin or Mars? Would Mars defy the critics again? Would it give Julia Roberts a Martian sized migraine? The question has been

answered. Julia Roberts left Brian De Palma coughing and sputtering in a cloud of Martian dust.

BRIAN, WHERE ARE YOU? EARTH TO BRIAN DE PALMA, DO YOU READ US? We still love you! Some of us, anyway. At least, those of us who don't want to slime you! EARTH TO BRIAN DE PALMA, come in, this is 'Flying Saucers Over Hollywood!'

Well, no answer, folks. So that's it for this week. Another Mars mission has lost touch with ground control. Oh well. Log on again next Friday, because I'm going to take my tuxedo out of the mothballs, so I can bring you AlienZoo's own up-close-and-personal look at the Academy Awards! Until then, this is Paul Davids, bringing you the ufological 'Truth' from Hollywood Boulevard - and the planet Mars! Over and out!

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From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

For subscribers interested in the M2M/De Palma/Hoagland saga,
Bill Fentum's site at:

<http://www.angelfire.com/de/palma/>

will doubtlessly yield nuggets.

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NASA 'Smoking Gun' Footage - Rebuttal To Debunkers

From Mike Farrell
23 March 2000

Greetings Researchers,

Below is a reply from Russel Callaghan & Graham Birdsall of UFO Magazine (UK) to an inquiry by our Australian Astronomer and UFO Researcher, Clare Williams. She raises some interesting issues and you'll find the response below eye-brow raising! First is my request for a response from Callaghan & Birdsall, then their response to objections raised by Clare Williams, as appropriately marked.

I think you'll agree that this new NASA 'smoking gun' footage recorded by Martyn Stubbs and distributed by UFO Magazine (UK) is worth discussing and investigating on this and every other UFO List on the Web. Please feel free to forward this message on to your favorite UFO list. It contains new and inside information on the debate between debunker's, skeptics, and believers on the validity and implications of this new NASA UFO video evidence.

Don't be put off by the 'emotional reactions' of all concerned. This matter should "heat" things up in the UFO Research Community and in the public domain. Where there's smoke, there's fire! Stand back from the flames if you must, but resist turning away from considering important new UFO information and evidence.

And I think it's important to remember that the real value of this new "smoking gun" footage will be in it's ability to attract more interest from the mainstream scientific community than from UFO researchers and "believers", who have probably already seen and know better.

Secondly, the short amount of new UFO footage released is reported to be just the tip of the iceberg, and that many more hours of better and different footage will be released as this case unfolds. After all, the scientists who discovered the "martian rock" waited 10 years before revealing their find to the world, and still there is much debate on their discovery. Can we expect this new NASA UFO video evidence to be revealed and accepted overnight? Scientists and the media are "gun shy" no doubt, after all the "hoopla" over the "Alien Autopsy Fiasco" back in 1995.

We live in a much more cynical world now, so the approach to new and startling UFO evidence must be slow and cautious, so as not

to raise the alarm and give reason for everyone to "raise shields" and deny everything to protect our fragile and fast changing "consensus reality".

So, find out what's really there first, before you pass judgement. And for heaven's sake, get the video and see the unedited full length UFO footage for yourself! The selected short film clips posted on the UFO Magazine website does not do the video footage justice. Though, you are encouraged to visit their website to read the whole story behind this new video and hear the interviews of those involved. www.ufomag.co.uk

Also, as noted below from Callaghan & Birdsall...

"This response may be posted freely. Further, as of 23 March 2000, a 'block' appears to have prevented anyone in the United States from visiting our website. We have received over 900 emails overnight from web surfers in America who have written to say they cannot access the material."

Have any of you researchers in America had this problem? Check it out!

And no, I don't work for UFO Magazine (UK), I'm just excited about their discovery! Isn't anybody else?

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Letter To The Editor,
The Toronto Star

'FINALLY, THE UNHAPPY TRUTH: ET HAS NO HOME TO PHONE'

Evidence that the media are becoming increasingly willing to provide a platform for the arguments about life elsewhere in space continues to grow.

In her feature article, in Saturday's Toronto Star, Lynda Hurst showcases a new book titled 'Rare Earth' by astronomer Don Brownlee and paleontologist Peter Ward, a specialist in mass extinctions.

Hurst says that according to Brownlee and Ward, "'simple, microbial life is likely abundant in the universe, but complex life - thinking beings like us - is rare, if not unique.'"

"Brownlee and Ward conclude that Earth has exceptional, perhaps unique, qualities that allowed life to develop from simpler to higher forms: chief among them, a long period of stability."

The book is, according to Lynda Hurst, "being hailed by many astronomers as a turning point, a convincing and much-needed counterbalance to the almost giddy assumptions of recent years. Others, though, are flatly dismissing it as 'Earth-centric', a premature rejection of the possibility, even likelihood, of other worlds in other places."

Lynda Hurst continues, "in the early '60s astronomers Frank Drake, in his equation, and the late Carl Sagan calculated that just in our own galaxy, the Milky Way, there could be a million technologically advanced planets. (Never mind Andromeda next door, or any of the 100 billion-plus other galaxies in the universe.)"

"Extraordinary claims, as Carl Sagan once said, require extraordinary evidence, and Brownlee and Ward's 'Rare Earth' hypothesis, just like the Drake equation, is only extrapolating from mathematical models. There is no proof, on either side."

"Nobel Prize physicist Enrico Fermi famously put it back in 1947: 'If they existed, they'd be here.' And, despite claims to the contrary by UFO devotees, they are not, says Steven Dick, astronomer and historian at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C."

The expression "UFO devotees" used by Lynda Hurst in her article appears to be an editorial comment on her part - which she's perfectly entitled to, but seems to have been used as pejorative. She didn't refer either to the authors of 'Rare Earth' or various other academics and researchers as 'science devotees' or 'science buffs'. The simple term 'UFO researchers' would have served better.

Otherwise, Hurst's sizeable article is well-balanced and welcomed, using many quotes from recognisable names on both sides of the extraterrestrial/life-else-where conundrum.

The book 'Rare Earth' is, after all, only another hypothesis.

As Carl Sagan said, shortly before his death:

"One lesson is that we're simply too ignorant to make confident assertions about where there is and where there isn't life. We have to be a little more humble and a little more open. The experimental method is the only way of deciding."

And unfortunately, that experimental method has not yet been even tentatively applied to UFO phenomena by 'Science devotees'.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
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Completion Of Recent MUFON CT Investigation

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Subject: Completion Of Recent MUFON CT Investigation

MUFON Connecticut has recently completed the investigation of a multiple witness daylight UFO case that occurred on 12/13/99.

Careful consideration of witness testimony and on-site measurements makes it possible to derive a variety of upper and lower bound quantitative results. The conclusions indicate that a pair of objects (a "bullet" shape and a sphere) were between 10 and 150 feet in length, between 0.1 and 1 mi distant, and were traveling at a speed between 30 and 300 mph.

A highly detailed discussion of the case, including:

- * Interviews
- * Maps
- * Computer Models
- * Distance, Size and Speed Tables
- * Consideration of Specific Mundane Explanations

can be found at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/mufonct/report/991213/>

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Sarah McClendon?

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
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A recent post referring to the White House press caused me to wonder where White House correspondent Sarah McClendon may have journeyed on her quest for UFO truth. She passionately believed the government was hiding the truth. Has she ever said anything more in the months following her initial announcement last year?

What did she intend to do as far as gathering and publishing real evidence of the truth she has discovered? Has anyone stayed in contact with her on this subject? Or, does the government look at her as a lovable, wacky old bat, and totally stonewall her?

Josh Goldstein

NIDS on the landing scene = "The Men in White" are here.
(movie coming next year)

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>NASA'S RESPONSE TO UPI'S MARCH 21 MARS POLAR LANDER STORY

Why is NASA subscribed to a UFO list...?

<insert funky conspiratorial music here>

ron
(who does his best to egg everyone on.)

[Uh, wouldja believe the list is subscribed to NASA? --ebk]

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<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/freefloat.html>

COLD, DARK ICE-WATERS OF VOSTOK AND EUROPA MAY HARBOUR
LIFE, SCIENTISTS SAY

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NASA KNEW MARS POLAR LANDER WAS DOOMED

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HAVE WE MISSED SIGNS OF LIFE ON MARS?

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UB GEOLOGIST'S STUDY OF VOLCANOES ON EARTH MAY HELP
DETERMINE IF THERE EVER WAS LIFE ON MARS

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/volcanoes.html>

WAS MARS SHAPED BY GLACIERS?

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/marsglaciers.html>

DUST DEVILS AND LANDSLIDES ARE REARRANGING MARTIAN
SCENERY

<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/dustdevils.html>

THE SPLIT PERSONALITY OF MARS

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/science/031400sci-nasa-mars.html>

ASTRONOMERS DISCOVER NEW CLASS OF MYSTERIOUS
CELESTIAL GAMMA-RAY SOURCES

http://spacescience.com/headlines/y2000/ast23mar_1m.htm

SATURN'S RINGS MAY BE YOUNGER THAN THOUGHT

<http://science-frontiers.com/sf039/sf039p07.htm>

NASA RELEASES FIRST 'FLYOVER MOVIE' OF AN ASTEROID

http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/03/24/near_update/index.html

BACTERIA IN THE TATAHOVINE METEORITE?

<http://www.elsevier.nl/gej-ng/10/18/23/76/26/25/abstract.html>

OUTER SPACE GAS TRAPPED ON EARTH IN 'BUCKYBALLS'

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/03/22/buckyballs/index.html>

IRIDIUM SATELLITES TO BURN IN DEBACLE

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/20000315/tc/tech_iridium_3.html

BRITISH COMPANY SAYS IT HAS CLONED PIGS

<http://CNN.com/2000/HEALTH/03/14/health.pigs.reut/index.html>

US AND BRITAIN TO MAKE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT RESULTS PUBLIC

<http://CNN.com/2000/HEALTH/03/14/human.genome/index.html>

GENETICISTS HELP TRACE ORGANISMS' IMPACT ON PLANET

http://dallasnews.com/science/46031_GENESROCKS.html

P3N PRESS RELEASE: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEARCH A SHAM DECLARES UFO GROUP

<http://www.caus.org/pn032000b.htm>

A NEW DAY FOR UFO RESEARCH?

http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/nids_investigation_000315.html

SHADOWCRAFT: UFOs, SPY PLANES OR SOMETHING ELSE?

http://www.space.com/spaceimagined/area51/shadowcraft_mystery_000317.html

FIRST CROP CIRCLES OF 2000 REPORTED IN SPAIN

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Re: Completion Of Recent MUFON CT Investigation

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>Date: Sun, 26 Mar 2000 21:46:48 -0500
>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@TEMPORALDOORWAY.COM>
>Subject: Completion Of Recent MUFON CT Investigation
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>MUFON Connecticut has recently completed the investigation of a
>multiple witness daylight UFO case that occurred on 12/13/99.

<snip>

Nice work!

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Filer's Files #12 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
March 28, 2000, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020
Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

NEW WITNESS FOR ROSWELL CRASH

The story continues to persist that an alien vehicle crashed near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. Several teams of researchers are racing the clock to reach witnesses before they pass away. The Air Force claims that a Mogul Balloon train with radar reflectors was responsible for the many legends surrounding the crash. Some claim that people from Roswell even made up the story to save a dying town and to keep tourism alive. Most of the key witnesses lived around Roswell and had financial reasons for keeping the story going. The new witness is from Texas so these accusations do not include him.

NEW ROSWELL WITNESS CLAIMS ALIEN CRAFT CRASHED

Investigator Tom Carey writes: "Don Schmitt and I have just returned from an eight-day research trip to New Mexico and Texas. On this trip, we spent an entire day on the Plains of San Agustin looking again at the Barney Barnett story of an alleged UFO crash there in 1947. We believe that we have broken new ground on this case and may have solved it. More about this at a future time. We traveled to El Paso, Texas to interview a new first-hand eyewitness at the 1947 UFO crash site outside of Roswell. Now 83 years-old, Tex (synonym) was a civilian working for the military at the time and describes the crash scene thusly:

Tex said that as they approached the crash site, he started noticing pieces of silvery-like metal on the ground. It was light and very hard. On one of the pieces [not an I-beam structure as described by Jess Marcel, Jr.] he noticed strange symbols, like "hieroglyphics", on it. He and the two NCOs in his vehicle picked up some of the pieces, but the debris was taken away from them by the military before they departed the scene. The witness stated, "The craft resembled something that reminded me of something I saw on the old Buck Rogers serials. It was tear-drop-shaped with stubby curved-back wings, which gave it a scalloped-shape in back. It was small, about twenty-feet long by about 12-14 feet wide. It had a dark canopy in front which was open.

In the canopy were two 'beings'. One was slumped over but still alive, and the other was standing up in the canopy looking at us as we approached. There was a third one, dead, which was curled up on its side at the base of the small hill that the craft had hit. It had apparently been thrown from the ship. I did not get a real close look at them, as I was about 15 feet from them. One of the NCOs in my group had gone ahead of the rest of us and shouted back to us, 'They're aliens', and we knew he wasn't talking about Mexicans. They were small with grayish/greenish skin. Large heads, small noses and ears but with a small lobe of flesh near the ears. Had about 1-2 inch slit for a mouth? The eyes were dark- not black-and slanted

but not like those big black eyes that you see on book covers and in pictures. I couldn't tell their uniforms -- if they had uniforms -- from their skin. I also cannot recall their hands or feet as the one curled up was too far away and being halfway inside the ship obscured the other two. I heard later from another NCO involved in the recovery that there were two more 'beings' found dead further inside the ship. We left shortly after the recovery began. I noticed that the two 'beings' that were still alive were also placed in body-bags as was the one dead one that I could see. After returning to base, we were told not to talk about what we had seen and made to sign a nondisclosure form of some sort. By my calculation, the nondisclosure agreement ran out a few years ago. That's why I am talking now." This witness was found in good health living comfortably in El Paso. He was an electrical engineer at the time of the Roswell Incident. George, you have my permission to use this for your "Filer's Files". Thanks to: Tom Carey TCarey1947

Editor's Note: This new witness is very significant. He verifies much of the what other Roswell witnesses have reported and that the debris had strange writing on it.

GENERAL RAMEY'S MESSAGE REGARDING ROSWELL CRASH

There are several independent teams now researching photographs taken by James Bond Johnson in General Ramey's office in 1947. Of particular interest is a message held in General Ramey's hand as he posed in front of debris. These photographs are important because their authenticity has never been questioned by the government. The government maintains the debris is a RAWIN radar reflector similar to a box kite. The Roswell Photographic Interpretation Team (RPIT) team believes that the material is thicker than kite like panels. Niel Morris and other researchers claim to see evidence of "Hieroglyphic like writing" on the debris. Blow ups of the photographs are being analyzed and attempts to read the message are meeting with some success. Due to the lighting and the way the message is bent not all the words can be read. Although there is some controversy between interpretations of particular words the overall meaning implies that a wreck with victims was found.

Dr. Donald Burlson's interpretation of the message reads our take on the Ramey memo is in CAPS. We believe that we will be proven correct in time. RECO ... OPERATION AT THE JULY 4TH. THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU FORWARDED TO THE . AT FORT WORTH TEXAS .. COMPRESSOR ON THE "DISK" MUST THUS SAVE FOR ATOMIC LABORATORY.URGENT. POWERS ARE NEEDED SITE TWO NW ROSWELL, N.MEX. ...SAFE TALK WANTED FOR MEANING OF STORY AND MISSION [OR OBJECTIVE].NEXT CREW OUT TODAY. WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD MAKE [NOTE THE SUBJUNCTIVE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE WORDS "WEATHER BALLOONS" ARE USED]. "R RAMEY" Thanks to Tom Carey and Giuliano Marinkovicc -of Croatia, 9a4ag@clarc.org,

BRITISH 1950's FLYING SAUCER REVEALED

UK Sunday Times printed the following story March 26, 2000, by Jonathan Leake, Science Editor, Saucerful of Secrets: The disc-shaped Avro plane was intended to fly at 2,500mph. It is the nearest the RAF got to a UFO. Recently discovered photographs taken at a secret laboratory in the 1950s reveal for the first time how close Britain came to developing a saucer-shaped stealth fighter after the second world war. The pictures, taken at a research center in Canada, show a revolutionary ultra-high-speed jet fighter designed by the British engineer John Frost. Aviation experts who studied the pictures last week said the jet incorporated some of the features on America's stealth fighter plane. Work on the aircraft in the 1950s was codenamed Project Y. Frost and his team initially set out to build a disc-shaped machine with vertical takeoff, but ended with a sleek, arch-shaped aircraft. "The pictures are a wonderful find," said David Windle, who has researched the history of Project Y. "It is technology that Britain just lost and it is a pity the project was abandoned. Who knows what would have happened if they had pursued it." The photographs were taken at a laboratory in Malton, near Toronto, where Frost was Alex Raeburn, then assistant superintendent of manufacturing at Avro, described the life of secrecy for those on the base. "The security was very tight," he says. "Armed guards were stationed on the doors and drawings were taken away as soon as we'd made the component. In fact,

we never knew exactly what it was we were making." Verne Morse, one of the team who worked on the secret project, said he was amazed any pictures had survived because of the total secrecy surrounding the project. He described how he saw a subsequent model designed by the team.

"When I saw it [the plane] for the first time I was stunned," he said. "I'd heard rumors we were working on a flying saucer, but I dismissed them. Now, here I was looking at it, and I was speechless." In 1954, the Canadian government decided to end the development of the aircraft. The American air force took over the project and later a scaled-down version of the plane became an "air jeep", which was nicknamed the Avrocar. The photos can be seen at:

http://ads.newsint.co.uk/RealMedia/ads/click_lx.ads/www.sunday-times.co.uk/nwe/759/Top/RMCOM001i/newbullet.gif/63646263643130383338646531643430

Editor's Note: Much of the same information was revealed in these Files in 1998, #37 and #40 dated 9/17/98 and 10/8/98. The original Silverbug release was accomplished by Jack Pickett and myself. The photos show a heal shaped craft that was apparently the fore runner of the Silverbug. The heal shaped craft looks similar to those over flying Arizona in 1947 and similar to the craft that crashed near Roswell in 1947. They also are similar to Nazi designs recovered at the end of World War II. What we all hope to find out is were these new designs based on alien technology, Nazi designs or the brilliance of British engineer John Frost?

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

After the reported recovery of the craft near Roswell the wreckage was believed to have been sent to Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) in Dayton, Ohio. Leonard Stringfield and now Robert M. Collins are the chief researchers who have attempted to discover where on base was the craft held? The folklore rumors state that it was Hangar 18. But, through the many years of intensive effort the only evidence found to support such stories was a series of buildings called 18 A, B, C, etc., but no Hangar 18. From all this investigation it appears that Hangars 4 A, B, C may have been our famous Hangar 18 and even today there are classified projects still being conducted in these hangars.

According to Stan Friedman and others a highly secret panel code-named Majestic 12 or MJ-12 was formed by President Truman. In August 1999, Tim Cooper was sent a draft copy circa 1961 of the Mj12 Directive. It is undergoing authentication by Bob and Ryan Wood. These Mj12 directives may be authentic and urgent authentication is needed. Tim Cooper's research has uncovered a key figure in the story. He writes; James Jesus Angleton was born on 9 December, 1917, in Boise, Idaho, to NCR businessman and OSS Colonel James Hugh Angleton. Upon Graduation from Yale in 1941, Angleton moved to Harvard Law School where he met his future wife Cicely d'Autremont. Inducted into the Army on 19 March, 1943, Angleton was recruited into the OSS in August through the efforts of Angleton's father and Norman Pearson, his old Yale English professor who was, at that time, head of the OSS Counter Intelligence division in London. Angleton may have been part of Majestic. See the following URLs to learn more: Thanks to Robert Collins:

http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/tim_cooper_documents.html

further reports and updates

http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary_Of_The_Birds.htm

http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/tim_james_angleton.htm

NEW YORKER'S SEE FOUR UFOs

BUFFALO -- Researcher Kenny Young writes that LittleGoop@aol.com wrote: "We have just seen a series of four UFOs. At first we thought they were air planes but they were making no noise and flying too high to be airplanes. They had flashing lights going in a circular motion. One was a shadow of a disk shape with a lid on top. Something very small came out of it. If you can help identify these objects please email

us at littlegoop@aol.com or lizz597902@aol.com. Thanks to Kenny Young LittleGoop@aol.com -- UFO Research

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

NEW YORK SMALL DELTA-SHAPED UFO SEEN

ROCHESTER -- On March 15, 2000, around 6:30 p.m., M.J.C. decided to go for a hike in the woods near his apartment complex. He lives about a half-mile from Expressway 590. "That evening I started hiking through the woods on a trail which starts at the back of my apartment complex and skirts north along the edge of the Brighton landfill. "Glancing up ahead, some movement caught my eye. Something dark up in the air. First I thought it might be a kite, then a balloon, then a bird. Finally, as it drew closer, the only possibility that I hadn't eliminated was a radio-controlled model of some sort. But then again, what kind of radio-controlled plane is absolutely silent?" "The object was totally black in color and flat on the underside. The closest thing that I could say the craft resembled was the Stealth fighter plane, but it was quite scaled down in size. Although it's difficult to estimate size against a background of clouds, the object was eventually close enough to me where I'm confident in saying it wasn't more than six feet (1.8 meters) long, and my best guess is that it was only four feet (1.3 meters) long."

"The object looked very much like a black arrowhead in shape, complete with an arrowhead's notch toward the rear. But it also presented a multifaceted design on top, similar to the Stealth's antiradar deflective design. However, the ends of the object appeared to have a clean edge but I noticed they were partially ragged, as in the difference between a standard pyramid and the stepped look of a South American pyramid. Although the effect was mere detail, I thought it was worth mentioning." "As the object glided directly past me, I could begin to see what clearly looked to be windows arrayed in a hexagon-shaped dome on top. Now picture a Stealth cockpit positioned directly in the middle of the craft with these same types of windows being on all sides." "The object was traveling at a constant speed and altitude, absolutely level. The degree of steadiness it showed combined with the fact that it was moving over a long distance without making a sound made it seem utterly unnatural to me. It also flew at a very low altitude, perhaps a mere 30 to 50 feet above the highest treetops at 10 miles per hour throughout the entire sighting which lasted maybe 45 seconds." Editor's Comment: This is not an aircraft as we understand the term. At such a low airspeed, any plane would stall and drop out of the sky. The UFO obviously was using some other means of "lift" than its wings.) Thanks to UFO Roundup Joe Trainor editor.

VIRGINIA FIREBALL

POWHATAN -- I operate a small business west of Richmond. Thursday night, March 9, 2000, at approximately 7:00 PM. I was on the front porch with my husband. It was dark. We were listening to music and I was just looking out towards our horse field when I saw a glowing green object swoop down onto the pasture and proceed to move horizontally but in a circular fashion to the north going up the field. It irradiated a green color and lasted about 5 to 8 seconds and just disappeared. It seemed about almost as high as our 2-story house so it was fairly low to the ground. I ruled out a child's toy or anything else and for lack of a better word, call it a UFO. I have no idea what it was.

GEORGIA UFO PHOTO IN LIFE MAGAZINE

John Thompson writes, "I bought a copy of Life magazine today (allegedly the last issue to be published)." It's front cover is devoted to UFOs. If you get it, turn to page 49 and look at photo number 8. This is almost exactly what my family and I saw for 45 minutes on 20 Feb 1994. The only difference is that there was huge non-blinking white light in the middle and at its bottom. We also saw it at just above tree top level from our high hill, giving it an almost level vantage viewing point. Hence, we saw a straight edge of Christmas tree like lights. This is the first time I have seen this photo (taken, according to Life magazine by a deputy sheriff in Western Connecticut, along with a hundred other witnesses who saw it, in May of

1988. Incredible photo!) The photo, a "circle of lights," is a most common UFO in the Troup-Heard Corridor and a truly unexplainable UFO.

ARKANSAS UFO SEEN FROM AIRLINER

NORTHEAST TIP - Peter Davenport writes that he was contacted by a Flight Attendant for a major airline who had a sighting. On March 12, 2000, I was flying from Memphis, TN to St. Louis, MO. at approx. 9:10 PM. While serving a first class passenger on the left side of the aircraft I noticed out the window that a ball of light was approaching from the rear of the aircraft at a speed faster than what we were going. (I would guess about 700 mph). The object appeared as a fuzzy ball of light pinkish in color which went out when it came parallel to our aircraft. It then began producing reflective sparks over the top of the ball shaped object of what appeared to be of a metallic nature. It then veered toward the aircraft and went under us and disappeared. When I notified the flight crew, they said that they had no reports of anything in the area and refused to talk about it any further. I asked the passenger what she thought it was and she replied that she could not make out anything that would make sense or anything she had ever seen before. I have never seen anything while flying in my 12 years with the airlines. This was worth investigating. Thanks to the National UFO Reporting Center www.nuforc.com.

MISSOURI BALLOT INITIATIVE

History continues to be made in the Show-Me State, where the Missouri secretary of state recently certified the signature-petition language for the first-ever ballot initiative to combat official government secrecy on UFO reality. "With receipt of this action," explained petition-drive committee co-chairs Bruce Widaman, "we can start gathering the requisite number of 75,000 signatures for placing the measure on the ballot during the general election this fall." After several months of navigating the complex review-and-approval process, Widaman and some of his Missouri-based colleagues in the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. now are gearing up to start circulating the signature petition. "To have any chance at all of meeting the state's deadline of May 7th, we have to round up at least 500 signature-gathering volunteers", he said. "And maybe some benefactor will step forward to fund a corps of professional circulators. But even if we fail to muster that degree of support, we already have achieved a moral victory in coming this far -- and there's always the prospect of renewal for the next general election." That moral victory can serve as a model for the other 15 direct-initiative states (as well as the seven indirect-initiative ones). And Widaman hopes that volunteers from those states will come forward early to follow the Missouri lead. In doing so, they will have added their voices to the growing call for full accountability as to what the government really knows about the origin and nature of unidentified flying objects. Widaman noted that a UFO-ballot-initiative dedicated banking account has been established at MUFON headquarters in Texas (<http://www.mufon.com>) to help support the project. "As in all public-interest endeavors, we need some funding from the citizenry to offset expenditures," he said, adding: "And now's the time for volunteers to start the process in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Numerous UFO researchers worldwide view this initiative as a formal means for gaining (and expressing) the sense of the electorate on a vital public issue:

"If indeed the Earth is being visited by alien spacecraft, then we have a right to know and the government has the duty to tell," Widaman concluded. He defined the direct-initiative process as a grassroots means for empowering the voters to legislate statutory change -- in this case as an official proclamation to urge congressional action toward ending the government cover-up of the UFO experience. Here's the full text of the proposed proclamation: "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Missouri that the year 2000 be proclaimed and observed as the Year of UFO Awareness. Because of the Federal Government's failure to be officially forthcoming about Unidentified Flying Objects, the public

remains ill informed and confused on a matter of potentially great consequence. We therefore urge the U.S. Congress to expeditiously convene open, comprehensive hearings in which government personnel (military, civilian-contract, and agency employees -- active and retired) are permitted to present sworn testimony regarding their personal knowledge of any UFO-related evidence, to be given under immunity by waiver of any applicable security oath or agreement of nondisclosure. This proclamation acknowledges the following facts: (1) the weight of the cumulative evidence -- e.g., eyewitness, electronic-detection, photographic, documentary -- overwhelmingly supports the conclusion of a majority of Americans that some of the reported UFOs represent somebody else's spacecraft; (2) the Federal Government's handling of the UFO issue has contributed to the public cynicism toward, and general mistrust of, government -- a development injurious to our republic; (3) this initial year of the third millennium affords us a renewed opportunity to explore, assess, and convey every facet of UFO reality." : Thanks to Bwidaman@freewweb.com and Bob Bletchman (860-675-6379)

HOUSTON NASA UFO EXHIBIT

Aaron Crossley writes I was very disappointed to find out that there is not an IMAX Film showing at Space Center Houston. They did however have several cars from the Roswell Parade (Including shock comedian Tom Green's 'Space Mobile'), An original newsclipping of the Roswell Newspaper that fateful day, some older photographs of UFOs (And not any good ones), and some rubber aliens (Including the one Tom Green sexually molested on national television). It was more of a kid's thing, and I was disappointed. It does however point children in the right direction. Children probably don't watch Tom Green, so children will be left with their imaginations soaring to extraterrestrial highest.. Thanks to: raverkid@earthlink.net (Aaron Crossley)

COLORADO UFO CHASES WITNESS

Christopher O'Brien reports eight unusual aerial sightings have been forwarded to this investigator. On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at 3:00 p.m. Alamosa County resident "Chuck" was driving southbound on Hwy 285, just north of Antonito, when he witnessed "a metallic sphere at about 30 degrees up. It did not move in any extraordinary ways but it sure didn't look like any airplane I've seen." Montrose, CO investigator Davina Ryszka is investigating a report that occurred a few months ago in the same area."

On Tuesday, March 7th, 2000, 9:30 PM, near the town of Olathe, CO, a mother driving on a back road had an encounter with a low-flying aerial craft. The craft/object exhibited a "very bright white light and had a red and green lights on its sides". The woman reported to Ryszka that whatever-it-was "seemed to be confrontational". As the object approached her car head on, at first the witness thought it was a low-flying airplane. "The witness slammed on the brakes to try to avoid what seemed would be an inevitable crash" and the craft stopped right in front of her car. When she tried to move, it moved. When she attempted to turn the car around and go back the way she came, it moved in front of her car. At this point she was "really frightened especially because she had a small baby in a car seat . . ." Finally, she managed to get in front of the object and it "ended up behind her and she could see it in the rear view mirror. Then for a time it was not visible at all and she was relieved that maybe it was gone." Suddenly, a bright light came on directly above her illuminating her car and the surrounding area "and she drove quickly on to Olathe," understandably shaken by her experience. CAUS/Skywatch tmv@amigo.net

<http://home.amigo.net/tmv>

Author of The Mysterious Valley (1996) and Enter The Valley (1999 St. Martin's Paperbacks)

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From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 06:00:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:38:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 23:50:01 +0100
>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>Subject: Sarah McClendon?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>A recent post referring to the White House press caused me to
>wonder where White House correspondent Sarah McClendon may have
>journeyed on her quest for UFO truth. She passionately believed
>the government was hiding the truth. Has she ever said anything
>more in the months following her initial announcement last year?

>What did she intend to do as far as gathering and publishing
>real evidence of the truth she has discovered? Has anyone stayed
>in contact with her on this subject? Or, does the government
>look at her as a lovable, wacky old bat, and totally stonewall
>her?

Josh-

Sarah McClendon has become a fixture in the Washington media for many years, and she is well respected by her colleagues. I believe that Sarah, like Jack Anderson, has become convinced that there is a cover up of information by the Government related to UFOs, but hasn't been able to prove it for publication.

I believe her most recent statement followed contact with Richard Hoagland, who (with her help) scheduled a press conference at the National Press Club to show what he believes are "artifacts" on the moon that were filmed by NASA. That press briefing was IMO a disorganized jumble of information that couldn't have proven much of anything to anybody, and the press treated it accordingly.

She is still published, but I believe that her staff handles much of the research and legwork at this point. Unfortunately, being a Washington institution and well respected for your work by your colleagues doesn't translate into being a major force in Washington Journalism. There are many reporters in Washington (and I'm sure around the world) who are very passionate in their beliefs, but their audience is in the end limited to those who believe as they do.

My 2-Cents

Steve

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From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 20:10:21 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:46:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto [mailto:updates@sympatico.ca]
>Sent: Monday, March 27, 2000 9:23 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

>Source: <http://www.alienzoo.com/features/o/200003240001.html>

>Success of 'Mission To Mars' the talk of Tinseltown

>Was Brian de Palma in hiding because NASA was out to get him?
>No one seems to know.

>by Paul Davids - 03/24/2000

>I sat alongside Steve Stabler, who produced around 80 films, and
>not one of them takes place in outer space or has any aliens in
>it. I guess this means that science-fiction wouldn't qualify as
>his favorite genre. But he did produce a few of Jim Carrey's
>most popular movies when he was at Motion Picture Corporation of
>America, including Dumb and Dumber, which is America's favorite
>moron flick of all time.

Look, I'm an unabashed Jim Carrey fan (& I'll challenge anyone that thinks that somehow reflects on my intellectual capacity!), but as far as films go, 'Dumb and Dumber' was high-brow compared to this piece of garbage known as 'Mission to Mars'.

I would spare those of you who are planning on seeing it for the same reason I did ('cause you have an interest in space, aliens & conspiracy)

... but I know you've already seen it, or will see it no matter what I say. So, just don't say you weren't warned.

Not to mention but, despite the trailers, as has been noted here, there's '0' conspiracy. That was out & out false advertising.

>The weird thing about the anti-'Mission To Mars' hysteria that is
>sweeping Hollywood is that none of the Mars-haters even try to
>explain what they didn't like about the film.

Everything.

>They don't consider it worthy of an itemized list of bad points,
>as though it's beneath that level.

Itemizing would take too long.

It's just easier to say that the whole thing stunk.

...unless you bring beer & turn it into a drinking game:

- one slug of beer every time Gary Sinise assumes a wistful look
- one slug of beer every time you see a blatant produce placement
- one slug of beer every time you find yourself saying "WTF...?"

>My theory, of course, is that people are freaked out by the
>premise.

No, no, no ... that's not it at all.

Let's try this again:

The movie stunk!

There.

If you really want to, you can buy me a ticket (& some beer...)
& we could sit & watch the movie together, during which time
I'll be more than happy to point out every moronic scene as it
comes up. I suspect, though, that your carpal tunnel will kick
in long before the movie's over... & I'll be drunk. Weeeeeeeeeee!

>They'd never thought about it before. Could life on Earth - and
>mankind in particular - have been seeded by a life-form from another
>planet?

Nice try, but the concept has been done just elsewhere, perhaps
most satisfyingly in a little-known movie called '2001'...

Oh, why am I even being coy? Everyone & their mother knows that
De Palma (a director that I really do like) blatantly stole from
about half a dozen space-themed movies. The allusions to 2001
are more than obvious & not coincidental.

(please don't quibble over whether not 2001 presented "seeding"
versus "aliens guiding evolution", etc. the point is that the
viewing public is well aware of the concept of Little Green Men,
possible life on Mars, etc.)

>There was another topic of conversation at the premiere party:
>the director of 'Mission To Mars', Brian De Palma. People wondered
>where in the world he was (and if he was still on Earth, for
>that matter). it seems that Brian has disappeared. No press
>interviews. He was gone in 60 seconds. Abducted? in hiding? Why
>does a director who has the number-one movie at the box office
>go into hiding?

...or is it because he himself knows his movie stinks & that the
ticket sales are do to the slick advertising & outright lies?

Run, Brian, run! Take that money & run, ya lucky fool, you!

>The question is, now that the dust has settled, where will the
>movie leave ufology?

Worse off... just like Hoagland & his books.

...

Anyway, I'm still waiting for Move-a-Minute to do a review

<http://rinkworks.com/movieaminute/>

but in the meantime you could check out my friend's review
done in the same style (although, a bit longer than 1-3 lines)

<http://www.velvet.net/~fudjo/missiontomars.html>

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CSICOP and Skeptical Inquirer Make News

From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 17:33:49 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:52:34 -0500
Subject: CSICOP and Skeptical Inquirer Make News

Nickell still deserves a flogging for his attempted armchair debunking of the Illinois UFO report when he didn't even have all the information that was available to him from his armchair!

From: SkeptInq@aol.com [mailto:SkeptInq@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2000 12:07 PM

CSICOP and Skeptical Inquirer in the News

CSICOP at the March Meeting of the American Physical Society
Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at the Minneapolis Convention Center

Minneapolis Star Tribune, Thursday, March 23, 2000

'Twin Cities Journal: Scientists Consider The Paranormal-Very Skeptically

Chuck Haga/Star Tribune

Star Tribune writer Chuck Haga covered CSICOP's Wednesday March 22 session at the Minneapolis Convention Center, with generous quotes from Paul Kurtz and Joe Nickell's presentations and a sense of humor that breaks the usual media portrayals of the dour skeptic.

Haga imagines Mulder and Scully taking seats in the audience and reacting to quotes from Kurtz' and Nickell's discussions of alien abductions and communication with the dead:

Nickell shows slides of reported UFOs. But they are really comets, airplanes, clouds and doctored photographs, he says.

"I've seen UFOs," he says.

Mulder perks up.

"At Niagara Falls, I once saw a large light merge with a smaller light. But as I got closer, I saw that it was lights on a turning helicopter."

The online version of Haga's story has audio links to Kurtz' and Nickell's speeches and a link to an online forum open for discussion of belief in paranormal.

Check out the story and the links at:

<http://www.startribune.com/stOnLine/cgi-bin/article?thisSlug=TCJ23&date=23-Mar-2000&word=kurtz>

or you can go to:

www.startribune.com

and search on Paul Kurtz.

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Re: NASA's Response To Oberg's Mars Polar Lander

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 20:41:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:54:36 -0500
Subject: Re: NASA's Response To Oberg's Mars Polar Lander

>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 18:50:48 -0500
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: NASA's Response To Oberg's Mars Polar Lander Story
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Why is NASA subscribed to a UFO list...?

>[Uh, wouldja believe the list is subscribed to NASA? --ebk]

I might, Rabbit, I might...

(but it's not as much fun!)

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:31:31 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 12:39:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 06:00:51 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
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From: **Brian Straight** <brians@mdbs.com>
Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 09:48:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 12:42:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

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<snip>

>For ufology, it's always great to have a number one picture out
>there that tells part of our side of the story.

Who is this 'our' of whom our gentle author speaks? Not 90% of
the "ufologists" I know, who consider the writings of Richard
Hoagland to be delusional ravings.

Brian

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Re: Sarah McClendon?

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 15:41:26 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 05:16:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:31:31 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 06:00:51 -0500
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>>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
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Jerry,

This is just the kind of arrogant, snide, cheap shotism that
festers among the UFO/ET researchers (particularly the long
timers) and blocks broad based coalitioning and cooperation.

Along with Jenny Randles, no one has written more books on these
subjects than you. You are well respected in the field. Why on
earth, therefore, is it so necessary to run down the work of
others?

Stephen Bassett

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Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

From: Tom Carey <TCarey1947@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 16:06:40 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 05:23:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 22:05:48 -0500 (EST)
>From: Majorstar@aol.com
>Subject: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000
>To: Robkatsamy@netzero.net

>Filer's Files #12 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>March 28, 2000, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020
>Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

<snip>

"Filer's Files" #12 - 2000 discusses the various investigations of the Ramey Memo, in part, as follows:

>GENERAL RAMEY'S MESSAGE REGARDING ROSWELL CRASH

>snip

>Dr. Donald Burlson's interpretation of the message
>reads our take on the Ramey memo is in CAPS.
>We believe that we will be proven correct in time.
>RECO . . . OPERATION . . . AT THE
>JULY 4TH. THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU
>FORWARDED TO THE
>. . . AT FORT WORTH TEXAS.
>SSOR ON THE "DISK" MUST THUS SAVE FOR
>ATOMIC LABORATORY.
>URGENT. POWERS ARE NEEDED SITE TWO
>NW ROSWELL, N.MEX.
>. . . SAFE TALK WANTED FOR MEANING OF
>STORY AND MISSION [OR OBJECTIVE].
>. . . NEXT CREW OUT TODAY.
>WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD MAKE [NOTE
>THE SUBJUNCTIVE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE
>WORDS "WEATHER BALLOONS" ARE USED].
>. . . 509 HAS LAND SURVEYOR CREWS.

>[SIGNED] R RAMEY

>Thanks to Tom Carey and Giuliano Marinkovicc
>-of Croatia, 9a4aq@clarc.org,

Readers should be made aware that the above 'take' on the Ramey memo is that of Tom Carey and Don Schmitt - and not that of Donald Burlson or anyone else.

There is general agreement between Burlson, the RPIT and our investigation regarding most of what appears to be stated in the memo, but there still are a few areas on non-agreement.

For example, where we 'see' "Roswell" as the town named in addition to Fort Worth, Burlson 'sees' it as "Carlsbad" and the RPIT as "Magdalena".

Also, there is no agreement regarding who signed the memo. We 'see' it as "R Ramey", and others 'see' it as "Temple".

All of us continue to work on the memo as best we can, so there

will no doubt be more to say in the future.

Tom Carey

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Re: Completion Of Recent MUFON CT Investigation

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 18:47:14 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 05:29:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Completion Of Recent MUFON CT Investigation

>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 01:25:55 -0500
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Completion Of Recent MUFON CT Investigation
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Nice work!

Thanks, Bruce! This was a particularly complex and time consuming investigation, but the results were very interesting, and added at least a few more quantitative data points to our understanding of UFO size and performance.

For those who may not have web access, or who are interested in the basic aspects of the report, here is a summary:

On 12/13/99 at approximately 3:30 PM four witnesses in a single location observed two anomalous phenomena. The observations lasted for a total of up to 40 minutes (the first phase being about 25 mins long). This document discusses their observations and various data derived from their observations.

The witnesses were

Two adult men, 49 (Y) and 51 (F), business owners.
The son of the older of the two men (S), 12.
A woman business associate (W), 80+.

The observations are broken into two phases.

Observation of an estimated 5 contrails in sequence descending toward a ridge in the west. These contrails became visible in each case after a bright star-like light appeared, stayed about the width of the light, and once reaching a specific length retained that length without change. Each contrail displayed a "puff" about halfway to the hill that acted as the horizon. The witnesses also thought there was an orangish flash as each light passed below the treeline. One contrail split into two. The witnesses believed it was possible that the lights crashed on the hill, though they heard no sound. The contrails dissolved, including the puffs.

Observation of two solid objects, grey in color, one "bullet-shaped" with smoothly faired fins, one spherical with no seams or protrusions. One witness observed an apparent seam on the bullet-shaped object, but this was not confirmed by the other witness. The objects, of large angular size (3 inches at two feet), passed the witnesses at what was estimated to be a relatively close distance, and as they moved to the North North-East, vanished in full view. The location of the second phase was about thirty feet to the east of the first, at 41.81120 (Lat), -72.92348 (Long)

A third "phase" was the observation of a number of aircraft, with the appearance of "boxy cargo planes" whose courses intersected within sight of the witnesses. The witnesses believed these aircraft were looking for what they had just observed. The aircraft were later identified as commercial Short Skyvans.

The two adult men seemed credible and articulate and offered detailed observations. The differences between their observations were within the normal range. Both seemed perplexed by the event and offered no specific explanations. The child offered a reasonable level of corroboration.

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The investigation required about forty hours of effort by two investigators. Approximate ranges for actual distance, size, and speed were calculated. The pitch and roll of the bullet object was determined based on the sketches. Mundane explanations were ruled out for the second phase, but remain possible for the first phase.

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Re: Sarah McClendon?

From: **Scott Hale** <scott_hale@american.edu>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 14:59:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 05:35:45 -0500
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I attended a meeting of the McClendon Group at the NPC in
Washington, DC when Stephen Bassett gave a presentation on UFO
secrecy there.

McClendon is indeed very old and didn't seem to have a conscious
understanding of what was being discussed at the meeting. She
seems to hold what I would call a figurehead position as the
leader of that particular press group.

The rest of the group definitely understood what was going on,
but McClendon seemed to be there simply because it was routine.
These are just my impressions from what I saw that night and I
mean Sarah McClendon no disrespect by my observations.

Hope I Helped,
Scott Hale

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Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 20:18:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 05:41:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

>From: Ron Cecchini
>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 20:10:21 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:46:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

Previously, it was noted:

>>They'd never thought about it before. Could life on Earth -
>>and mankind in particular - have been seeded by a life-form
>>from another planet?

Ron pointed out:

>Nice try, but the concept has been done just elsewhere, perhaps
>most satisfyingly in a little-known movie called '2001'...

>Oh, why am I even being coy? Everyone & their mother knows that
>De Palma (a director that I really do like) blatantly stole from
>about half a dozen space-themed movies. The allusions to 2001
>are more than obvious & not coincidental.

>(please don't quibble over whether not 2001 presented "seeding"
>versus "aliens guiding evolution", etc. the point is that the
>viewing public is well aware of the concept of Little Green Men,
>possible life on Mars, etc.)

Hello all,

Actually, DePalma has made a fine art of "borrowing" from other films. Virtually all of his movies are inspired by other films; some more blatant rip-offs than others. Still, his movies are usually entertaining if nothing.

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Later,

Roger Evans
MovieStuff, Houston TX

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Re: Sarah McClendon?

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 20:50:26 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 06:01:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:31:31 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Hello, all,

>>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 06:00:51 -0500
>>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 23:50:01 +0100
>>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>>Subject: Sarah McClendon?
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>she's positively harmful.

The big thing is the connection with Hoagland. If Sarah had any
little spark of the reporter left, Hoagland, who thinks he has
it all solved, would disappear in the Iron Oxide cloud from
whence he cometh! However, I think she buys the Monuments of
Barsoom er, Mars shitck. I think that E.R. Burroughs has as much
credibilty as Hoagland. We could be seeing a possibilty here,
Richard Gere as Harry Carter and say, (this is for you Gesundt)
Pia Zadora as the Martian Princess.

Now, I know that some pretty strange things have been seen or
done in or about the environs of Mars. It's just that any one
who is saying "Lo! I, Me, have the answer to: 'Life, the
Universe and Everthing' - immediately suspect - paticularly if
that person appears on a certian radio talkshow from the Bowels
of Nevada.

I confess, I initially bought Hoagland's line, even bought the
tape, too. However, the rantings of Mr. Hoagland turned me off,
not because I didn't buy his Paranoia (as I have quoted: "Just
because your Paranoid, doesn't mean there's no one out to get
you!") about certain Govnerment agencies, but the increasing
stridentcy of his "Consipracy" oriented writing and oratory... I
mean, there may be something that the Government does not want
the great unwashed - er washed, to see, were not gonna see it
on CNN. Sarah McClendon isn't going to make a whit of

Re: Sarah McClendon?

difference as long as she keeps company with certain people.

One other thing; Could it be that NASA is simply incompetent?
Spacecraft by committee is not good.

GT McCoy

"First the facts, then distort them as much as you want."
Mark Twain

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From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 06:05:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 06:00:51 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
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>>A recent post referring to the White House press caused me to
>>wonder where White House correspondent Sarah McClendon may have
>>journeyed on her quest for UFO truth. She passionately believed
>>the government was hiding the truth. Has she ever said anything
>>more in the months following her initial announcement last year?

>>What did she intend to do as far as gathering and publishing
>>real evidence of the truth she has discovered? Has anyone stayed
>>in contact with her on this subject? Or, does the government
>>look at her as a lovable, wacky old bat, and totally stonewall
>>her?

>Josh-

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>publication.

>I believe her most recent statement followed contact with
>Richard Hoagland, who (with her help) scheduled a press
>conference at the National Press Club to show what he believes
>are "artifacts" on the moon that were filmed by NASA. That
>press briefing was IMO a disorganized jumble of information that
>couldn't have proven much of anything to anybody, and the press
>treated it accordingly.

The problem with mixing Hoagland into the mixture is that if
the press digs around they will find his various statements
about how the Mars Rover was not going to land on July 4th, but
was going to land on July 22nd according to his insider
informants (the landing took place as NASA said it would). Not to
mention last December, when an ET landing was going to take place
on a mountain top in Arizona on December 7th or something like
that, again according to Hoagland's insider informants.

We also had various tales and storys about how Orion, the
pyramids and various other things were all in the right pattern
for these events to take place etc etc.

Point being is the Press would only have to skim the surface of
Hoagland and they would likely dismiss him and his information
based on his past track record of using information from
purported insiders and government informants which never quite
seems to turn out the way he scribes it.

Cheers,

Robert

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NASA Johnson Space Center Exhibit Features UFOs?

From: Keith Rowell <kerowell@home.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 22:18:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 06:08:07 -0500
Subject: NASA Johnson Space Center Exhibit Features UFOs?

The current UFO Newsclipping Service, March 2000, has the following story. Does anyone know anything more about this? I poked around on the NASA Johnson Space Center web site but didn't locate any news about this.

New Mexican, Santa Fe, NM -- Feb. 16, 2000
UFO exhibit to visit NASA Space Center

ROSWELL -- You can picture the headlines now: UFOs coming to Space Center.

As, indeed, they are.

The UFO Festival, an event held each summer in this town whose name is synonymous with space aliens, is sending models and art to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston for a two-month exhibit, said Stacy Wolkwitz, UFO committee chairwoman.

Space Center representatives came to Roswell about a month ago, along with marketing experts, to look over potential items to be included in an exhibit on the impact of UFOs on popular culture, Wolkwitz said.

"They said it's the first time that NASA has ever given permission for them to display anything on UFOs or aliens," she said. "But they feel that it has so saturated pop culture and that it's so much a part of the movie and TV industry that they felt it was time they addressed it and showed how we view aliens as a culture."

The exhibit opens at the Space Center in March and ends in mid-May.

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Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

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Sarah McClendon was the Washington Correspondent for the Fort
Worth Star-Telegram when I was a reporter for that rag --
1942-47. She was a mature woman then, more than a half century
ago!

J. Bond Johnson

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I believe the film is actually called "Five Million Years to Earth", and is a remake of an original British television production called "Quatermass and the Pit" (the original is an historical classic, but the special effects are much better in the later version).

Two other Quatermass television classics were later produced as full length features, but neither was very notable.

Several years ago I went to some lengths to locate copies of all the Quatermass productions (around five, if memory serves), which span two decades. I was unable to locate a copy of the final British Quatermass program, which aired in the 1970s.

Since Quatermass was a scientist (albeit, somewhat of a rogue), the comparison to Mulder is a bit of a stretch and I don't think that he had any predisposed beliefs as to what was going on. Unlike Mulder, Quatermass had to deal with stupid government officials, rather than conspiratorial ones.

"Five Million Years to Earth" was always one of my favorite Sci-Fi movies, and well worth an evening's entertainment.

Steve

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Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 09:05:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 10:31:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 15:41:26 -0500 (EST)
>From: Stephen G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
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>subjects than you. You are well respected in the field. Why on
>earth, therefore, is it so necessary to run down the work of
>others?

>Stephen Bassett

Stephen:

Several months earlier I enjoyed a difference of opinion with Mr. Clark over his endorsement of Gulf Breeze researchers and his condemnation of Jerry Black. Clark pretty much accused me of that which you basically charge him, and he basically held that personal denunciations of ufologists are not acceptable method of discourse. [UFO Updates, Oct. 12 '99]

But as Clark justly calls Richard Hoagland into question as a credible source, you suddenly charge that his comments block progress toward 'broad based coalitioning and cooperation,' defining his comments as "arrogant" and "snide".

However, as we see from a posting to UpDates by Robert Gates [March 29, 2000], Mr. Hoagland's track record, when scrutinized, doesn't hold. From Robert Gate's post, we see good reason to step back and take a closer look.

Your failure to recognize this, Stephen, is quite telling. That you think that we should gloss over these important 'credibility' issues on our way to coalitioning and co-operation is disheartening.

I was hoping that road to co-operation and coalitioning would not be built upon shaky ground, Stephen, but like all previous attempts in ufology, prophets, abductee/contactees and star-struck celebrities are entertained. The end result is that true inquiry and scientific methods are compromised; truth is the victim. This road to coalition may very well be a no-outlet alley full of total misinformation.

Thanks,

Kenny Young

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I stand by what I said. I only wish I were wrong about it.
Maybe it's those who have elevated Sarah McClendon into
something she isn't -- or isn't any longer -- who have the
explaining to do.

Jerry Clark

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Mars Program Report Outlines Route To Success

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Headquarters, Washington, DC March 28, 2000
(Phone: 202/358-1898)

RELEASE: 00-46

MARS PROGRAM ASSESSMENT REPORT OUTLINES ROUTE TO SUCCESS

An in-depth review of NASA's Mars exploration program, released today, found significant flaws in formulation and execution led to the failures of recent missions, and provides recommendations for future exploration of Mars.

NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin appointed Thomas Young, a seasoned space-industry executive, to independently assess current and future Mars programs. The Mars Program Independent Assessment Team (MPIAT) started work on January 7, 2000, and delivered its final report to the Agency in mid-March.

"I congratulate Tom Young and his team for a superb report," Goldin said today. "They have rigorously scrutinized both successful and unsuccessful missions, shining a searchlight into every corner of the incredibly complex endeavor of deep space exploration. He and his team have delivered an extraordinary report and I thank them on behalf of NASA and the American people."

"Speaking for the team, I would like to express my appreciation for the spirit of cooperation that we enjoyed at NASA Headquarters, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and at Lockheed Martin," Young said. "The managers, scientists and engineers we spoke with were candid and frank in their presentations and in their answers to our questions. Everyone worked toward the same goal: finding ways to make the Mars program successful."

"One of the things we kept in mind during the course of our review is that in the conduct of space missions, you get only one strike, not three. Even if thousands of functions are carried out flawlessly, just one mistake can be catastrophic to a mission," Young said. "Our review confirmed that mistakes can be prevented by applying experienced oversight, sufficient testing, and independent analysis."

The team's charter was to review and analyze successes and failures of recent missions to determine why some succeeded and some failed; examine the relationship between and among NASA Headquarters, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), the California Institute of Technology and industry partners; assess the involvement of scientists; identify lessons learned from successes and failures; review the Mars Surveyor Program to assure lessons learned are utilized; oversee Mars Polar Lander and Deep Space 2 failure reviews; and evaluate the risk management process.

The report concluded the most probable cause of the failure was the generation of spurious signals when the lander legs were deployed during descent. The spurious signals gave a false indication that the spacecraft had landed, resulting in a premature shutdown of the engines and the destruction of the

lander when it crashed on Mars.

Without any entry, descent and landing telemetry data, there is no way to know whether the lander reached the terminal descent propulsion phase. If it did reach this phase, it is almost certain that premature engine shutdown occurred, the report concluded.

NASA's Office of Space Science will develop an integrated strategic response to the findings and recommendations of the report. NASA Chief Engineer W. Brian Keegan also will coordinate an integrated Agency response to the recent reviews of NASA program management practices.

In addition, today, Dr. Edward Weiler, the Associate Administrator for Space Science, announced the cancellation of the planned Mars 2001 lander awaiting his approval of a new overall Mars "architecture" plan. Weiler also will make management changes in the Mars Exploration Program at NASA Headquarters and work with the California Institute of Technology to institute effective change at JPL, clearly articulating lines of authority, clarifying roles and improving communication between all organizations involved. In that regard, Weiler today appointed Scott Hubbard as the Mars Program Director at NASA Headquarters. Hubbard is now Associate Director for Astrobiology and Space Programs, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA.

The MPIAT report findings included:

- o Mars exploration is an important national goal that should continue.
- o Deep space exploration is inherently challenging, but the risks are manageable and acceptable.
- o NASA, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and U.S. industry have the unique capabilities required to conduct successful planetary and deep space missions.
- o NASA's "faster, better, cheaper" approach, properly applied, should be continued as an effective means of guiding program implementation.
- o There were significant flaws in the formulation and execution of the Mars program, but all of the problems uncovered are correctable in a timely manner to allow a comprehensive Mars exploration program to continue successfully.

The MPIAT report found common characteristics among both successful and unsuccessful missions:

- o Experienced project management or mentoring is essential.
- o Project management must be responsible and accountable for all aspects of mission success.
- o Unique constraints of deep space missions demand adequate margins.
- o Appropriate application of institutional expertise is critical for mission success.
- o A thorough test and verification program is essential for mission success.
- o Effective risk identification and management are critical to assure successful missions.
- o Institutional management must be accountable for policies and procedures that assure a high level of success.
- o Institutional management must assure project implementation consistent with required policies and procedures.
- o Telemetry coverage of critical events is necessary for analysis and ability to incorporate information in follow-on projects.
- o If not ready, do not launch.

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>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 16:06:40 -0500 (EST)
>From: Tom Carey <TCarey1947@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 22:05:48 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Majorstar@aol.com
>>Subject: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000
>>To: Robkatsamy@netzero.net

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>"Filer's Files" #12 - 2000 discusses the various investigations
>of the Ramey Memo, in part, as follows:

>>GENERAL RAMEY'S MESSAGE REGARDING ROSWELL CRASH

>>snip

>>Dr. Donald Burlson's interpretation of the message
>>reads our take on the Ramey memo is in CAPS.
>>We believe that we will be proven correct in time.
>>RECO . . . OPERATION . . . AT THE
>>JULY 4TH. THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK YOU
>>FORWARDED TO THE
>>. . . AT FORT WORTH TEXAS.
>>SSOR ON THE "DISK" MUST THUS SAVE FOR
>>ATOMIC LABORATORY.
>>URGENT. POWERS ARE NEEDED SITE TWO
>>NW ROSWELL, N.MEX.
>>. . . SAFE TALK WANTED FOR MEANING OF
>>STORY AND MISSION [OR OBJECTIVE].
>>. . . NEXT CREW OUT TODAY.
>>WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD MAKE [NOTE
>>THE SUBJUNCTIVE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE
>>WORDS "WEATHER BALLOONS" ARE USED].
>>. . . 509 HAS LAND SURVEYOR CREWS.

>>[SIGNED] R RAMEY

>>Thanks to Tom Carey and Giuliano Marinkovicc
>>-of Croatia, 9a4aq@clarc.org,

>Readers should be made aware that the above 'take' on the Ramey
>memo is that of Tom Carey and Don Schmitt - and not that of
>Donald Burlson or anyone else.

>There is general agreement between Burlson, the RPIT and our
>investigation regarding most of what appears to be stated in the
>memo, but there still are a few areas on non-agreement.

>For example, where we 'see' "Roswell" as the town named in
>addition to Fort Worth, Burlson 'sees' it as "Carlsbad" and the
>RPIT as "Magdalena".

>Also, there is no agreement regarding who signed the memo. We
>'see' it as "R Ramey", and others 'see' it as "Temple".

>All of us continue to work on the memo as best we can, so there
>will no doubt be more to say in the future.

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UFO Thesis

From: Jacques Poulet <jpoulet@chucara.com>
Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 19:05:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 04:18:00 -0500
Subject: UFO Thesis

Hi All,

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I'm looking for someone to help with translation. I'd like to offer this list in as many languages as possible.

Thanks,

Jacques Poulet

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Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 22:22:21 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 04:22:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

>Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 14:04:59 -0500 (EST)
>From: TimHaley@aol.com
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>holding open a classified memo during a press conference.

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>on what information to release to the press.

>Tim Haley

Tim,

There was no press conference in General Ramey's office! I know, I was there taking the pictures.

There were no other civilians in the room.

Also, I was at least eight feet away from General Ramey photographing him as he was examining the Roswell debris which had just been delivered to his office by Major Marcel.

There would have been no concern in 1947 that my camera could possibly read the fine print on the Ramey Message from such a distance.

How could Ramey have possibly imagined that 50 years later a computer enhancement could make this possible?

James Bond Johnson

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Cydonian Imperative Website Taking Shape

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 21:51:03 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 04:42:10 -0500
Subject: Cydonian Imperative Website Taking Shape

Hi list,

My 'Cydonian Imperative' website, begun in 1998, is back online with a lot of new images, comparisons and speculative editorials.

The most recent additions is an analysis of Kynthia Lynn's new Mars Face sculpture compared to an animated perspective view created by Mark Carlotto (the similarities are quite fascinating) and a comparison of the gross morphology of the D&M Pyramid with that of the so-called Main City Pyramid.

"Mars: The Cydonian Imperative" can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/imperative.html>

Additional materials are available through my start page:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>.

Suggestions and feedback are welcome.

Sincerely,

Mac Tonnies
(macbot@yahoo.com)

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Re: Sarah McClendon?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 02:18:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 15:30:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 14:59:03 -0500
>>From: Scott Hale <scott_hale@american.scu.edu>
>>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I attended a meeting of the McClendon Group at the NPC in
>>Washington, DC when Stephen Bassett gave a presentation on UFO
>>secrecy there.

>>Hope I Helped,
>>Scott Hale

Hi Scott & All,

Is there a website around for the above person?

Regards,

Roy.. Keep Smiling..

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Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 14:35:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 18:26:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

>Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 14:04:59 -0500 (EST)
>From: Tim Haley <TimHaley@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 16:06:40 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Tom Carey <TCarey1947@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 22:05:48 -0500 (EST)
>>>From: Majorstar@aol.com
>>>Subject: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000
>>>To: Robkatsamy@netzero.net

>>>Filer's Files #12 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
>>>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
>>>March 28, 2000, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020
>>>Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

>><snip>

>>"Filer's Files" #12 - 2000 discusses the various investigations
>>of the Ramey Memo, in part, as follows:

>>>GENERAL RAMEY'S MESSAGE REGARDING ROSWELL CRASH

<snip>

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>holding open a classified memo during a press conference.

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>on what information to release to the press.

Tim and All,

To further Bond's comments on this and confirm his statement re
the "press conference". We have confirmation from another
reporter on duty that night in Fort Worth that no press call
was made from FWAAF, as the only duty reporter for his paper
that night, it would have been his position to attend, he tells
us no such call or conference occurred.

As to your second comment you may well be partially correct for
lines 6 and 7 in my "take" of the message seem to say:

(6) MIDDAY 509# TOLD newspaPeR segment of STORY Adv *****

(7) LLY ThRy EVEN PUT for AF WEATATN BALLOONS raDar WERE

Which if you read between the lines could be construed as
"Adv(ise) (specific)lly th(eo)ry even put for A(ir) F(or)ce)
weather-station balloons radar were [responsible]".

It seems to make sense.

Neil.

Neil [Morris@Home](mailto:Neil.Morris@Home).

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Web Sites: Roswell and Alien Autopsy
<http://adm2.ph.man.ac.uk/>
RPIT
The Fort Worth Photographs of James Bond Johnson
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Re: UFO Thesis

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <brianc@fc.net>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 09:36:50 -0600 (CST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 18:28:22 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Thesis

>Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 19:05:32 -0500
>From: Jacques Poulet <jpoulet@chucara.com>
>Subject: UFO Thesis
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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There are some handy language translation sites available on the
web, including the following:

FreeTranslation.com (<http://www.freetranslation.com>)

and the AltaVista translation service at:

<http://babelfish.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/translate?>

Perhaps those might be useful.

-Brian C.

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10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 10:40:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 19:45:42 -0500
Subject: 10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story

Errol & list,

I came across this article (below) during my newspaper research.

Can anyone tell me if this article refers to a UFO sighting being dismissed by NORAD, or was there really a re-entry of a Soviet satellite around or on October 24, 1989, which could have been seen from Northern Ontario?

Thank you.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

The Sudbury Star [Northern Ontario, Canada]

Strange Lights Probably A Satellite, NORAD Says

STAFF-- Those strange but beautiful lights which graced Northern Ontario skies early Tuesday were a Soviet satellite re-entering the earth's atmosphere a NORAD spokesman says.

It was the platform of a Molyna satellite. launched Sept. 27, said Capt. Thomas Neimann in a telephone interview from the NORAD - North American Air Defence Command - installation in Colorado Springs.

The platform of a satellite serves to launch the payload into orbit. In many cases, it eventually re-enters the atmosphere.

The satellite was probably a communications craft said Neimann, although that has not been confirmed.

It appears that the platform burned during re-entry and none of it hit the earth, he said. "We haven't received any reports to the contrary."

Neimann said 95 percent of spare objects totally disintegrate during re-entry.

Tuesday's incident is not uncommon although space junk usually falls into ocean areas, he said. The platform's re-entry was tracked by the US: Space Command, which works closely, with NORAD in Colorado Springs

Neimann said this is critical so that military officials don't mistake a space object for nuclear missiles.

The unusual lights were spotted in northern skies around 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and generated a flood of calls to Science North in Sudbury.

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Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 11:44:37 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 21:36:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

>Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 14:04:59 -0500 (EST)
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>I am surprised that anyone in the military would have been
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I am not. I am sure the General figured that he was safe because
in 1947 the camera/photos along would not have been able to
resolve the lettering.

Also the message or whatever the thing is may not have been
"classified" say Majestic or whatever at that moment yet. It
may have still been unclassified because they hadn't traveled
far enough down the road that all documents related to this are
classified, etc etc.

You may recall when President Jimmy Carter (or one of his close
advisors... can't recall which one) had a public photo shot of
them on the White House lawn or some such thing. The President
(or official) was holding a classified document and you could
make out the code word which as I recall was "Royal" or
something like that. After the picture was published the White
House had egg all over itself.

Its called an inadvertant mistake and it does happen.

Cheers,

Robert

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From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 19:43:35 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 22:27:07 -0500
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UFO TERRORIZES WOMAN
MOTORIST IN COLORADO

On Tuesday, March 7, 2000, between 9 and 10 p.m., a woman was driving on a back road near Olathe, Colorado (population 1,300). Sitting beside her in the car's front seat was the woman's baby, who was just under one year old.

She reported "an encounter with a low-flying aerial craft," according to ufologist Davina Ryszka of Montrose, Colorado.

"The craft/object exhibited 'a very bright white light and had red and green lights on its sides.'"

"The woman reported that the UFO 'appeared to be confrontational.'"

"As the object approached her car head-on, at first the witness thought it was a low-flying airplane."

"The witness slammed on the brakes to try to avoid what seemed would be an inevitable crash," said Ryszka. "And the aircraft stopped right in front of her car. When she tried to move, it moved. When she attempted to turn the car around and go back the way she came,, it moved in front of her car."

"At this point she was 'really frightened' especially because she had a small baby in the car seat. Finally, she managed to get in front of the object, and it ended up behind her, and she could see it in the rear-view mirror."

"Then, for a time, it was not visible at all, and she was relieved that it might be gone."

"Suddenly, a bright light came on directly above her, illuminating her car and the surrounding area. And she drove quickly on to Olathe, understandably shaken by the whole experience."

Olathe is on Colorado Highway 550 approximately 57 miles (91 kilometers) southeast of Grand Junction.

On Friday, March 17, 2000, at 3 p.m., an Alamosa County rancher named Chuck was driving his pickup truck on Highway 285 just north of Antonito, Colorado (population 76) "when he witnessed 'a metallic sphere at the one o'clock position and about 30 degrees up' from the horizon."

"'It did not move in any extraordinary way, but it sure didn't look like any any airplane I've seen,' Chuck said."

Antonito is located about 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of Alamosa. (Many thanks to Chris O'Brien, author of The Mysterious Valley and Enter the Valley for these reports.)

CYLINDRICAL ORANGE UFO
SIGHTED IN PUERTO RICO

On Friday, March 24, 2000, at 6:50 p.m., Luz Guzman and Orlando Pla were driving on Monserrate Avenue in Carolina, Puerto Rico, approximately 8 kilometers (5 miles) east of San Juan, when they spotted a UFO.

"A high altitude unidentified flying object was seen flying across the skies from north to south over the San Juan and Bayamon metropolitan area. The object looked like a thin orange line of about one inch length at a 20 degree angle from the observers' position."

"The object crossed the skies in a few minutes at the same line of horizontal trajectory until it was out of view."

"The orange color was very vivid, maybe was a result of the sunlight shining from below since the incident occurred during sunset. The perfect horizontal trajectory also dismisses the possibility of it being related to a burning satellite re-entering the atmosphere" or a meteor glancing off the atmosphere, according to Puerto Rican ufologist Lucy Guzman. (Muchas gracias a Lucy Guzman para esta historia.)

FIVE ORANGE-SPHERE UFOs
RETURN TO PENRITH, N.S.W.

Penrith, New South Wales, Australia, a city about 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of Sydney, became the focus of UFO action again last week.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at 9:50 p.m., Sandra Wilson spotted something strange in the night sky over Penrith. Five orange spheres "appeared in the east" and "flew to the southwest," she reported.

"I saw five orange globes gliding in a southwesterly direction," she reported, "From the naked eye, they seemed to be moving slow. But when viewed through my telescope, they had the speed of a comet and were very hard to keep in the lens."

"Through the telescope, they seemed to be the colour of reddish-orange, but from the naked eye they were just orange. In the centre of the orange glow, the shape was that of a circle. I have no idea of the height." (altitude--J.T.)

Sandra added, "This is the second sighting of these five objects during the last two months." (Email Form Report)

HOVERING WHITE UFO SEEN
IN THE NETHERLANDS

On January 16, 2000, at 8:30 p.m., a young man left his friend's house in Groningen, a city in the Netherlands approximately 120 kilometers (80 miles) northest of Amsterdam, and boarded his bicycle for the trip home.

On the eastern outskirts of Groningen, the witness "saw a moving object like a shooting star. But it held still for a few seconds on the horizon (near the border with Germany--J.T.), then it disappeared."

"Even when it was still, it still had a tail," he said, adding that the UFO was "nut-shaped." (Email Form Report)

(Editor's Note: Groningen was the site of the mysterious ice fall in the Netherlands a few weeks ago.)

USAF CRUISE MISSILE GOES
HAYWIRE AND CRASHES IN
THE UTAH DESERT

"An Air Force cruise missile flew out of control Thursday morning (March 23, 2000) and slammed into the ground near the Goshute Indian Reservation in remote Tooele County."

"No one was injured in the 11:16 a.m. crash on

isolated land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (an agency of the USA's Department of the Interior--J.T.) said Hill Air Force Base Tech Sgt. Timothy Trager. There was no danger to the land, he said."

"The 20-foot (6-meter) long cruise missile had been dropped from a B-52 bomber that had originally taken off from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. The missile was being tracked by two F-15 chase planes and an Airborne Range Instrumented Aircraft (ARIA) that keeps the missile in the plane's radar scope, before it inexplicably crashed," said Staff Sgt. Sonja Whittington, spokeswoman for the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base."

"The pilots never lost the missile visually, but why it crashed will be determined by investigators," she said."

"Whittington did not know the missile's intended target, but said the accident occurred during the third hour of a four-hour test run at the Utah Test and Training Range."

"When the missile impacted, there was a slight explosion caused by the crash but no fire. The missile did not contain any explosives."

"No one was near the crash site in remote Ibapah (population 11) about 185 miles (296 kilometers) west of Salt Lake City," near the Utah-Nevada state line.

"I want to emphasize that these tests are routed specifically to avoid populated areas," Whittington said, "We're not going to fly a cruise missile over some downtown area."

"Thursday's cruise missile test was conducted by the (U.S. Air Force's) 53rd Wing (located) at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, to ensure system reliability and accuracy." (See the Salt Lake Tribune of Salt Lake City, Utah for March 25, 2000, "Stray missile hits desert-" by Richard Vigia. Many thanks to Jim Hickman for forwarding the newspaper article.)

(Editor's Comment: The cruise missile went down just south of Ochre Mountain, a sacred site to the indigenous Nuche people. This is also the season the annual Nuche Bear Dance. Maybe the Four Thunders put the hex on that missile.)

READER FEEDBACK:

Concerning the "black arrowhead" or delta-shaped UFO reported last week in Rochester, N.Y., model airplane enthusiast H.B. Buchanan says we shouldn't rule out the possibility that it was a man-made model. He writes, "RC (radio-controlled) aircraft are extremely light in weight compared to real aircraft, owing to the lightweight building materials. Granted, for a four-foot-long aircraft, 10 MPH (miles per hour) is pushing the limit of maintaining lift, even for an RC model, but considering that this was not a measured speed, the witness could only speculate. As one who is involved with model-building and flying, I've seen RC models retaining lift at very low actual speeds." (For more on the Rochester UFO, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 12.)

Also, reader J. Sabiti reminds us that the African nation of Zaire has changed its name back to the Democratic Republic of the Congo once again. Sorry about that, J.S. UFO Roundup regrets the error.

from the UFO Files...

1936: PANAMA RED

Here's another UFO sighting from the pre-Roswell era. This one took place in the Central American nation of Panama back in April of 1936. Thirty years later, one of the witnesses reported the case to the old National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

Back then, the USA administered a strip of land known as the Panama Canal Zone (Full control of the Zone reverted to Panama in December 1999 under the terms of the Carter-Torrijos Treaty--J.T.) Many Army and Navy families made their home in the Zone, creating a kind of tropical Main Street USA, complete with garden societies and country clubs.

In early April of 1936, Mrs. E.P. Higgins, the wife

of an American officer, attended a meeting of the Canal Zone Astronomical Society at the country club in Lago (Lake) de Miraflores, about 25 kilometers (15 miles) north of the city of Balboa.

Following the meeting, the lecturer, whom we'll call Prof. Adams, asked Mrs. Higgins if she would like a ride back to the city. She agreed, and they set off in the professor's 1932 Model A Ford.

Prof. Adams had graduated from Yale University and had also taught there. Mrs. Higgins was familiar with Yale and the city of New Haven, Connecticut, so they talked about mutual acquaintances.

"Because the night was so black, and the golden stars so numerous, we automatically scanned the heavens with our eyes before saying goodnight," Mrs. Higgins told NICAP.

"Suddenly, the professor shouted, 'Look! That one's moving!'"

"I don't know what I expected when I searched in the direction his extended arm and finger indicated. But then I saw it, and I felt suddenly as though I'd been bewitched and that I couldn't possibly be seeing this."

"But I did see it and continued to do so for some time, so I had to believe it even though we couldn't find any explanation whatever."

"His finger had indicated a spot in the sky... about 33 degrees from the zenith in a northeasterly direction...(that is, over Balboa Heights--J.T.) I observed what appeared to be a red star making a pathway among the stars. I can best describe the look of it by saying that it looked like a red star of rather small magnitude--and I can also say that it glowed something the color of a cigarette butt in the distance."

"But the course of the thing--that was what became increasingly unbelievable as the moments ticked by. I had a feeling that it was very, very high. At first it seemed like a star making a pathway among the stars. Going in a rather straight line--it was coming down a trifle and going northward (toward Colon on the Atlantic side--J.T.) I think we must have gasped aloud when it came to a complete standstill for a few moments. And then it started turning over in tiny circles. This, a plane could not possibly do, nor could a weather balloon."

"Anyhow, by this time we were so excited that we wanted to get a look at it through the (astronomical society's) telescope. We rushed out to get the key to the observatory, but by the time we drove the eight miles out there, we lost track of it."

"The next day, the professor checked and found from the Army that there was no weather balloon or plane in the vicinity." (See the book *Mysteries of the Skies: UFOs in Perspective* by Gordon I.R. Lore Jr. and Harold H. Devault Jr., Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, N>Y> 1968, pages 112 and 113.)

That's it for this week. Join us again in seven days for more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then.

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Re: Sarah McClendon?

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 18:16:14 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:34:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 08:19:28 -0600
>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 15:41:26 -0500 (EST)
>>From: Stephen G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2000 11:31:31 -0600
>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>>My understanding is that McClendon is a very old woman long past
>>>her prime, not all that well thought of, and a reporter for a
>>>single, minor newspaper in Tyler, Texas. Her championing of the
>>>cause of opposition to UFO secrecy amounts to little if
>>>anything. And if she thinks Hoagland is a credible source, then
>>>she's positively harmful.

>>This is just the kind of arrogant, snide, cheap shotism that
>>festers among the UFO/ET researchers (particularly the long
>>timers) and blocks broad based coalitioning and cooperation.

>Actually, Kevin Randle, Brad Steiger, and Timothy Green Beckley
>have written far more UFO books than I ever have or ever could.

>>Along with Jenny Randles, no one has written more books on these
>>subjects than you. You are well respected in the field. Why on
>>earth, therefore, is it so necessary to run down the work of
>>others?

>I stand by what I said. I only wish I were wrong about it.
>Maybe it's those who have elevated Sarah McClendon into
>something she isn't -- or isn't any longer -- who have the
>explaining to do.

Sorry Jerry, while I appreciate your work, and in spite of the weight of the encyclopedia's two volumes, which require carpal tunnel surgery if you attempt reading it in bed, I cannot agree with your statement.

True or not, Ms. McClendon has something extremely important, something of great value, which commands us to treat her with (in my opinion) greater respect. That something is age, not to mention her prior success and inspiring contributions to her trade. She's one brave lady fella!

Such deserves better treatment by virtue of some of those accomplishments. Even merely by virtue of her age. Hell, we are all gonna get there. Even Gesundt is gettin on. But I've never heard you say or write one nasty word about him.

I tend to believe that Sarah and people like her whould be held

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in a higher position of respect than that which she presently holds in the minds of some. Just some old lady with nothing more to give doesn't seem to be terribly appropriate.

J. Jaime

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Re: Sarah McClendon?

From: Scott Hale <scott_hale@american.edu>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 19:48:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:37:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 02:18:05 +0100
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Is there a website around for the above person?

Roy,

Not that I'm aware of, but I'll take a look around

Thanks,
Scott Hale

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Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

From: Sue Kovios <bradford@globalserve.net>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 21:34:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:41:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

>Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 20:10:21 -0500
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto [<mailto:updates@sympatico.ca>]
>Sent: Monday, March 27, 2000 9:23 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Success Of 'Mission To Mars' Talk Of Tinseltown

>Source: <http://www.alienzoo.com/features/o/200003240001.html>

>I would spare those of you who are planning on seeing it for the
>same reason I did ('cause you have an interest in space, aliens
>& conspiracy)

>.. but I know you've already seen it, or will see it no matter
>what I say. So, just don't say you weren't warned.

And what about the other percentage of the population that's never even heard of the 'Face on Mars'? What do you think it will do for them? They may not enjoy it as a good movie, by they may open their eyes to this controversial subject that's been looming since Viking took it's portrait. Is it not an asset to ufology to make more people 'aware'?

>Oh, why am I even being coy? Everyone & their mother knows that
>De Palma (a director that I really do like) blatantly stole from
>about half a dozen space-themed movies. The allusions to 2001
>are more than obvious & not coincidental.

What's your point? No matter who begs, borrows or steals from who does not make it a non-issue to the importance of the existence of life elsewhere. How it penetrates into our society makes no difference. As long as it keeps coming, for as long as it takes, to get the point across that we more than likely have neighbours, somewhere.

>It's just easier to say that the whole thing stunk.
>..unless you bring beer & turn it into a drinking game:
>- one slug of beer every time Gary Sinise assumes a wistful look
>- one slug of beer every time you see a blatant produce
> placement
>- one slug of beer every time you find yourself saying "WTF...?"

And if beer is the only way for you to accept the underlying messages presented to us, no matter how lame, then if the truth be known someday, I hope you're loaded.

Sue

Search for other documents from or mentioning: ron.cecchini

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Re: 10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 21:48:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:44:59 -0500
Subject: Re: 10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story

>Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 10:40:36 -0500
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>Subject: 10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Errol & list,

>I came across this article (below) during my newspaper
>research.

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>being dismissed by NORAD, or was there really a re-entry of a
>Soviet satellite around or on October 24, 1989, which could have
>been seen from Northern Ontario?

>Thank you.

>Cordially,

>Michel M. Deschamps

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>The Sudbury Star [Northern Ontario, Canada]

>Strange Lights Probably A Satellite, NORAD Says

>STAFF-- Those strange but beautiful lights which graced Northern
>Ontario skies early Tuesday were a Soviet satellite re-entering
>the earths atmosphere a NORAD spokesman says.

<snip>

Hello Michel,

Here's the satellite info that you're inquiring about:

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1989-078C      20257 CIS          87.3  62.8   149   128   0.0000
SL-6 PLAT          Launched (1989/09/27) Decayed
[1989/10/24]
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SL-6 PLAT      Decayed: 1989/10/24
1 20257U 89078  C 89297.36664060 .91198784 +39978-4 +83717-3 0
00722
2 20257 062.8044 074.2596 0016157 127.4721 233.0472
16.50387128004230
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This is the last TLE for this particular satellite. I put this
TLE into my Winorbit program and at 8:30am EDT it would be
located at 62.04N & 57.54W which would put it in the Davis
Strait East of the Baffin Island.

Hope this helps.

Todd Lemire

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An expert may be defined as someone who can make you feel stupid
for offering your opinion. Fortunately, as physicist Philip

Morrison once said, ufology "is a field in which there aren't any experts.

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P3N BULLETIN: Federal Judge Dismisses UFO Lawsuit

From: Blair Cummins <ufoblair@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 19:17:34 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:49:39 -0500
Subject: P3N BULLETIN: Federal Judge Dismisses UFO Lawsuit

Greetings list -

From: UFOLAWYER1@aol.com

PARANORML NEWS NETWORK (P3N) : March 30, 2000

P3N BULLETIN: FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSES UFO LAWSUIT

A federal judge in Phoenix has granted the government's request to dismiss a lawsuit brought by a group of UFO activists for information about a very unusual triangular-shaped aerial object.

In Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) v. Department of Defense (DoD), Chief U.S. District Court Judge Stephen M. McNamee, in an 8-page decision, has ruled that the DoD had conducted a reasonable search even though it did not find any information.

In his decision, Judge McNamee stated "this case is not one over the existence or non-existence of UFOs, but whether the government has conducted a reasonable search regarding information on specific aerial modes of transportation.

A fruitless search is immaterial if Defendant can establish that it conducted a search reasonably calculated to uncover all relevant documents requested for by Plaintiff.

Defendant has met its burden by providing sufficiently detailed affidavits for the Court to conclude that a reasonable search was conducted in responding to Plaintiff's FOIA request for documents. Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate substantial doubt regarding the reasonableness of the search. Therefore, Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is granted."

CAUS attorney, Peter A. Gersten, stated he is considering an appeal of the Court's decision.

Best regards,

- Blair Cummins
ufoblair@hotmail.com

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Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 23:55:46 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:55:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

>From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 22:22:21 -0500 (EST)
>Fwd Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 04:22:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Filer's Files #12 -- 2000

>There was no press conference in General Ramey's office! I
>know, I was there taking the pictures.

Were you there taking pictures for 3 hours? No, you were there
for maybe 20 minutes. You were not a witness to what happened in
Ramey's office either before or after you arrived.

>There were no other civilians in the room.

Maybe not when you were there. But how would you know what
happened after you left?

Three witnesses (Marcel, Dubose, and Newton) all spoke of
multiple reporters being there at one time.

Somebody took Newton's picture, the two wirephoto services
credited with the photo were civilian, and somebody quickly got
that photo into the Philadelphia Inquirer the next morning. That
suggests a least one more civilian photographer on the scene
after you left.

There is some other circumstantial evidence (which I've argued
with you about 100 times) that also is suggestive of other
reporters showing up afterwards.

>Also, I was at least eight feet away from General Ramey
>photographing him as he was examining the Roswell debris which
>had just been delivered to his office by Major Marcel.

How do you know this debris was necessarily the stuff from
Roswell or Mac Brazel's ranch? Why couldn't it have been
substitute debris brought it for a photo op with some unwitting
civilian photographer as part of a cover story?

As Gen. Dubose said in his affidavit: "The material shown in
the photographs taken in Maj. Gen. Ramey's office was a weather
balloon. The weather balloon explanation for the material was a
cover story to divert the attention of the press."

>There would have been no concern in 1947 that my camera could
>possibly read the fine print on the Ramey Message from such a
>distance.

Agreed.

>How could Ramey have possibly imagined that 50 years later a
>computer enhancement could make this possible?

Agreed. Ramey could also have been a little careless. Secretary
of Defense Johnson likewise carelessly mentioned development of
the "H-bomb" to columnist Drew Pearson when Pearson was visiting
the White House in Jan. 1950. The "H-bomb" was headlines the
next day. Slip-ups happen.

David Rudiak

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Future Lecturers at Science North, Sudbury

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 03:15:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 07:04:51 -0500
Subject: Future Lecturers at Science North, Sudbury

Errol,

I don't know exactly when, but Science North will be having a second series of presentations at the INCO cavern (auditorium) under the topic "Science on the Fringe". Two have nothing to do with "Fringe Science", but the first presenter will be a (canadian) representative from S.E.T.I. I'll be sure to go for that one; I'm working on a very good question to ask him or her. It sort of goes like this:

It is generally known that there are stars that are billions of years older than our sun. Some people at SETI have been quoted as saying that advanced extraterrestrial intelligence may possibly exist in the universe.

_Now, if this extraterrestrial intelligence has a billion years head-start on us, what makes you think that they would be using "primitive" radio signals to contact anyone else out there? We humans have sent probes to several planets and are in the process of building an international space station. Don't you think that these extraterrestrials, who are supposedly way more advanced than we are, would be using space craft by now to get from there to here, instead of using such things as radio signals to communicate? Thank you.

I'm kind of disappointed though because I was hoping they'd be having a well-known Ufologist come and talk about UFOs; I had faxed biographies of different people, which included Richard Haines, Stanton Friedman and John Schuessler. Looks to me UFOs are not being taken very seriously at Science North, no matter what kind of scientific background these experts may have. I know one person on the administration board at Science North who is open-minded on the subject, but the decision of who gets to lecture there is out of her hands.

Maybe Science North will have a Ufologist next year...I hope.

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Re: 10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 01:51:11 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 07:07:53 -0500
Subject: Re: 10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story

>Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 10:40:36 -0500
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>Subject: 10-25-89 'Sudbury Star' Story
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<snip>

Dear Michel:

I have no problem with the soviet re-entry on the face of it.
They are (or at least were) constantly throwing up spy
satellites, and these generally take near-polar orbits.

The Soviets would compensate for the versatility and longevity
of US spy sats with sheer numbers. Both plans had their merits
and drawbacks.

A Sov-Sat re-entry (or more likely the debris, boosters, you
name it) would be just as likely near Antarctica as in the
Arctic regions.

The following web page is instructive, if lengthy!

<http://hea-www.harvard.edu/~jcm/space/log/satcat.txt>

Its a good 2 or 3 megabyte download, so be patient!

I found all sorts of satellite (etc) re-entries, just about
daily in fact. Among these are a Kosmos-156 launched 27APR67
which came down 23OCT1989. Allowing for several hours worth of
time zones, this could have been seen on the 24rth.

There was a fall of "debris" from some "Delta 132" mission

launched on 14JLY77 which did re-enter on 24OCT89. This could have easily been blamed on the Evil Empire, given their nearly constant rain of space junk.

Debris from the Kosmos-1220 mission came down 25OCT89. Again, allow for time zones. Actual locations of debris falls are not given.

For 24OCT89 I have only one listing in the *U* UFO Database: This was a sighting over NW Indiana, by two separate airliner crews. They saw a boomerang shape headed NE at some impossible speed. There was a "big beam (of light) upward. The object did not register on radars. Source is Francis Ridge's book: Regional Encounters, page 116. Email Fran Ridge for details.

A NE trajectory from NW Indiana could indeed put this object over Ontario. The time of the airliner sighting was 0620 hrs local (CST) however.

If this is the same object, it raises certain doubts about that listing. Space junk can blaze away in technicolor for hours until it finally flames out. I saw an amazing display like that myself once.

For further info on the *U* Database, please see:

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/index.html>

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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US Presidential Election - How Not To Get Elected?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 07:26:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 07:26:51 -0500
Subject: US Presidential Election - How Not To Get Elected?

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

Source: US Presidential Candidate Dr. Heather Ann Harder's Site

<http://www.harder2000.com/noframes/ufo.htm>

UFOs and Extra Terrestrial Life

"UFO's exist and have always existed. You must only view the Nazca Lines in Peru as proof. No amount of Government denial will change my beliefs." Dr. Heather Anne Harder

As the Federal Government continues to deny the existence of other worldly life forms, the American people only lose trust in the Federal government. The truth is, the knowledge that we are not alone is buried deep within our cellular memory. We already know the truth. This alone accounts for the deep fascination with all things which deal with this topic.

I believe we are not alone. The family of God is much larger than most of us, including Steven Spielberg, can even imagine. Daily hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of contacts are being made which prepare us to meet our cosmic neighbors. How many more need to occur before we acknowledge them as real?

Some of these contacts and ET's are friendly and others are not. As in all things, discernment is critical. These visitors from space are helping us prepare for a new day on Earth. Instead of trying to deny their existence. We must begin now to prepare for open and direct contact with many extra terrestrial beings. We need to learn how to discern which ET's acts unselfishly for greatest good and which only serve themselves.

Americans can best prepare themselves for this contact by learning to respect diversity. If we can't get along with our fellow humans because their skin is a different color, they worship differently, speak a different language, or believe a different ideology, how can we hope to exist in a world filled with beings that look like giant praying mantises? Now, more than ever, we must begin to look inside a person's heart to determine whether this is a friend or foe. We must learn to trust our own findings and not some governmental report. According to one poll, more people believed in the existence of ET's than believed they would every see a social security check. But, be careful what you wish for---most ET's that have time for joy rides are not the ones with which you want to play. The ET's that work on behalf of this planet are busy trying to save humanity from destroying itself. To hasten this open contact with these heavenly helpers, learn to stand in your own power and respect yourself. They do not want to induce fear, or to be worshipped as gods!

Meanwhile if you have a close encounter of any kind, stay in your power. They are guests on this planet and only you have the

true power to determine your destiny. If the contact feels unpleasant, send them away. Your thoughts can do the job. Demand they leave you alone. Moving into fear only gives them power over you. Call on God, Jesus or other Divinity to help you, these names have power in all worlds.

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Dr. Heather Anne Harder is seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States of America in the year 2000. Heather Harder can lead and guide this country, not only because she is a woman, but also because she has the expertise, dedication and desire to get the job done. Her plain talking, down to earth, radical common sense sometimes surprises and always impresses. She has proven her tenacity and determination, her compassion, and ability to lead. She began this massive undertaking in 1990 and first ran for this office in 1996. Dr. Harder holds a Ph.D. in education and is a former university professor. She is an entrepreneur and businesswoman, author and mother of two daughters. To learn more about Dr. Harder or her campaign call 219-663-7340, www.harder2000.com, or e-mail harder2000@aol.com.

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Re: Sarah McClendon?

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:51:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 07:31:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?

>Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 02:18:05 +0100
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>I attended a meeting of the McClendon Group at the NPC in
>>>Washington, DC when Stephen Bassett gave a presentation on UFO
>>>secrecy there.

>>>Scott Hale

>Hi Scott & All,

>Is there a website around for the above person?

Roy, and list-

Stephen Bassett established (or was at least centrally involved in the establishment of) the Paradigm Research Group (PRG). Since this group's web page was developed while they were still heavily invested in the expected Y2K "disaster" their URL is

<http://www.paradigmclock.com/main.html>

Bassett has been described as Washington's only "UFO Lobbyist", and a visit to the site will provide information as to his goals and accomplishments.

To my knowledge, he is not a UFO researcher, per se, and has (at least in the past) established connections with Richard Hoagland and Dr. Steven Greer.

From my perspective, those connections have not helped him to gain the support and trust of many central UFO researchers.

As a "Lobbyist" he is also required to file statements with the Government which would show where he gets his financial support, and it might be interesting to see exactly who is paying for this lobbying.

Hope that helps.

Steve

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The OZ Files - The Australian UFO Story Tour

From: Bill Chalker <bill_c@bigpond.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 22:51:51 +1000
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 14:07:38 -0500
Subject: The OZ Files - The Australian UFO Story Tour

I thought it might be worthwhile to provide a tour of some of my research information on the internet as it, in part, provides a cross section of research focusing on Australian UFO research. Hope you enjoy the tour.

As tour guide here are some intros on yours truly along with key document links such as:

The 1966 Tully case Australian aboriginal culture & possible UFO connections A personal account of "angel hair" The Ultimate Secret - Fact or Fiction: The Australian Connection UFO 'Sub Rosa' down under - the Australian military & government role in the UFO controversy.

<http://www.project1947.com/forum/index.htm>

The bio section also provides a link to Glenn Campbell's review of my book 'The OZ Files - The Australian UFO Story', along with an index and the introduction. For those interested I have a limited number of copies.

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<http://enterprise.powerup.com.au/~auforn/BCintro.htm>

Early historical information on Australian UFOs can be found at the following:

www.project1947.com/bcausenc.htm

I particularly draw your attention to the 1868 Parramatta "contact" case, the 1909 wave and the 1927 Fernvale milieu Via the above Project1947 forum index section there is a link to research on possible aboriginal connections

I have had a long term interest in physical evidence. The following sites will elaborate that interest: A detail review of physical trace evidence is at:

<http://www.project1947.com/bctrace1.htm>

www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/main_page_australasian_phy.htm

Specific cases studies include:

The famous 1966 Tully UFO nest milieu: see the link at the Project1947 forum index site above, plus also:

www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/tully_nest_1966.htm Kelly

Cahill's abduction milieu:

<http://www.rmdavis.demon.co.uk/ufos/nathen/nat91.txt>

For details of the intriguing 'alien' hair investigation involving Peter Khoury see the following:

Jerome Clark's 27 May, 1999 announcement re "Biological Evidence of an alien entity" in the International UFO Reporter (IUR) as "Strange Evidence", and the discussion that followed:

www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/may/m27-010.shtml

The CNI summary report - "DNA sample from Abduction case raises big questions":

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/a1999/jun/g9.htm>

An interesting aside re. Kary Mullis, PCR & abductions based on my interview with Nobel laureate Kary Mullis:

http://www.cufos.org/iur_Spring99_addendum.html

The saga even got a run in 'Saucer Smear':

<http://www.martiansgohome.com/smeat/v46/ss990701.htm>

For an account of the famous Father Gill case of 1959:

www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newse/oz.html

Further information on military investigations, apart from the detailed "Sub Rosa" report on the Project 1947 forum section:

Enquiries into official involvement in Australia:

http://enterprise.powerup.com.au/~auforn/Bill_Chalker_2.htm

Study of official Australian Government involvement in the UFO controversy - a progress report:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/newse/aus3.html>

For the controversial side see

'UFO Crash/Retrieval Stories - The Australian Experience': at the Australiasian Ufologist site, Vol.1.No.3, July-Sept.1997 see also DSTO & UFOs:

www.networx.com.au/home/slider/DSTO1.htm

For an alternative approach see

UFO Flaps - A Context For Scientific Study, which includes some of my own personal experiences in a localised UFO flap at Tyringham-Dundurrabin during 1973:

http://enterprise.powerup.com.au/~auforn/Bill_Chalker_1.htm

My own 'daylight disc' sighting during 1972:

<http://enterprise.powerup.com.au/~auforn/bcdisc.htm>

Photos from a rogues gallery:

www.powerup.com.au/~tkbnetw/pictures.htm

Anybody taking this tour may have had trouble stirring the pot.
Try the following:

The 'Boise Boy's Legacy' - an alternative view of ufology's
beginning:

www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/apr/m27-643.shtml

Also a link for the 'UFO Crash/Retrieval Stories - The
Australian Experience':

http://www.powerup.com.au/~ufologist/Bill_Chalker.html

Trust you enjoy the tour,

Best wishes,

Bill Chalker

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PRG/SGB/X-PPAC [was: Re: Sarah McClendon]

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 11:44:52 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 14:14:26 -0500
Subject: PRG/SGB/X-PPAC [was: Re: Sarah McClendon]

>Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2000 06:51:28 -0500
>From: Steven W. Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 02:18:05 +0100
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Sarah McClendon?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>>I attended a meeting of the McClendon Group at the NPC in
>>>>Washington, DC when Stephen Bassett gave a presentation on UFO
>>>>secrecy there.

<snip>

>Roy, and list-

>Stephen Bassett established (or was at least centrally involved
>in the establishment of) the Paradigm Research Group (PRG)..
>Since this group's web page was developed while they were still
>heavily invested in the expected Y2K "disaster" their URL is

Clarification: PRG has nothing to do with Y2K... There is no Y2K
material on the PRG website... The confusion may stem from a
misinterpretation of the 'Paradigm Clock' which is about formal
disclosure of the ET presence and not about millennium issues.
Midnight on the PC represents such formal disclosure.

Much of the political material that would have been placed on the
PRG site is now going up on the X-PPAC website, which is a project
of PRG, www.x-ppac.org

><http://www.paradigmclock.com/main.html>

>Bassett has been described as Washington's only "UFO Lobbyist",
>and a visit to the site will provide information as to his goals
>and accomplishments.

I suppose one can be described as anything... However, if you
register as a lobbyist with the House and Senate, declare on
that registration the UFO/ET cover-up by elements of the federal
government and its agencies as a stated issue, call up members
to get meetings on that issue, badger the press to cover the
politics of UFOs/Disclosure - then it is a correct description.

>To my knowledge, he is not a UFO researcher, per se, and has (at
>least in the past) established connections with Richard Hoagland
>and Dr. Steven Greer..

That is correct.

>From my perspective, those connections have not helped him to
>gain the support and trust of many central UFO researchers..

I work with a lot of people in various ways. This association or
that association is not the issue..The issue is the field as a
whole refuses to work together, preferring endless and
nonproductive, testosterone laden pissing matches to tolerance

and cooperation (which by and large Steven Kaiser is <not> a party to)... Aside from the formidable barriers put up by the government, this failure to work together by the UFO/ET research and activist community is the major reason the cover-up has lasted as long as it has.

I would be happy to lobby on behalf of CUFOS, FUFOR and MUFON and have said so many times.

>As a "Lobbyist" he is also required to file statements with the
>Government which would show where he gets his financial support,
>and it might be interesting to see exactly who is paying for
>this lobbying..

I'll save anyone the time..Registrations are on file for 1) the Enterprise Mission, 2) CSETI, 3) Stargate International (closed), 4) Operation Right to Know, and 5) Skywatch International.

All lobbying work to date has been done pro bono... No one has been charged a penny... One associate provided a modest loan in a time of need which has been repaid... There have been a few thousand dollars in contributions from other supporters not associated with the registered groups.

No monies contributed to X-PPAC are used for PRG activities. It is the other way around. PRG has contributed \$210 to X-PPAC.

Thus, beyond those funds mentioned above, the lobbying work has been supported by my personal funds, tens of thousands of dollars... This is not a complaint, I am happy to do it.

If PRG and X-PPAC should benefit from major contributions in the future from others who are tired of being lied to about the most important event in history, the political work will proceed that much faster... If not, the work will proceed nonetheless.

Steve Bassett

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