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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 18:39:31 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 08:41:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:51:32 +0100  
>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 01:31:29 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>When someone in his or her car has an experience, the engine  
>>invariably shuts down, lights go out, radios (transmit and/or  
>>receivers) shut down. Invariably they come back on after the  
>>event is over. I've read that the " ... engine suddenly starts  
>>back up ..."

><snip>

>Hi,

>Yes. In fact I have certainly always asked witnesses if the car  
>restarted on its own as it is crucial to understanding the  
>physical energies involved. Clearly, IMO, these cases point  
>towards a physically real phenomenon not imagination or fantasy  
>at work. Thats why I have been so interested in them during  
>recent years.

>In only a couple of the car stop cases I have studied have the  
>witnesses insisted that they tried the starter and it failed  
>several times, but after the UFO departed the engine and lights  
>returned to life without any action being taken by the driver.  
>Most often it starts on the first attempt to turn the engine  
>over after the departure of the UFO. In other words - normally -  
>but after a spell of inhibition.

Which had been our experience, that is, my family and myself  
way back in the mid 1950's. The old (then new) 1953 Blue  
Plymouth Cranbrook just stopped and came to rest by the side  
of the NY State Thruway at about Saugerties, NY, about 60  
or so miles from the Bronx. It was about 4AM and we were on  
our way to Lake George in the Adirondack Mountains about an  
hour north of Albany. We always left around 3 AM in order to  
arrive at our beloved cabin on the lake by about 9AM.

My Mom was frantic, dad had no idea what the dilly was and  
little Jamey saw this light in the sky. In the Eastern sky as it  
was to my right and we were of course, heading due north.

Suddenly it was light out, the early morning sun was shining  
brightly and it had to be well after 6AM. We were then just  
outside of Saugerties with no memory of what had transpired.  
By that hour, we should have been halfway to Bolton Landing.

There were other incidents when something similar occurred,  
but we did recall how the car started back up. Dad recalls  
twisting the key and old Betsy started right up. He thinks.  
Problem is the memory is not hard in this recall. Mom  
remembers that the car just started running all by itself,  
and she was relieved. Mom scares easily. I cannot recall

the act of starting it up. But I do recall snapshot memories of other things happening in between.

>There have been experiments in some UK cases to try to duplicate  
>the 'magnetic signature' effects discussed in the Condon report.

<snip>

Sorry, but Condon is not high on my list of things I should be taking seriously.

>In the majority of UK car stops there is strong evidence of  
>ionizing radiation. It has been theorised by physicists here  
>that the ionic flow inside the car electrics might be  
>temporarily impeded. The key could be any cases where both  
>diesel powered and petrol driven vehicles are in proximity. The  
>diesel powered vehicles tend to lose lights and electrical power  
>(often with circuits blown afterwards) but the engine runs  
>normally and does not fail as it does in the adjacent petrol  
>driven vehicle. If the diesel powered car is switched off by the  
>driver when the electrics fail it has been reported to need a  
>jump start (if the battery is drained as it can be).

This is good thinking and good information, as it relates to a comparison of diesel Vs the machinations of the gas-powered reciprocating engine. However much one theorizes, there is not as yet a clear answer. Not even in my experiences, which is what prompted the question to begin with. None of us can recall what happened the same way. And it is only now, that I have been pumping my mother and father for information to help me with my book, that they are fessing up to their own recollections of events. Why they waited 50 years to finally admit to experiencing high strangeness to their only son, made not begotten, is beyond me.

Time is fast approaching the point of no return, as their memories are fading away. A little like old soldiers, eh? Dad will be 88 this coming August. Mom is not far behind. Anyway, whilst dad is still driving the car I bought him in 1997. It was the year he crashed and totaled his last Betsy. A 1985 Pontiac.

>The disappearance of ambient sounds during close encounters is  
>part of a pattern I have long referred to as the 'Oz Factor' and  
>it has two possible causes. To some extent it results from  
>inward focusing of consciousness - a sort of grand scale effect  
>like blocking out the ticking clock and only attending to  
>relevant information in our background awareness.

Perhaps to some extent. Perhaps not. As a perceived abductee, I genuinely do not know what causes the phenom. And it happened to me. I suspect however, that it may have something to do with time/dimension.

>More interesting to my current research is the possible link  
>with gravity and space/time distortions in close proximity to  
>glowing energy clouds. There is a vast array of data I have put  
>together on this and it seems to fall together very well.

>I am publishing a book on this in a short while (its called  
>'Time Storms')

>In this I argue, rather as someone on this list speculated, that  
>there is a energy phenomenon in the atmosphere that creates  
>localised disruptions in the space/time continuum and it  
>produces a series of highly predictable results (physical,  
>physiological, psychological and environmental) that are  
>extraordinarily well supported by the evidence I have been  
>piecing together.

I look forward to your thoughts and research in this matter. However as you must realize by now, I am only interested in the ultimate truth, which unfortunately, is presently beyond my ken or (I propose) anyone else's.

>I have accumulated a data base of over 150 cases - many first  
>hand studies included - that seem to fit the pattern identified.  
>From the cumulative analysis of these set out in the book I  
>make a series of arguments - some of which I think we can put  
>forward as endorsed by the evidence and others of which are  
>reasoned speculation (all be it rather extraordinary at times).

>A lot of curious side effects of these cases (for instance what  
>I call 'reality blinks' - where there are small changes to the  
>witnesses relativity in the immediate aftermath of the event)  
>started to make sense to me when looked at this way.

>I should stress that the book is not about UFOs, as such. Indeed  
>its more directed as a book about the nature of time and  
>physics. But it does have undoubted relevance to UFOs, as I saw  
>early on during this research.

>The arguments I set out from the data are too complex to  
>summarise properly here because you need to see the many cases  
>that they rely upon to see why I have reached them. But as and  
>when you read the book and see it unfold through the case  
>histories and a logical progression of the evidence, the  
>statistics and the physics of space time I hope you will see why  
>it has got me rather excited.

>I'm not suggesting it is the answer ti everything - or indeed  
>the answer to anything. But its not often you see apparently  
>disparate ideas, pieces of evidence and cases from many  
>different disciplines (of which ufology is merely one) slot so  
>well into a seemingly logical whole.

>I will leave it to you all to determine what - if any -  
>relevance my concept of time storms has for UFOs and / or alien  
>intervention. Its not a topic I move into in my book as that is  
>devoted simply to proving that there is a consistent phenomenon  
>here. Where we take it once that is accepted is open for  
>discussion.

"Finally, the truth revealed!" about such and such not being in  
the title, I look forward to reading it. UFO or not, I would  
appreciate your letting us know when it is released. Soon I  
hope, as I would like to read it prior to going to print with my  
own small contribution to confusion.

Also, this is one of the few times during my life when I  
actually agreed with not only a researcher, but a researcher of  
the female type persuasion. I shall retire to bedlam.

Best regards,

Jim

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## Roswell Yet Again

From: **Lan Fleming** <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:20:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 08:48:14 -0400  
Subject: Roswell Yet Again

I've been reading Kal Korff's Roswell book, which has some good quality reproductions of two photos with Marcel displaying a piece of the debris and three other photos showing Gen. Ramey and Col. Dubose, without Marcel, displaying the debris. Marcel, as most on this list probably know, claimed that the photos he was in showed the "real" wreckage and that the later photos showed balloon wreckage that had been switched. Dubose later said that no such switch occurred.

On examining the photographs, it is clear to me that the material spread out on the floor is the same in both photos. You can tell by looking at the ragged edges of the material, which are exactly the same in both photos, and which would be unique to each piece of material. It seems reasonable to conclude that Marcel was either lying about the "bait and switch" or suffering from a very faulty memory.

But the photos show something else that makes me wonder whether there is another explanation. The material that Marcel is holding does not look the same as the other material spread out on the floor. There appear to be no sticks attached to it as there are to the pieces on the floor. Further, it appears to be much stiffer material. He's holding it up at an angle with one edge touching the floor, but it doesn't droop like the piece propped up off the floor in the other photos, even though that piece is attached to a stick. The section Marcel is holding is at least as large, and in one picture, he seems to be holding it with only his left hand while the four fingers of his right hand are in front of the object and his thumb is curled up against his palm. What I think may be more significant is that, even though the debris on the floor is the same in all five photos, I see nothing in the photos without Marcel that matches the piece of material he was holding, even though one of the Ramey/Dubose photos shows a wider view of the room.

What I'm wondering is whether Ramey could have permitted Marcel to show off a piece of what Marcel said was some of the "less interesting" debris just to keep him pacified, but only after the balloon wreckage had already been laid out on the floor by somebody else. The piece Marcel was holding could have then been removed, or Marcel might even have carried it off himself. Marcel is smiling in the pictures, which seems strange for someone who has just found out that what he thought was a "flying disk" is only a balloon.

In the photos, Marcel was not looking at the stuff on the floor, and may not have noticed that it was not the same as what he was showing off. In the Berlitz/Moore book, Marcel says that "we" laid out the material, so someone besides Marcel was apparently involved in setting things up for the press. Perhaps it was more of a "mix and match" than a "bait and switch."

I know people have been going at it hammer and tongs about Roswell on this list for years, so apologies in advance if I'm only repeating something that was already addressed and/or debunked.

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown - Humour

From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 19:18:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 08:55:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown - Humour

In order to solve this mystery, I enlisted the help of my trusted mechanic, Allen Gray. He agreed to let me in on the secret for the modest price of 3 gallons of strawberry ice cream. Says he's planning a trip home this summer?...

Here's how it's done;

Gadget #1 - a sort of X-ray, MRI thingy that can see through the hood of the car and view the electrons as they flow through the spark plug wires and other electrical components. Oh yeah, it can see thermal emissions as well. Use this baby to map the ignition wires. Get gadget #2.

Gadget #2 - stereo multipolar tunneling particle beam. Every well-equipped saucer has one. This is an indispensable tool for applying a positive charge with one beam and negative with the other, simultaneously. Great potential differences can be built up remotely between two adjacent objects or focused for more detailed work. Great fun at parties.

A positive charge is applied the engine block and car body, somewhere in the area of several thousand volts, enough to keep the plugs from sparking but not enough to arc to ground through the tires. This stops the engine slowly and safely unless of course you drive a deisel. 'smelly but virtually saucerproof! OK the car stopped. That was the easy part...

To get going again, we have to apply a low voltage (about 12) high current beam to the positive terminal on the starter. In the UK, I believe it would be opposite. This may leave tell-tale signs of scorching or small pinholes in the hood or fender of the car. If the key is in the running position, the engine should go.

This part of the operation takes a steady hand and a good knowledge of auto mechanics. Greys are excellent mechanics though, 90 deg. turns at mach 5 and nothing falls off, 'nuff said. I wouldn't trust my Mazda to an earthling!

Happy Motoring!

Rick Goldsmith

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: **Lan Fleming** <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:30:35 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 09:28:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 11:45:46 -0700  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>simple question?

>Lets say a regular person from Planet Earth goes to Mars.

>He looks up in the sky.

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>Is that such a complicated matter?

Apparently so. I would say red during dust storms, gray or pale blue otherwise. Gray seems to be JPL's latest choice of colors. But if you would prefer something in a nice floral pattern, that probably could be arranged, too.

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From: James Easton <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 02:17:09 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:22:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

Regarding:

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:51:32 +0100  
>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico](mailto:updates@sympatico)>

Jenny wrote:

>In fact I have certainly always asked witnesses if the car  
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>physical energies involved. Clearly, IMO, these cases point  
>towards a physically real phenomenon not imagination or fantasy  
>at work. Thats why I have been so interested in them during  
>recent years.

Jenny,

Some related questions which come to mind.

What about 'car stop' cases where:

1. There wasn't a 'UFO' involved, i.e., the car 'seized up' and then started again for no apparent reason?

If there are abundant examples - what are the normal explanations?

It might be insightful to take this question to some car mechanics.

2. There was a 'close proximity' UFO sighting and the car wasn't affected.

This seems to be the norm - why the difference?

3. There was a UFO related 'car stop' incident and the UFO was later found to have a mundane explanation.

This could be crucial evidence - do we know of any examples?

How are they rationalised in context?

An interesting report, which maybe isn't generally known, can be found within the National UFO Reporting Center [NUFORC] database:

Occurred : 5/29/1998 23:30 (Entered as : 5/29/98 23:30)  
Reported : 5/30/1998 06:58  
Posted : 6/18/1998  
Location : Elmira, At drive in movie, NY  
Shape : Triangle

It was a triangle of lights. There was a big light at the top and three little ones under it. I was at a drive in movie when it flew overhead, silently. It was heading south. from what I could make out that was the only one.

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----- is kinda what it looked like.

I was just sitting in my car watching a drive-in movie when it flew silently overhead. I wasn't the only witness I know that. My friend was there with me she saw it too. I don't know who else saw it though. It was heading to the south. It caused some engines on cars to start up and stop. [End]

We could perhaps presume that car engines suddenly and mysteriously starting might not exactly be welcome by some occupants at a drive-in movie.

[Did the earth move for you... Not exactly, but I'd swear the car's engine started...]

Was this NUFORC report ever investigated further and if it wasn't, dare we ask, why not?

One which was, and if better known would possibly be a prominent example, featured in a BBC Scotland 'UFO' documentary some 3-4 years ago. I've lamented (minus bagpipes) that my video copy of the program was loaned to UFO Magazine and subsequently mislaid in their archives.

Again involving a reported close encounter with a 'triangular UFO' [if I recall, a 'classic' account of bright lights which descended and were then seen to be attached to a triangular-shaped 'craft' which hovered silently above the road ahead], this case had a significant aspect - the local police were willing to provide corroborative testimony.

After his car had allegedly 'stalled', our witness telephoned the police from a nearby phonebox and the documentary included an interview with a police officer [I recall he was a high ranking official] who [if I remember correctly] acknowledged responding to the complaint, that the car had been examined by them at the scene and there was no discernible mechanical fault. I believe they, importantly, confirmed that said witness had called to report the entire UFO encounter.

There was a bit more to this case, which [from memory] occurred in central Scotland - possibly within the infamous 'Bonnybridge triangle' - and had been investigated by Malcolm Robinson.

I note that BUFORA's new web site proclaims a 'vehicle interference' project, which doubtless you're aware of.

James.

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:04:26 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:23:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 11:45:46 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 16:48:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

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<snip>

Larry, Lan:

>1) During a sand/wind storm - and -

Yellow, pink, orange, red, like our sunsets. It has to do with  
the size of the airborne particulates.

>2) Not.

Blue. It also has to do with the physics of light scatter.

Whew! That was tough.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## McClendon Study Group - May 3

From: [ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:15:23 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:25:34 -0400  
Subject: McClendon Study Group - May 3

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Press Release  
April, 30, 2000

Washington, DC - Presidential candidate, Dr. Heather Anne Harder, will address the Sarah McClendon study group at the National Press Club on Wednesday evening, May 3 at 7:30 pm. Dinner with the speaker is at 6:30 pm

Educator, author, speaker, and business woman, Ms. Harder is conducting her second campaign which relies heavily on the Internet and radio/tv appearances. She garnished 30,000 votes in the 1996 Texas primary.

Her positions on the key issues are presented on her website at [www.Harder2000.com](http://www.Harder2000.com). She is running as a Democrat, but her views do not fall easily into traditional categories. She is direct, to the point and unafraid to address any topic, no matter how controversial.

She received considerable national attention when she elected to speak publicly regarding the UFO controversy, unambiguously stating her conviction that the phenomena is in fact visitation by extraterrestrial beings. She is one of a growing number of highly educated, articulate and grounded professionals willing to approach this taboo subject.

The McClendon study group has met every other Wednesday at the National Press Club for more than 20 years.

For additional information regarding Ms. Harder's appearance call: 301-564-1820

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 19:20:42 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:27:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 13:57:20 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>>Davenport theorizes that UFOs are surrounded by gravity/time  
>>distortion fields and that vehicle shutdown is caused not by  
>>some exotic energy, but rather the slow-down of electrons in the  
>>car's ignition system as it becomes part of the UFO's  
>>gravitational field. When the UFO leaves, time becomes 'normal'  
>>again and the car starts up with no damage.

>>My apologies if this idea has already been brought up.

>Hi Mac, EBK and Listers;

<snip>

>Among these, a lack of sound or at least, a change in the>way  
>sound is perceived, electronic effects such as engines and  
>lights shutting down and a general change in the way time is  
felt. This "high strangeness," as I refer to it, and lots more,  
>is felt by the percipient.

If the phenomenon is electromagnetic, this sense of high  
strangeness could be as "simple" as an induced seizure.  
Epileptiform temporal lobe states can, I imagine, be brought on  
electromagnetism at the right dosage and frequency. I'm not  
pulling a Phil Klass and saying you're hallucinating. Quite the  
opposite. I think that perhaps the human brain undergoes an  
acute organic reaction to UFO "fields"--whatever they consist  
of--and that the strangeness effect might just be an unavoidable  
by-product.

In other words, choking on car exhaust doesn't imply malevolent  
intent (or intent of any kind) on the part of the driver. Maybe  
your situation is the ufological equivalent.

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: Donald [Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca)  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:50:42 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:30:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 06:07:43 -0700  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 08:49:12 -0300  
>>From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 01:31:29 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>>Subject: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>When someone in his or her car has an experience, the engine  
>>>invariably shuts down, lights go out, radios (transmit and/or  
>>>receivers) shut down. Invariably they come back on after the  
>>>event is over. I've read that the " ... engine suddenly starts  
>>>back up ..."

>>>How does this happen? Has anyone asked if the engine started  
>>>without the engagement of the ignition switch? It just started  
>>>running again by itself? Has anyone heard of the engine starter  
>>>being used with or without the aid of the victim? Has anyone  
>>>specifically asked this question?

>>In the two that I have personally investigated, the starter has  
>>nothing to do with it. It seems that compression is locked in  
>>some of the cylinders when the engine suddenly stops. The  
>>ignition is left on. A short time after - when whatever the  
>>powerful force is releases its grip on the engine - the pistons  
>>are driven back down and since the ignition is still on the  
>>engine fires up..... similar to catching the engine in gear.

>Yes! That was one of McCampbell's suggestions as well.

>Personally, I find it hard to understand in most cases.

>There is always some leakage or blow-by. After a ten minute  
>sighting say, I would expect the compression to have leaked  
>away.

>Assuming the ignition was left on however, a magnetic field  
>strong enough to close the ignition relay (usually right on the  
>starter itself) might also do the trick. Again, this is hard to  
>envision. The field strength would have to be enormous, so other  
>effects should then be noted. Would the hood of the car crumple  
>up like a tin can?

Hi Larry,

Sorry, I was away for 2 days. The blowby bugs me too. And like you say anything strong enough to lock up the block has to act on the rest of the car-at least the metal parts. You would think that audio tapes would be erased or badly damaged. What about Paul Hill's forcefield motivation? What could a force field do. What the hell is a force field anyway-other than say that of a

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magnetic force field?

Don

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From: **Rob Lockhart** <[Rob.Lockhart@yahoo.com](mailto:Rob.Lockhart@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 01:14:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:35:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 21:13:08 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 17:34:42 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

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>distortion fields and that vehicle shutdown is caused not by  
>some exotic energy, but rather the slow-down of electrons in the  
>car's ignition system as it becomes part of the UFO's  
>gravitational field. When the UFO leaves, time becomes 'normal'  
>again and the car starts up with no damage.

Wouldn't the slowing of electrons also cause slowing of neurons  
(or neuron pathways, albeit electro-chemical, if you're slowing  
down time, everything in the vicinity must be slowed down)?  
Thus, you may not even know what was happening around you except  
that you may feel disoriented (assuming some part of you doesn't  
slow down).

Jim Mortellaro wrote something to this effect, saying, "a lack  
of sound or at least, a change in the way sound is perceived,  
electronic effects such as engines and lights shutting down and  
a general change in the way time is felt. This 'high  
strangeness,' as I refer to it, and lots more, is felt by the  
percipient." I'm no medical person, but I'd think that if a  
person were to NOT have any time-altering events happening  
during these events, the aliens must be purposefully causing  
electronic equipment to malfunction. Makes you wonder that maybe  
there wouldn't be an "interruption" in travel if vehicles were  
entirely mechanical (i.e., older diesel engines used by the  
military on watercraft). The next question would be, "are there  
time-altering effects on non-electrical components?"

Interesting reading and collaboration!

-Rob

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## TMP News: Weekly Briefing 5.1.00

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:56:35 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:37:31 -0400  
Subject: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 5.1.00

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WEEKLY BRIEFING  
5.1.00

A lot of news this week. TMP encourages everyone to sign the online petition for NASA to take new high-resolution photos of Cydonia on Mars when the Mars Global Surveyor passes over the region again on May 7. We must hold NASA (in particular Malin and Goldin) to its public promise to re-image the controversial structures there, including the famous Face "until everyone is satisfied", which they have NOT done yet.

Early 2000 crop circle reports are coming in from several countries now, including England, Spain, Holland and the USA. As this was being written, word came from Nancy Talbott of The BLT Research Team

<http://www.bltresearch.net>

that the new formation in Milan, Tennessee (April 23 / 24) is a very long ten circle pictogram with other lines and pathways in winter wheat and is possibly from 1/4 mile to 1/2 mile long, with various associated anomalies (more details next update). Another large ten circle "celtic cross" formation has also been reported in Holland. Meanwhile, early formations in England this year have a definite triangular flavour to them... stay tuned!

These and many other reports below...

PETITION NOW ONLINE FOR NASA TO RE-IMAGE CYDONIA AND 'FACE' ON MARS ON MAY 7

[http://www.petitionpetition.com/cgi-bin/cgi12.cgi?petition\\_id=363](http://www.petitionpetition.com/cgi-bin/cgi12.cgi?petition_id=363)

CNN: EXPLORING CYDONIA

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/04/12/cydonia.teaser/index.html>

NEW DETAILED SATELLITE IMAGES OF AREA 51 SHOW MAJOR EXPANSION

[http://www.space.com/news/area51\\_exclusive\\_00421.html](http://www.space.com/news/area51_exclusive_00421.html)

HACKER DISRUPTS SERVICE TO AREA 51 WEB SITE

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/04/21/area51.hacker.ap/index.html>

NEW EARLY 2000 CROP CIRCLE FORMATIONS APPEARING IN ENGLAND

<http://cropcircleconnector.com/2000/2000.html>

<http://194.200.2.248/~paul/search.cgi?d=x&y00&m=any&c=UK>

NEW CROP FORMATIONS ALSO REPORTED IN SPAIN, HOLLAND, USA

<http://cropcircleconnector.com/inter2000/inter2000.html>  
<http://194.200.2.248/~paul/search.cgi?d=x&y00&c=any>

P3N HOT NEWS: PENTAGON DENIES ET IN ITS PROGRAMS  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/pentagondenies.html>

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTRY RELEASES RADAR UFO INFO  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/frenchufo.html>

RETURN OF THE GIANTS: NEW BOOK ON ISRAELI UFO WAVE BY BARRY CHAMISH  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/giants.html>

CURIOUS TIMES: LOOK! UP IN THE SKY! IT'S A PATHOGENIC POISON!  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/upinthesky.html>

CHEMTRAIL BREAKTHROUGH?  
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa/chembreak.html>

DOGS BLAMED FOR LATEST 'GOAT SUCKER' KILLINGS IN CHILE  
<http://home-news.excite.com/printstory/news/r/000421/08/odd-chile>

FREE ENERGY SECRETS PLACED IN PUBLIC DOMAIN  
<http://www.cseti.org/position/addition/bedini.htm>

NEW ONE HECTARE-SIZED RADIO TELESCOPE ARRAY LATEST EFFORT TO LOOK  
FOR INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/americas/newsid\\_719000/719951.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/americas/newsid_719000/719951.stm)

GALILEO PROBE TAKES CLOSE-UP PHOTOS OF LAVA FLOW ON IO  
<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/04/20/galileo.update/index.html>

NEW VIEWS OF JUPITER'S TINY MOONS NOW ONLINE  
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/pictures/jovianmoons>

NASA UNVEILS QUARTET OF ASTEROID MOVIES  
<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/04/28/near.movies2/index.html>

EUROPE'S MARS EXPRESS FORGING LINKS WITH JAPAN  
<http://spaceflightnow.com/news/n0004/19marsexpress/>

EARTH CHARTER SETS COURSE FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING  
<http://CNN.com/2000/NATURE/04/21/earth.charter.enn/index.html>

IMAGES SHOW WARM SIDE OF DINOSAUR HEARTS  
<http://CNN.com/2000/NATURE/04/20/science.dinosaur.reut/index.html>

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## Re: What's Up There?

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 03:12:42 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:39:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: What's Up There?

Errol, Listers and Everyone else,

While this may be a curiosity or merely something about which I am completely unfamiliar, I suggest looking at this picture taken by SOHO, of a solar ejection mass which took place on the 30th of April. This time sequenced video shows a number of interesting images along with the solar ejection. Several meteors are visible streaking across the sky and what looks very much like a planet, although I know not which one, is also visible in the left center of the film. It is moving slowly towards the sun. All these objects are moving in straight lines, as they are supposed to be doing.

However the most interesting object appears in the upper right quadrant and loops in towards the sun in an arc, then loops out into the lower right quadrant.

Anyone have any ideas as to what it may be? Just curious I am. However I am not aware of any objects, even man made, that move quickly in an arc as this thing does.

Hoping for a simple explanation on the one hand, and no explanation on the other. The latter being more interesting than the former, as everyone loves a mystery.

Jim Mortellaro

[http://www.spaceweather.com/images/30apr00/cme\\_c3\\_big.gif](http://www.spaceweather.com/images/30apr00/cme_c3_big.gif)

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## Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?

From: Marc Bell <[marc@wufog.freemove.co.uk](mailto:marc@wufog.freemove.co.uk)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 12:03:04 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:40:45 -0400  
Subject: Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?

Is there any information available on the following.

I remembering hearing in 1971 about experiments carried out on Apollo 14, which were conducted into a study of whether cosmic rays that penetrate the optic nerves being responsible for the 'alleged' optical flashes astronauts had been experiencing. Especially as what is talked about today is often referred to as 'optical flashes'.

Was this a cover story for UFO sightings for astronauts, or one in the waiting just in case?

The astronauts involved were Stuart Roosa, Alan Shepard & Edgar Mitchell.

Marc Bell

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 07:57:19 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:45:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 21:13:08 -0700 (PDT)  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 07:12:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

Previously, Mac wrote:

>Mark Davenport adds an interesting slant to this phenomenon in  
>his book, 'Visitors from Time'. He purports that the energy  
>needed to jam a car's ignition would be sufficient to render it  
>useless. The problem as he sees it are all of the reports of car  
>ignitions coming right back on after the UFO has left the scene.

>Davenport theorizes that UFOs are surrounded by gravity/time  
>distortion fields and that vehicle shutdown is caused not by  
>some exotic energy, but rather the slow-down of electrons in the  
>car's ignition system as it becomes part of the UFO's  
>gravitational field. When the UFO leaves, time becomes 'normal'  
>again and the car starts up with no damage.

Hello, Mac and all...

I'm no physics engineer, but one of the problems with "time  
arrest" as an answer to why the engine is perceived to have  
stopped is this: If time has slowed down for electrons and  
everything else but the subject, then how can the subject still  
see? It strikes me that electrons and light waves travel pretty  
much at the same speed. If the waves are slowed down by time;  
that is to say the photon travel time, as well as the electron  
travel time, has been "stretched" or actually stopped in  
relationship to the viewer, the luminosity of the objects being  
seen would go super dark or even black, wouldn't it?

Ideas, anyone?

Roger Evans

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: **Brian Straight** <[brians@mdbs.com](mailto:brians@mdbs.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 09:39:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:46:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Date: Fri, 28 Apr 2000 20:42:05 -0600  
>From: Lan Fleming <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<big snip>

>I really don't know what color Mars' sky really is, but JPL  
>seems to have settled again on the neutral gray preferred by  
>Mutch. That's what JPL's Golumbek said the Pathfinder images  
>showed in a recent coffee table book about Mars put out by  
>National Geographic - after JPL released numerous pink sky  
>images.

I read at the JPL site some time ago that the sky of Mars is  
reddish pink in summer, when more dust is suspended in the air,  
and blue in winter, when most of the dust has settled out of the  
atmosphere.

Brian

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 12:41:41 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:49:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 11:45:46 -0700  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

Larry asked:

>Can you guys please stop alla this stuff, and answer a  
>simple question?

>Lets say a regular person from Planet Earth goes to  
>Mars. He looks up in the sky. What goddamn color does  
>he see?

>Is that such a complicated matter? Why are we arguing?  
>What goddamn colour of sky does this poor fool see  
>before he runs out of air or water?

>I will allow two answers:

>1) During a sand/wind storm - and -  
>2) Not.

>All else seems like crap.  
>Very best wishes  
>- Larry Hatch

Hi Larry, EBK & List

Forget about the air Larry, what about the JW-Black label rocket fuel. Then we would all see pink elephants. However, from the general rules in the books and with Mr. HUBBLE hot on our tail, you should/may see this?

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LOOK DIRECTION  
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SKY TYPE	=	^Up^	<across>
[1] Dust/Wind	=	Salmon	Dark Salmon
[2] Clear	=	Light Blue	Salmon+Blue
[3] Cloud	=	White+Blue	?
[3] Sunset	=	Dark Blue	Red+Pink

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[a]. The local illumination conditions at the time depend on season, sun elevation.

[b]. The blue-sky phenomenon was later explained theoretically by Lord Rayleigh.

Larry asked:

>Is that such a complicated matter? Why are we arguing?  
>What goddamn colour of sky does this poor fool see  
>before he runs out of air or water?

Well, as the story goes (?), the problem with the surface camera images is a technical one, a possible "rubbish in rubbish out" or "where did that come from, the engine, what is it, how do I know, then just put it in the boot" - Fortean.

Some one at HUBBLE said, "the colours are wrong" - VIKING say "thats what it looks like and thats the best we could do".

They (HUBBLE persons) found that even when you look at Mars the sky is "BLUE" and a "Dust Storm", on Mars look like any other dust storm on Earth. (Looks are the KEY WORD - data limits however).

Hubble's Near Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer creates more supporting evidence the HUBBLE people say.

The question in "who set the camera data". If you look at all the Viking colour images the colour palate is chaotic. Just about every image is unstable - in the end lots of B/W & Grey images are given out to the public.

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So a MR HUBBLE said, take a look at the links from the HUBBLE crew.

<http://www.physics.utoledo.edu/~pbj/stormpage.html>

[ ] MARS CLOUD ---- B/W extraction ----

<http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/jpeg/marsbwc.jpg>

<http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/hrtemp/97-15a.jpg>

[ ] MARS ---- Blue Atmosphere ----

<http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/hrtemp/97-23.jpg>

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EARTH IMAGE - Note: STS cameras are nothing like the above samples.

[ ] EARTH ---- Looking Down ----

<http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS066/lores/STS066-152-172.JPG>

<http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS048/lores/STS048-083-077.JPG>

[ ] EARTH ---- Looking Side ----

<http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS052/lores/STS052-082-007.JPG>

<http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS059/lores/STS059-238-088.JPG>

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THE JPL TEST:

When you correct the images data on Viking 2 using the CO2 ground frost images and the white instrument cover - the sky becomes BLUE. (?)

[http://cass.jsc.nasa.gov/images/sred2/sred2\\_S30.gif](http://cass.jsc.nasa.gov/images/sred2/sred2_S30.gif)

REF: Frost at the Viking 2 Lander (48°N, 226°W)  
Viking Lander image = 21I093

Then there is the story about the "Colour Test Pads" and the Magnifying Mirror...

OK then - Next time if your interested!

Thank Errol.

Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

Best regards to you Larry,

John W. Auchettl - Director PRA Research

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## 'Chuck Shaw?' Flight Director - On STS-75 UFO Video

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 13:05:06 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:53:33 -0400  
Subject: 'Chuck Shaw?' Flight Director - On STS-75 UFO Video

Hi EBK and Researchers,

Is this a first? Is it real?  
Extracted from Forum: "alt.alien.visitors".  
The post follows.

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Forum: alt.alien.visitors  
Thread: FOX UFO Show on STS-75 "UFO Video"  
Message 9 of 76 Save this thread

Subject: Re: FOX UFO Show on STS-75 "UFO Video"  
Date: 04/30/2000  
Author: JamesOberg <[jamesoberg@aol.com](mailto:jamesoberg@aol.com)>

RE: STS-75 Question  
Date: 03/03/2000 9:26:59 AM Central Standard Time  
From: [charles.w.shaw1@jsc.nasa.gov](mailto:charles.w.shaw1@jsc.nasa.gov) (SHAW, CHARLES W. (CHUCK) (JSC-DA8))  
To: [JamesOberg@aol.com](mailto:JamesOberg@aol.com) ('JamesOberg@aol.com')  
CC: [ed.campion1@jsc.nasa.gov](mailto:ed.campion1@jsc.nasa.gov) (CAMPION, ED (JSC-AP))

Hi Jim,

I was the Lead Flight Director for STS-75, and was on console for the tethered satellite deploy operations and at the time the tether broke. Operations had been nominal up to the point Jeff Hoffman called down that the tether broke, and then we saw the status in telemetry a couple of seconds later. The behavior of the satellite and the tether remnant on the satellite was exactly as we had expected for a tether break case.

In the footage of the video, etc. which was examined in GREAT detail post flight in hopes of finding SOMETHING to aid in what had caused the tether break, we never saw anything that was "unexpected". Your comments as to artifacts and small debris/dust /ice particles/lens reflections/blooming/etc., are all quite common and we have seen those things in virtually every shuttle mission's video. What was present in the video and the data that was examined post flight was all within this type of artifact and/or expected results.

Post break, we called upon tracking and imaging resources world wide to be able to establish a trajectory for the satellite and tether remnant, in order to determine the feasibility of a rendezvous and recovery, in addition to being able to command the satellite transmitter on to gain some science data from it, even though the tether was broken. At no time did any of these tracking data show anything unexpected, and we were LOOKING for unexpected things (like extra pieces of tether, or debris from the satellite and/or science booms) that could cause us to not want to fly up in the vicinity of the satellite

As it turned out, the arcing of the voltage in the tether to the deployer structure burned the tether in two. Rather ironic that the experiment worked so well to show the ability of the system to generate power, and in fact worked so well as to fatally damage the experiment!

I have always been fascinated by UFO investigations, and "personally" I hope we are not really alone in this wonderful universe.

Hope this helps,

Chuck

Chuck Shaw  
Flight Director  
Mission Operations Directorate, NASA  
Johnson Space Center, Houston Texas

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Best regards,

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### Re: Art Bell Prevails In Defamation Hearing

From: John Pierson <[johnpierson@mindspring.com](mailto:johnpierson@mindspring.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 12:16:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:56:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Art Bell Prevails In Defamation Hearing

>Source: Rowland Network Communications

><http://bbs.rowlandnet.com/cgi-bin/WebX?14@@.ee6c827/69>

>Art Bell Prevails In Defamation Hearing

>Nashville (April 28, 2000) - Late night radio host Art Bell took  
>a significant step forward today in his two-year battle to  
>vindicate his reputation. After lengthy oral argument this  
>morning, Judge Marietta Shipley rejected attempts by local radio  
>stations WCCR and WNQM and radio host Ted Gunderson to dismiss  
>Mr. Bell's lawsuit against them.

>Art Bell filed his defamation lawsuit in the Circuit Court for  
>Davidson County after Mr. Gunderson and David Hinkson accused  
>him of molesting children on a program aired worldwide on WCCR,  
>a Nashville-based short wave radio station. Citing the emotional  
>harm that resulted from the false charges, Mr. Bell announced on  
>March 31, 2000 his retirement from radio broadcasting.

>Art Bell's lead counsel, Gerard P. Fox of Los Angeles, had the  
>following statement:

>"When a person has been defamed, there is no putting the genie  
>entirely back in the bottle. However, the Court's ruling today  
>that Mr. Bell has provided sufficient evidence to allow the case  
>to be decided by a jury goes a long way toward restoring his  
>reputation. This day in Court has reaffirmed Mr. Bell's  
>confidence in our judicial system."

>Additional information about Art Bell's lawsuit may be obtained  
>by calling Gerard P. Fox at (310) 229-9300 or Mr. Bell's  
>Tennessee lawyer, John Wood of Branham & Day, P.C., at (615)  
>742-4880.

Something just doesn't seem right here.

Bell quits his radio program one day before his defamation hearing. He claims to have been harmed (almost) irreparably. It is said in a press release that he will leave all public life, which includes publishing.

Correct me if Im wrong, but doesn't that seem like he is setting it up not only to sue for dafamation but also for 'lost wages'? In other words, he is demonstrating that he has been so affected by this ordeal that he will no longer be able to generate an income from what he loves the most and has done the longest?

Anybody else see that?

Nothing about this latest departure seems quite right.

John

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## Re: Roswell Yet Again

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 13:41:31 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:58:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Roswell Yet Again

>From: Lan Fleming <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:20:14 -0600  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 08:48:14 -0400  
>Subject: Roswell Yet Again

>I've been reading Kal Korff's Roswell book, which has some good  
>quality reproductions of two photos with Marcel displaying a  
>piece of the debris

<snip>

>Marcel is smiling in the pictures, which seems strange for  
>someone who has just found out that what he thought was a  
>"flying disk" is only a balloon.

Yeah, I think you are right, Lan.

But, look at that smile.

To me, it has always looked like an embarrassed smile. Like  
somebody who has just been discovered to have swallowed a  
canary.

Smilin' Bob

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**Re:**

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 14:39:58 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 22:03:58 -0400  
Subject: Re:

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 19:18:53 -0400  
>From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown - Humour  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 13:47:11 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 22:05:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:30:35 -0600  
>From: Lan Fleming <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 11:45:46 -0700  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Can you guys please stop alla this stuff, and answer a  
>>simple question?

>>Lets say a regular person from Planet Earth goes to Mars.

>>He looks up in the sky.

>>What color does he see?

>>Is that such a complicated matter?

>Apparently so. I would say red during dust storms, gray or pale  
>blue otherwise. Gray seems to be JPL's latest choice of colors.  
>But if you would prefer something in a nice floral pattern, that  
>probably could be arranged, too.

I can understand the reddish hue during a dust storm while the  
sun is up.

I could envision a darkish grey otherwise, due to the very thin  
atmosphere, a very very small fraction of our atmosphere.

Other colors may come from ionization of whatever gases are  
present, CO2 or maybe a little water vapor.

Blue however implies ozone or free oxygen.

I would have thought this was all known ever since the first  
Mars landers. Didn't any of those look up for a moment? Didn't  
they look at the edges (limbs) of the planet coming in?

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 17:32:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 22:09:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:51:32 +0100  
>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>When someone in his or her car has an experience, the engine  
>>invariably shuts down, lights go out, radios (transmit and/or  
>>receivers) shut down. Invariably they come back on after the  
>>event is over. I've read that the " ... engine suddenly starts  
>>back up ..."

><snip>

>Hi,

>Yes. In fact I have certainly always asked witnesses if the car  
>restarted on its own as it is crucial to understanding the  
>physical energies involved. Clearly, IMO, these cases point  
>towards a physically real phenomenon not imagination or fantasy  
>at work. Thats why I have been so interested in them during  
>recent years.

>In only a couple of the car stop cases I have studied have the  
>witnesses insisted that they tried the starter and it failed  
>several times, but after the UFO departed the engine and lights  
>returned to life without any action being taken by the driver.  
>Most often it starts on the first attempt to turn the engine  
>over after the departure of the UFO. In other words - normally -  
>but after a spell of inhibition.

In a case I investigated in 1971 a young lady reported her car  
as she drove along a rural road (actually a long driveway  
to her house) when there was a light over the car.  
It was a small sports car (Triumph, I think).

The radio had been on and it stopped playing. Also the  
headlights went out. She rolled down the window and stuck her  
head out to look up to see what was making the light from above.  
She was startled to see a circular object not far above the car.

Frantically he turned the starter switch but nothing happened.  
Then suddenly the object moved away and she was able to start the  
car. The lights came on. The radio did not. The radio had to be  
repaired before it would work.

I did not get to the case until long after the radio had been  
repaired. The guy who fixed it said he simply changed  
transistors one after the other until the radio worked again.  
Unfortunately he did not keep track of which transistor had  
blown out.

If he had we might have obtained some useful information on which  
circuits in the radio were (apparently) overloaded with current.

(I am assuming that the transistor failure was because of high  
current and not a result of a huge "dose" of ionizing radiation  
since the witnesses reported no effects of a huge burst of such  
radiation.)



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Jim

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Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 14:55:21 -0700 (PDT)  
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>Marcel,  
>as most on this list probably know, claimed that the  
>photos he  
>was in showed the "real" wreckage and that the later  
>photos  
>showed balloon wreckage that had been switched.

<snip>

I looked into this quite a bit a couple years ago. In a later interview, Marcel vigorously denied ever making the statement. I tend to believe him, given the highly sensational nature of the Moore/Berlitz book.

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Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 18:50:58 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 22:18:07 -0400  
Subject: Filer's Files #17 -- 2000

Filer's Files #17 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
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Web Site at [www.filersfiles.com](http://www.filersfiles.com). - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

### THE GRAND PLANETARY ALIGNMENT ON MAY 5, 2000

You will be hearing a great deal about a grand planetary alignment on May 5th, 2000, that according to many predictions will cause catastrophic events to occur on Earth. Violent windstorms, massive floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and even tidal waves are predicted. I have been receiving a steady stream of these doomsday forecasts promising devastation and they are based on Dr. Charles Hapgood's, Ph.D., book the "Path Of The Pole" that claims that this planetary alignment is likely to create enormous shifts in the Earth's crust. The great scientist Albert Einstein wrote the foreword of the book, so there is some basis for the warnings. The idea is that the combined gravitational pull of Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, Saturn, and Mars on planet Earth will create havoc causing twenty-degree shifts of the poles. Tidal waves hundreds of feet high are forecast to crash over most of the coastlines of the world on Friday. An ice age is likely to follow shortly there after. Sensational books, tabloids, newspapers, and proliferating web sites all create a very violent period ahead for all of us. Fortunately, several respected scientists do not agree with the predictions.

I personally feel there will not be catastrophe. Don't worry, be happy for in March, I had heart surgery and learned an important lesson. Prayer works! My family and friends prayed for me and I successfully made it through the surgery. We also prayed that we will all be safe on May 5. We have some dire scientific predictions that the world will end versus the power of our prayer. It should be an interesting experiment, but I am confident that our prayers will work again.

### NEW YORK UFOs DIVE INTO OCEAN

MONTAUK, LONG ISLAND -- On April 15, 2000, the witness reports, "We were fishing off the pier at Montauk Point in the early afternoon, and I saw a blazing light flash in the sky. I spotted three disc shaped objects hovering about 20 feet above the Atlantic Ocean at 1:09 PM." It seemed there were windows in the craft, but I am not positive. The discs were spinning in circles, very tight circles for about five minutes and then they plunged into the water. When they dove into the water, there was really no splash. It was like there was an opening in the ocean, and it just swallowed them up. Editor's Note: UFOs have often been observed entering and leaving the water. It is reasonable to assume they use water to cover their operations and bases. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director NUFORC  
[www.nuforc.com](http://www.nuforc.com).

### NEW JERSEY FLYING 'V' SIGHTING

SEA ISLE -- On March 31, 2000, Tom Hamm was inspecting a rental property at the shore near the Atlantic Ocean. While observing west towards the bay from the roof at about 3:30 PM Tom says, "I saw a flying "V" going in vertical motion." Then it changed to horizontal flight and also seemed to change shape. I checked to see if my girlfriend was observing; she also saw the object. It was quite far away but it looked like a UFO. This the third sighting we have had at the shore over the last several years. Thanks to Tom Hamm, Thbhb.

#### MARYLAND UFOs VIDEO TAPED

BALTIMORE - Bill Bean writes, "I would like to report my latest UFO video footage on April 24, 2000, from 11:40 AM to 12:40 PM." In this one hour time span, I video taped 48 "Rods" and five UFOs over my backyard. This tape must be seen to be believed. This is the largest number of objects I've caught on tape to date. I will be sending you a copy of this incredible footage. These "Rods" are moving extremely fast and move both vertically and horizontally. Some are thin and shorter while others appear to be very big and thicker [Cigar shaped]. If anyone out there has similar footage. Please contact me at [bllin@erols.com](mailto:bllin@erols.com). If anyone would like to more about me or my footage please go to my website [www.ufoman.net/](http://www.ufoman.net/) Thanks to Bill Bean, [bllin@erols.com](mailto:bllin@erols.com) (Bill & Linda Bean)

#### FLORIDA UFO CAUGHT ON VIDEO

NAPLES -- Scott Klein captured on video a comet-like object moving across the sky at a snail's pace above the Gulf of Mexico in February. So far, authorities have not been able to identify the ball of light he captured in the night sky. Scott Klein has captured something extraordinary on his home video camera. In fact, Klein has seven minutes worth of the object on tape as it sailed across the night sky over the Gulf of Mexico before disappearing behind the tree line. Klein's young son, Lucas, was the first to spot what he calls a slow moving "big ball of fire" as he played in the family's yard. He then told his father, who began recording the object immediately after he saw it. The Klein's were excited about spreading the word about what they saw in the sky, but the family was leaving on a trip to Colorado the following morning. They felt certain that others had seen the object, and expected the news media to explain the sighting. They returned a week later and realized that the media had not covered the story. Scot Klein quickly contacted NBC 2, as well as the National UFO Reporting Center, which is now seeking more information from Kline.

GULF OF MEXICO -- Ship board witness reports, "My wife and I were on the last night of a Western Caribbean cruise aboard the MS Ryndam on April 15, 2000." I had put our luggage out in the hall of the ship to be collected, as we would be ending our trip the next morning. We departed Key West at 5:00 PM and were sailing south going around the end of Florida heading for Fort Lauderdale. I was out on the deck listening to the waves and gazing at the stars at 2:00 AM when I thought I saw a meteorite. The light appeared on the western horizon of the Gulf of Mexico and moved upward into the sky in a 45-degree arc. As the pinpoint of white light arched across the sky it got larger. It was spherical in shape (about the size of a fingernail at arm's length) and I noticed a color shift to orange. It seemed to emit a hazy glow maybe from heat. Then, as it continued to arch across the sky I noticed that it was not flying a straight course, but was oscillating rapidly up and down as it continued moving forward. It seemed unstable and then it dropped down about 750 feet, hovered for an instant and then did a reverse arch back above its original course. Finally it proceeded to the southeast at five times the speed it was moving before and just disappeared. I never seen anything like this and don't know what to make of it. Thanks to Peter Davenport and the National Reporting Center at [www.nuforc.com](http://www.nuforc.com).

#### OHIO FLYING TRIANGLE SPOTTED BY FOUR WITNESSES

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -- Kenny Young reports that four witnesses report visual observation of an unidentified aircraft described as being triangular in shape with a total of seven lights on its surface on April 28, 2000. Two sisters, Nora and Betty, had

just exited the bowling alley in St. Clairsville. As they were heading to Betty's vehicle Nora spotted the triangular shaped object almost hovering above them. They watched the object for a few moments and then got into their car to head to the local Wal Mart. They noticed the craft appeared to follow them. Upon exiting a store to approach their parked vehicle, they noticed the object's very slow progression to the west. Three of its seven lights were red, three were green, and there was one yellow-amber colored light, which pulsed or rotated. All of the lights blinked and appeared to be synchronized at 9:40 PM. For the length of time the object was observed, it traveled at twice the height of the trees, or about 100 feet off the ground. It was the size of "a jet airplane" but made no sound. The craft traveled in a west to northwest direction over Belmont County. It covered four miles in 50 minutes and just casually left the area. Both women got back into the car and headed to Nora's where her sister had to drop her off. They looked for the craft but could not see it, so Nora called her daughter who lives further west. Her daughter, Jill, and her son Chad, both watched the craft between 10:05 and 10:30 PM. They observed it taking two small 90-degree turns. First to the right and then back to the left. Nora, stated, "It was not a plane and not a blimp. I'll probably never get to see it again either." I am going out tonight April 29, and look. Thanks to Kenny Young <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/> and Don Keating.

#### MICHIGAN DIAMOND SHAPED UFO SPOTTED

MACOMB COUNTY -- Todd Lemire reports that six witnesses viewed a diamond shaped craft on April 28th, 2000. Todd says, "I received an e-mail report form a witness reporting a "bright light in the sky with three airplanes near it at 9:30 PM, which disappeared and reappeared in a different spot in the sky." She goes on to state that six of us were outside at a friends house and we were looking up at the sky because it was a pretty clear night. We saw a very bright light in the sky, not moving much, with about three airplanes or helicopters around it. Then it disappeared. When my brother and I were walking back to our house, we saw it again with the airplanes around it once more. I guess it's a UFO! Thanks to Todd Lemire, [tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com), Michigan UFO CENTRAL <http://members.home.net/tlemire/UFOCENTRAL.html>

#### TENNESSEE CROP CIRCLES

MILAN -- Nancy Talbot says, "I just got off phone with witness to huge crop circle which occurred about mid-way between Memphis and Nashville. In a field of winter wheat immediately across from her front door, a very long (perhaps 1/4 to 1/2 mile long) pictogram occurred on the Sunday night, April 23-24, probably about 3 am. Witness's 10-year-old daughter and a "sleep-over" friend were awakened at about 3 am by a "weird" humming noise; there were no windows in the room they were sleeping in so it is not known whether there was light phenomena associated. A family dog, which had been sleeping on the mother's bed, also barked around this time. At about 7 am Monday morning, upon opening the front door to let the dog out, the mother saw the huge crop formation in the field opposite her front door. She and a step-son went into the field briefly and noted somewhere around 10 circles and associated pathways, at least one circle that was ringed, another circle that had occurred around an electricity pole in the middle of the field. They did not explore the whole formation because there are many snakes in this field, including poisonous copperhead snakes and water moccasins. If you are thinking of visiting the site, wear high boots.

After exiting the field, both the mother and stepson noted "pain" in their legs, up to the knees. Both also felt "light-headed" and unusually fatigued all of this week since being in the circle field. The mother contacted a local crop-duster, who is apparently also interested in crop circles, and he stated that there was other crop circles "all over the place" in this area. In fact, the mother states that there is another small circle in a field immediately behind her mobile home, which occurred the same night as the larger one in front of her house. No aerial photos have yet been taken, but I've alerted other interested parties in the area who will try to get some, particularly since the crop duster is apparently willing

to take people up to get shots. It is also of interest to note that the phones and computer did not work the morning the crop circles were discovered.

The mother also reports that some of the downed crop was already yellow on the first day after the formation was found. Also, the mother had noted about a week previously that there was dead cow lying in a driveway about 1/2 mile from her home and that there seemed to be very peculiar cuts on this animal. In addition, the mother reported a very peculiar incident that had happened to her when she was 15 or 16 years old, living in Selmer, TN with her mother, 2 sisters, and a brother. She related this story to me stating that it had "nothing to do with the crop circle," but I am not so sure: on the night of this incident she and her mother and sisters and brother were all awakened in their home at about 2 am by a strange "beeping" noise directly over their house; then, in sync with the beeping sound, a beam of light came down through their ceiling, on and off, for 10 to 15 minutes. The whole family was terrified and afraid to go outside and look up. The next morning she was found to have massive bruises all over her legs, which could not be accounted for. That same day a young boy who lived nearby came to visit her and told her, without knowing about the family's experience, that a relative of his who had been out "spooning" that night nearby had seen a number of "aliens" which had so frightened him that he'd driven the whole way home with all 4 car-doors open and flying about. Thanks to Nancy Talbott/BLT Research

#### IDAHO SIGHTING OF A FORMATION OF LIGHTS

TABLE ROCK -- Ike Bishop MUFON's State Director reports I had an interesting sighting here on April 21, 2000. It started when I received a call from investigator Chris Altman about a bright light in the Table Rock area at 10:45 PM. I went outside and was able to see it as well. I noted that it was between the landing path of the airport, and the microwave towers of Tablerock. The light was not flashing and stationary and would turn off and on in no particular pattern. The object appeared to be about four miles distant. I drove to a vantage point on Federal Way with unobstructed view and looked for the light. The light was gone and was soon replaced by four dim lights in a linear pattern with no blinking. It looked like the Phoenix lights only smaller. There appeared to be a larger space between the second and third lights. The others were evenly spaced. This formation appeared to be advancing toward Boise, because the lights became brighter and drifted to the north at a very slow pace, much slower than conventional craft. The formation went behind the mountains and disappeared. The sky was clear, but had a haze due to high humidity gave the stars only about 50% of their normal brightness. This could only mean that the formation was closer than one would imagine. It was two football fields in length. I was unable to see any craft associated with the formation since it was about twelve miles away at an altitude of 8,000 feet. Investigator Chris Altman was able to capture first bright light on videotape and a local TV station is enhancing the video. The length of sighting was fifteen minutes. Thanks to Ike Bishop MUFON's State Director of Idaho.

#### TRIANGULAR SHAPED BLACK SPOT AIRCRAFT AT AREA 51

The March and April issues of the UK-based magazine AIRCRAFT ILLUSTRATED have a two part series "Secrets of Area 51." According to the following excerpt by Meinrad Eberle a triangular shaped aircraft was sighted, and a radio message intercepted at 06:00 AM on September 8, 1999, "The Swiss hikers Raffi Bloechlinger, Dino Regli and this writer intercept and tape-record the following radio message from Tikaboo Peak over looking Groom Lake. "Now traffic departing off Runway 32, a Fastmover, the winds calm, cleared for take-off!" The witnesses watched its takeoff roll [starting off from the intersection of the base's Southern Delta Taxiway with Runway 14L-32 R], using image-stabilized 15x45 CANON binoculars: [SNIP] Streamlined silhouette, smoothed-out overall appearance, massive upper main body/fuselage, and no shining parts whatsoever visible. Aircraft in dark color, most probably black, cockpit hardly visible, well integrated into aircraft body with two very high and massive-looking rear fins close to wingtips. There was



no undercarriage whatsoever visible and no signs of engines mounted under, at or right above wings. No signs of engines integrated into lower aircraft body and no engine inlets visible. The aircraft continued accelerating down the tarmac and got airborne before climbing swiftly to altitude, accompanied by a distinctly audible low rumbling, but not pulsating noise. The craft then hung a left turn high above Emigrant Valley, not too far away from Bald Mountain.

Previously seen in side view, the craft's silhouette then started growing -- into a DELTA SHAPED PLATFORM, showing us its flat, dull dark (black)? belly. No engines were visible, no apparent air intakes and no under-fuselage stores of any kind -- just a smoothed-out triangular bodywork. The estimated overall length: 100 feet, overall height: 12+ feet, width: 55 feet with an estimated wing sweep of 75 degrees. Also striking was the complete lack of lights on the aircraft. Neither any blinking or turning red anti-collision nor any other lights of any description/color were visible. Just one dark mass turning westward, steadfastly heading out of sight. Visible was a roughly segmented rear wing area with two vertical fins, which left us with the initial impression that they were slightly canted outward, reaching up higher than the main fuselage. My two colleagues had the impression that they were not canted in any way. Topping it all off were two huge, just HUGE exhausts, which appeared to be still on afterburner. The engine exhausts seemed to be integrated into the main upper fuselage, rather than bolted down onto wing area. The A-12 aircraft is similar. For additional Area 51 info, exclusive pictures, trip reports, etc., do not forget to check out <http://www.desertsecrets.com> AI website at <http://www.ianallanpub.co.uk/airillus>. Thanks to Joe Stefula and Meinrad Eberle.

#### CALIFORNIA PLASMA CLOUDS

MADERA -- Robert Cunningham reports that after reading your article I would like to relate that while sitting in our backyard at 8:30 PM, in May of 1985. The sun had already set and we had just had a heavy rainstorm, I looked up toward the sky and right overhead were two clear-colored oval shaped "cells." They were both moving very fast, one right behind the other, in a wave motion like they were moving over an invisible roiling sea, going in a northerly direction. When they were right over me about 200 feet up, they made a hissing sound and the edges of both of the "cells" lit up. Just the outside edges lit up for a couple of seconds and then the lights went out. They continued on their way like they knew exactly where they were going. A family next store saw them too and screamed when they heard the hissing and saw the lights come on. It is something I will never forget! Robert Cunningham [swim39@sierra.psnw.com](mailto:swim39@sierra.psnw.com)

#### CHILEAN UFO LEAVES MARKS

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo reports the Chile 'Cronica' Newspaper, April 24, 2000. headlines were that a "UFO Makes a Giant Triangle in the Region." Jose Ignacio Prieto and four friends were happily having dinner when they felt some heat and the lights went off. They were in darkness, when a strong blue light came through the dining room windows leaving them temporarily blinded. After that, the lights came back on. The next day they found a giant triangular mark in the ground with a base of 35 meters with each side some 20 meters apart. In one of the triangles, there is a tower that carries high voltage electricity. The triangle is on a small hill of 30-degree inclination. The plants inside the triangle were bent at the base like crop circles. The police from Tucapel went to the remote area and verified the marks. The newspaper reported on other UFO sightings in this region. In San Pedro de Atacama, police received reports of strange red lights (UFOs). Anti-narcotic police went to investigate the area looking for a clandestine trafficker airstrip, but to their surprise, also found a perfect triangular mark. This triangle was 50 meters base, and was formed by small rocks, no bigger than ten centimeters that appear to be burned. "They were hot to touch." police reported. NOTE: Chile is also experiencing a rash of 'Chupacabra' attacks. More than 200 animals; chickens, ducks, doves, dogs, cats, goats, pigs and cows were attacked in the past weeks by unidentified blood sucking predators. Thanks to Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo Miami UFO Center ,

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<http://www.angelfire.com/fl/ufomiami/index.html>

#### FRENCH COMETA REPORT

Gildas Bourdias writes, "First, I want to tell how much I appreciate your "Filer's Files". It's really one of the best sources of information that I know. However, I feel the need to correct you comments on the French "Cometa report" (Filer's Files No 16). That report is a purely private initiative: it is not a report sponsored or initiated by the official IHEDN, even though many members of Cometa have been "auditors" at IHEDN (on the other hand, they are not "junior auditors", contrary to what Perry Petrakis claimed last year, in an effort to depreciate the report). In short, the Cometa members are close to official circles but it is still a private initiative. The other point is that they have not written that UFOs are a "threat." More subtly, they said that it is a serious question, which must be studied from the defense viewpoint. Hence the title "What must we prepare for?" Cordially, Gildas Bourdais

#### ENGLAND 'V' SHAPED UFO

WHITEFIELD, MANCHESTER -- Ian who works has a Network Development Manager had a sighting of a UFO that shot vertically towards space on April 9, 2000, at 11:45 PM in his back garden. I positively saw an unidentified flying object, which was in my opinion, definitely not a conventional aircraft. The event took place in less than a minute on a perfectly clear night. The crescent moon allowed me to see the edges of the entire moon. After seeing the Northern Lights earlier last week, I popped out into my garden to see if the event would be repeated. I saw a bright star-like flash. Thirty seconds later it flashed again in the same position. I looked directly above towards the edge of my roof and saw a large V shaped object 'gliding' in a Northwest direction. The craft made no noise, and for the want of a better word, it maneuvered more fluidly than any aircraft I have ever seen. The back of the V had vents with glowing red and orange lights. These were on both lengths of the 'V' and may have been engines of some kind. There was a haze close to the lights causing distortion like you see on a road on a hot day. The object then smoothly stopped and turned north without banking. Turned to face my direction, so all I could see was a rectangular outline with three white dots (one at each end and one in the middle). The lights then flashed very brightly and the object turned, pointed upwards, and shot directly up in the air showing only its red vents at the back before disappearing. I was a member of the Territorial Army and was trained to identify military and civilian aircraft. Thanks to Ben Field, BUFOD, [www.bufod.co.uk](http://www.bufod.co.uk).

#### HOLLAND, FIRST OF CENTURY CROSS FORMS ON GOOD FRIDAY,

HOEVEN -- Nancy Talbott writes, "Here's what I can tell you about the probably the first crop circle of the century." A Ten-circle formation in the shape of a "cross" was discovered in a grass field near a small village in southern Holland in the early morning hours of Good Friday on April 21, 2000. The crop circle was found by Robbert v/d Broeke and his parents after Robbert awoke at 4:00 AM after an extremely lucid 'dream,' in which he had heard a familiar voice call his name. He then 'saw' a large, very bright white light over the field in which the formation was subsequently discovered; as he 'watched.' He then observed multiple small balls of light, some 'orangey' and some bluish, descend from the white light down toward the surface of the tall grass. In his 'dream' he did not actually see the crop circle itself, but felt sure that a new formation had occurred--which was, in fact, discovered a few hours later.

For the last six years, Robert has had similar 'dreams' or intuitions about new crop circles having formed, sometimes in locations far distant from his home, but where new formations are subsequently discovered. In this case, the field in which the Good Friday cross was discovered is very near the location of several past crop circles and is adjacent to an area where he has witnessed multiple balls of light on many occasions. Several years ago during the afternoon, he was observing multiple balls of light spiraling over a nearby field when some

of these 'detached' themselves from the larger spiraling mass, approached him and began to circle around him; he apparently became unconscious and, when he awoke some time later, found himself lying inside the middle of a new circle. In many cases the plants and soils from Robbert's crop circles have been tested by the BLT Research Team and have been found to have the elongated nodes, expulsion cavities and germination abnormalities consistently found in crop formation plants around the world. It is interesting that Robbert's report (in his 'dream') of a large white ball of light from which smaller, colored, lights descend to the crop surface is echoed by a report obtained from an elderly farmer in southern England some years ago--who observed a very similar event at 4:00 AM in one of his fields where a new formation was discovered at daylight. Actual sightings of crop circles forming are rare. And although in this case the young man was asleep in his bed and witnessed the event in a 'dream,' the similarity of this report with the unpublished account of the elderly farmer who was AWAKE during his observation is striking." Thanks to Nancy Talbot [bltresearch@mediaone.net](mailto:bltresearch@mediaone.net) (Nancy Talbott). Editors Note: If someone is trying to send a message, it is interesting that the first known crop circle of this century was made on Good Friday in the shape of a cross.

SPACE SHUTTLE FOOTAGE: There is lots of talk about UFOs seen from the space shuttle. Decide for yourself, Jeff Chandler has put together raw video footage of the NASA downloads. Learn exactly what is ice crystals and camera smudges? You can decide for yourself. Jeff gives pointers on how to look for UFOs versus the standard excuses. This is raw footage but well worth seeing. Only \$25.00.

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Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 19:52:33 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 23:18:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Art Bell Prevails In Defamation Hearing

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 12:16:57 -0500  
>From: John Pierson <[johnpierson@mindspring.com](mailto:johnpierson@mindspring.com)>  
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>>Source: Rowland Network Communications

>><http://bbs.rowlandnet.com/cgi-bin/WebX?14@@.ee6c827/69>

>>Art Bell Prevails In Defamation Hearing

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>Something just doesn't seem right here.

>Bell quits his radio program one day before his defamation  
>hearing. He claims to have been harmed (almost) irreparably.  
>It is said in a press release that he will leave all public  
>life, which includes publishing.

>Correct me if Im wrong, but doesn't that seem like he is setting  
>it up not only to sue for dafamation but also for 'lost wages'?  
>In other words, he is demonstrating that he has been so affected  
>by this ordeal that he will no longer be able to generate an  
>income from what he loves the most and has done the longest?

>Anybody else see that?

>Nothing about this latest departure seems quite right.

Art Bell, the same guy who said he was going to completely  
withdraw from public life, yet chose to announce to his national  
radio audience where the hearing for his lawsuit was going to be  
at and on what day. So much for privacy...

Regards,

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## Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
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Subject: Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa

South Africa alerts NASA as large metal balls fall from sky  
By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

Tuesday, May 2, 2000  
Source: Electronic Telegraph - [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)

NASA space officials in America have been asked by the South African authorities to help identify the origin of two large metal balls that fell from the sky on to farmland in the Boland region north of Cape Town.

The first, weighing about 70lb, landed on Pieter Viljoen's wine farm at Worcester. Mr Viljoen said: "My staff said they heard two loud bangs like gunshots and saw the shining ball fall near the vineyards. It was too hot to touch for 30 minutes but once it cooled I loaded it on to my truck and the police have taken it for analysis."

A police spokesman said: "The witnesses said it was white hot when it landed. It appears to be solid iron and there is a section that contains bolts. I don't know what it could be." The second, larger ball, which fell at Durbanville, was oval, up to 5ft long and weighed about 110lb. Farm workers again reported hearing two loud bangs like gunshots just before it landed.

Astronomers said the objects could be part of a decaying satellite. Nasa had predicted that parts of a Pegasus satellite would fall to earth, they said.

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com).>  
Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 23:28:59 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 23:47:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 13:47:11 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 22:05:43 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>I can understand the reddish hue during a dust storm while the  
>sun is up.

>I could envision a darkish grey otherwise, due to the very thin  
>atmosphere, a very very small fraction of our atmosphere.

>Other colors may come from ionization of whatever gases are  
>present, CO2 or maybe a little water vapor.

>Blue however implies ozone or free oxygen.

Larry, Lan:

I think the blue is due to preferential scattering of blue light  
by the actual molecules of the atmosphere, not ionization of the  
O.

Some scattering is by reflection, when the particles of dust for  
example are large in relation to the wavelength of light, but  
the rest is by diffraction, when the molecules are small in  
comparison to the wavelength of light. This later is the cause  
of the blue sky. As John pointed out, this is Raleigh  
Scattering, and the scattering is proportional to the inverse  
fourth power of the wavelength, which results in blue being  
scattered more than red. This is what gives us our blue skies,  
and also should give Mars a blue sky when there is not much  
dust.

Brian's info about the season and John's table of directions and  
colors is also very useful.

Clear skies,

Bob

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Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 00:42:24 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 02:08:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Art Bell Prevails In Defamation Hearing

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 19:52:33 -0700  
>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
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>>>Source: Rowland Network Communications

>>><http://bbs.rowlandnet.com/cgi-bin/WebX?14@@.ee6c827/69>

>>>Art Bell Prevails In Defamation Hearing

><snip>

>>Something just doesn't seem right here.

>>Bell quits his radio program one day before his defamation  
>>hearing. He claims to have been harmed (almost) irreparably.  
>>It is said in a press release that he will leave all public  
>>life, which includes publishing.

>>Correct me if Im wrong, but doesn't that seem like he is setting  
>>it up not only to sue for dafamation but also for 'lost wages'?  
>>In other words, he is demonstrating that he has been so affected  
>>by this ordeal that he will no longer be able to generate an  
>>income from what he loves the most and has done the longest?

>>Anybody else see that?

>>Nothing about this latest departure seems quite right.

>Art Bell, the same guy who said he was going to completely  
>withdraw from public life, yet chose to announce to his national  
>radio audience where the hearing for his lawsuit was going to be

Art Bell was is and probably always will be difficult to figure out. Nothing about this whole situation seems right. It's not as though he was overworked anyway. He worked 3 night a week.

I agree with you, there's something not quite Kosher about all this. The only problem is that I really don't care much for Art Bell. As far as I'm concerned 'Strange Days....Indeed' is one of if not the best program of it's kind on the radio. I've got friends in England, Australia and New Zealand listening but I digress.

I can't believe that someone with the 4th largest radio audience would simply quit in the manner he did. However, unless Art, someday, comes clean. We'll never know the real story. Isn't that quaint? Another mystery to figure out, Something to talk about.....

Smoothie

at and on what day. So much for privacy...

Regards,

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## STS-75 UFO Video

From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 00:56:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 02:12:05 -0400  
Subject: STS-75 UFO Video

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Cheers,

Rick Goldsmith

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From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 04:23:29 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 11:06:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-75 UFO Video

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Dear Listers, Rick, Errol and whomever,

As a nearly perfect nobody, with no formal education in trick photography, physics, swamp gas or swan poop, and not even a smigeon of pigeon poop... what you wrote makes sense to me.

But wait, there's more. Not only do your opines appear to make sense, they also make me very nearly ticked off at you for stating them. I much prefer to have believed in the images as being "them" and not dust motes or ice particles. It's so much more exciting and romantic, in'it?

Rick, you are either not a researcher or merely being sensible. You cannot be both at the same time. Come on ... 'fess up.

Jim

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 01:46:56 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 11:10:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 12:41:41 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: John W. Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 11:45:46 -0700  
>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Larry asked:

>>Can you guys please stop alla this stuff, and answer a  
>>simple question?

>>Lets say a regular person from Planet Earth goes to  
>>Mars. He looks up in the sky. What color does he see?

<snip>

>Hi Larry, EBK & List

>Forget about the air Larry, what about the JW-Black label rocket  
>fuel. Then we would all see pink elephants. However, from the  
>general rules in the books and with Mr. HUBBLE hot on our tail,  
>you should/may see this?

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>-----  
>   LOOK DIRECTION  
>-----  
> SKY TYPE = ^Up^ <across>  
>-----  
>[1] Dust/Wind = Salmon Dark Salmon  
>[2] Clear   = Light Blue Salmon+Blue  
>[3] Cloud   = White+Blue ?  
>[3] Sunset = Dark Blue Red+Pink  
>-----
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This simple table is helpful. Clearly its more  
complex than I thought. -LH

>[a]. The local illumination conditions at the time depend on  
> season, sun elevation.

>[b]. The blue-sky phenomenon was later explained theoretically  
> by Lord Rayleigh.

>Larry asked:

>>Is that such a complicated matter?

<snip>

>Well, as the story goes (?), the problem with the surface camera  
>images is a technical one, a possible "rubbish in rubbish out"  
>or "where did that come from, the engine, what is it, how do I  
>know, then just put it in the boot" - Fortean.

>Some one at HUBBLE said, "the colours are wrong" - VIKING say

Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>"thats what it looks like and thats the best we could do".

<snip>

>So a MR HUBBLE said, take a look at the links from the HUBBLE  
>crew.

><http://www.physics.utoledo.edu/~pbj/storpage.html>

>[ ] MARS CLOUD ---- B/W extraction ----

><http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/jpeg/marsbwc.jpg>

><http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/hrtemp/97-15a.jpg>

>[ ] MARS ---- Blue Atmosphere ----

><http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/hrtemp/97-23.jpg>

> \*\*\*

>EARTH IMAGE - Note: STS cameras are nothing like the above  
>samples.

>[ ] EARTH ---- Looking Down ----

><http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS066/lores/STS066-152-172.JPG>

><http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS048/lores/STS048-083-077.JPG>

>[ ] EARTH ---- Looking Side ----

><http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS052/lores/STS052-082-007.JPG>

><http://earth.jsc.nasa.gov/Images/STS059/lores/STS059-238-088.JPG>

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> \*\*\*

>THE JPL TEST:

>When you correct the images data on Viking 2 using the CO2  
>ground frost images and the white instrument cover - the sky  
>becomes BLUE. (?)

>[http://cass.jsc.nasa.gov/images/sred2/sred2\\_S30.gif](http://cass.jsc.nasa.gov/images/sred2/sred2_S30.gif)

>REF: Frost at the Viking 2 Lander (48°N, 226°W)  
> Viking Lander image = 21I093

>Then there is the story about the "Colour Test Pads" and the  
>Magnifying Mirror...

<snip>

Dear John:

That's a lot of slow loading images!

One of them clearly shows a very blue limb on the "bottom" of  
Mars (as shown). That is a surprise for me.

All this color rectification has my head spinning a bit. Perhaps  
we will have to wait until an actual human lands on Mars. [ For  
heavens sake lets be sure he or she isn't color-blind! ]

Then, if at all necessary, we can make corrections or  
adjustments to the color-matrix you gave above.

Thank you for your thoughtful and complex reply!

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## International UFO & New-Age Symposium Istanbul,

From: **Haktan Akdogan - UFOTR** <[Ufotr@netone.com.tr](mailto:Ufotr@netone.com.tr)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 12:14:00 +0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 11:20:12 -0400  
Subject: International UFO & New-Age Symposium Istanbul,

The Second Annual UFO And New Age Symposium Of Eastern-Europe,  
Balkans And Middle-East

To whom it may concern,

We; 'Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center' would like to inform you of the 'Second International UFO and New Age Symposium of Eastern Europe, Balkans and Middle East' which will take place on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of June 2000 in Istanbul, Turkey.

This follows the First International UFO Symposium which was a tremendous success and was met by a huge public interest which still continues. It took place on the 20th and 21st of February 1999 in Istanbul and was attended by over 5200 people from Turkey and from various neighbouring countries. It also attracted mass media coverage of over 185 journalists and reporters from different countries.

The speakers at the First UFO Symposium were; Erich von Daniken, Stanton T.Friedman, Budd Hopkins, Micheal Lindemann, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Prof.John E.Mack, Prof. Brian O'Leary, Marina Popovich, Travis Walton and George Wingfield.

The Second Symposium which will take place for 3 days is going to be even larger than the First Symposium. It will be held at the biggest and most sophisticated Conference Center in Turkey which has an audience capacity of over 3000 people per day, so it will host about 10 thousand people in 3 days...

Each lecturer will have 90 minutes to speak. The Conference Center has a giant screen of 13 meters wide on stage and all the technical aids required will be provided. There will be simultaneous translation for the audience via headphones.

Here are this year's speakers:

Prof. John E. Mack  
Stanton T.Friedman,  
Nick Pope  
Derrel Sims  
Wendelle Stevens  
Donald Ware  
Robert O. Dean  
Budd Hopkins  
Sean David Morton  
K.T. Frankovich  
Kelly Cahill  
Marcia Schafer  
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Best regards,

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## Re: Greek Sense

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Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 07:11:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 11:24:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Greek Sense

>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 15:38:22 -0500 (CDT)  
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[brianc@fc.net](mailto:brianc@fc.net)>  
>Subject: Greek Sense  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>An interesting quote, found scribbled in an old 1973 diary of  
>mine, back when I was in physics at the University of Texas:

> "To consider the earth as the only populated  
> world in infinite space is as absurd as to  
> assert that in an entire field of grain  
> sown with millet, only one grain will grow."

> - Metrodoros  
> 4th Century B.C.

>Anyone know a way on the web to verify such quotes? I did a  
>quick search engine check, but not much luck. Just curious,

>-Brian C.

<http://bigear.org/vollno3/life.htm>

Man's conviction about the existence of other life forms beyond earth is not a development of our modern, scientific age. As early as in the 4th century B.C. the Epicurean philosopher Metrodoros wrote,

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I don't know much about this topic one way or another. I'm just  
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Don Ledger

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>would lead one to believe the contrary. I had the impression of  
>small particles floating about in the foreground with the tether  
>far behind. The foreground objects are actually too small to see  
>but are reflecting light and completely out of focus, as I would  
>suspect the tether was the object of interest. Think of dust  
>moties you see floating in the air when bright sunlight shines  
>through a crack in a curtain... and squint.

<snip>

I didn't get to see this show but was unfortunate enough to have  
stumbled onto a program called Into the Unknown last night. A  
rehash of the Area 51 thing. They managed to solve all UFO  
sightings by explaining them away as U-2s [a Lockheed T-33 with  
longer wings] or SR-71s. It was a real annoying, unresearched  
program.

Don

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## Re: What's Up There?

From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 09:37:34 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 12:57:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: What's Up There?

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 03:12:42 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: What's Up There?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Errol, Listers and Everyone else,

>While this may be a curiosity or merely something about which I  
>am completely unfamiliar, I suggest looking at this picture  
>taken by SOHO, of a solar ejection mass which took place on the  
>30th of April. This time sequenced video shows a number of  
>interesting images along with the solar ejection. Several  
>meteors are visible steaking across the sky and what looks very  
>much like a planet, although I know not which one, is also  
>visible in the left center of the film. It is moving slowly  
>towards the sun. All these objects are moving in straight  
>lines, as they are supposed to be doing.

>However the most interesting object appears in the upper right  
>quadrant and loops in towards the sun in an arc, then loops out  
>into the lower right quadrant.

>Anyone have any ideas as to what it may be? Just curious I am.  
>However I am not aware of any objects, even man made, that move  
>quickly in an arc as this thing does.

>Hoping for a simple explanation on the one hand, and no  
>explanation on the other. The latter being more interesting  
>than the former, as everyone loves a mystery.

Most of the transient objects are comets. The large object is  
Jupiter. Remember, the planets are coming into alignment on May  
5th? End of the world, etc.

One really interesting object does not appear in the  
spaceweather.com animation. For that one, go to:

<http://www.cyberspaceorbit.com/>

and follow the links on the "torpedo", a large "projectile"  
which seems to strike the sun right where a CME occurs.

Sky and Telescope magazine has an article on the planetary  
alignment which implies that we might actually see some activity  
result. Although, it would not be volcanoes and tidal waves;  
but, a distortion of the body of the sun. Who knows what \*that\*  
could do! See:

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/news/special/whypanic.html>

Don't worry -- be happy -- guzzle gripple!!

Terry

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## Re: Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa

From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 07:50:55 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 12:58:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:31:09 -0400  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>Subject: Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)> ,

Hello, all.

>South Africa alerts NASA as large metal balls fall from sky  
>By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

>Tuesday, May 2, 2000  
>Source: Electronic Telegraph - [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)

>NASA space officials in America have been asked by the South  
>African authorities to help identify the origin of two large  
>metal balls that fell from the sky on to farmland in the Boland  
>region north of Cape Town.

>The first, weighing about 70lb, landed on Pieter Viljoen's wine  
>farm at Worcester. Mr Viljoen said: "My staff said they heard  
>two loud bangs like gunshots and saw the shining ball fall near  
>the vineyards. It was too hot to touch for 30 minutes but once  
>it cooled I loaded it on to my truck and the police have taken  
>it for analysis."

>A police spokesman said: "The witnesses said it was white hot  
>when it landed. It appears to be solid iron and there is a  
>section that contains bolts. I don't know what it could be." The  
>second, larger ball, which fell at Durbanville, was oval, up to  
>5ft long and weighed about 110lb. Farm workers again reported  
>hearing two loud bangs like gunshots just before it landed.

Iron with bolts? Steel maybe, possibly Russian-they'll get the  
'blame' I'll bet.

>Astronomers said the objects could be part of a decaying  
>satellite. Nasa had predicted that parts of a Pegasus satellite  
>would fall to earth, they said.

Pegasus - why is that name so familiar? wasn't Pegasus the  
Satellite that got the honors for the Gemini sighting(s) or,  
again, the blame?

Anyway, my wife and I saw something very interesting the other  
night and as soon as my life gets back to normal, I will tell  
what we saw to the list.

GT McCoy

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From: Joel Henry <[jhenry@visi.com](mailto:jhenry@visi.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 10:54:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 13:01:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:50:42 -0300  
>From: Donald [Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hi Larry,

>Sorry, I was away for 2 days. The blowby bugs me too. And like  
>you say anything strong enough to lock up the block has to act  
>on the rest of the car-at least the metal parts. You would think  
>that audio tapes would be erased or badly damaged. What about  
>Paul Hill's forcefield motivation? What could a force field do.  
>What the hell is a force field anyway-other than say that of a  
>magnetic force field?

You guys obviously don't know how a car works. Lets start with the basics:

- 1) fuel is supplied to carb/etc. by either an electric or mechanical pump.
- 2) with fuel in cylinder and fuel and exhaust valves closed, cylinder develops pressure as engine rotates pushing the piston to the top.
- 3) At this time, a high current pulse is released into the primary of the ignition coil, producing a high voltage pulse on the secondary by the flyback effect. (30-60,000 volts or so).
- 4) the voltage is high enough to bridge the gap in the distributor and the spark plug causing the fuel to ignite and forcing the piston down and forcing rotation of the engine.

Now, if the UFO comes around, it's intense magnetic field saturates the ignition coil so no flyback effect and no spark - the engine dies. When the UFO leaves, the huge magnetic field it produced suddenly collapses, causing a massive flyback effect in the ignition coil and probably able to arc thru all the distributor contacts to all the cylinders and spark plugs. At his point probably 2 cylinders are in the condition of having some fuel in them, with valves closed so the massive spark will set them off forcing a weaker than usual explosion in the cylinder (due to low compression), but enough to turn over the engine so (being in the "on" state) it will start up and continue to run as the rest of the cylinders begin to function normally.

This explains the re-starting effect. If the magnetic field is great enough, it could burn out the electrical system (which has been known to happen in some cases). No major rocket science here.

Joel Henry

Minnesota MUFON Field Investigator

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From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:51:42 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 22:26:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 02:17:09 +0100  
>From: James Easton <[voyager@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ukonline.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Regarding:

>>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:51:32 +0100  
>>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico](mailto:updates@sympatico)>

>Jenny,

>Some related questions which come to mind.

>What about 'car stop' cases where:

>1. There wasn't a 'UFO' involved, i.e., the car 'seized up' and  
>then started again for no apparent reason?

Hi,

I think that often the cause of the effect - the EM field - can be invisible or dark against a night sky. It is only seen (usually misperceived as a spaceship) when it glows as a consequence of some form of induced ionization. This is one reason why only chasing UFO cases will not solve these reports - as UFO cases are only part of the phenomenon.

>If there are abundant examples - what are the normal  
>explanations?

Obviously, there are car stop cases in which the car stoppage is mundane. I have investigated cases where mechanical faults, driven excitement and pure coincidence tied to mundane stimuli (from the full moon to a road sweeper!) have triggered alleged close encounters. But the cases I regard as likely real are remarkably consistent. Far more consistent in fact than alien abduction tales.

>It might be insightful to take this question to some car  
>mechanics.

We have often worked with engineers on cases, wherever possible. In fact that's one reason we've been able to eliminate some cases.

>2. There was a 'close proximity' UFO sighting and the car wasn't  
>affected.

>This seems to be the norm - why the difference?

My guess is because the UFO was probably one of the myriad IFOs. Car stops involving UFOs only occur in my view when the UFO is some form of EM radiating energy field (usually mistaken for a spaceship). These are fairly rare and so most alleged UFO

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sightings don't involve them. As a star or a police helicopter or the full moon isnt going to really effect a car (and most UFOs are really this sort of thing) there are certain to be lots of close proximity cases that have no effect on the vehicles.

>3. There was a UFO related 'car stop' incident and the UFO was >later found to have a mundane explanation.

See above.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:52:06 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 22:29:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 01:14:53 -0400  
>From: Rob Lockhart <[Rob.Lockhart@yahoo.com](mailto:Rob.Lockhart@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 21:13:08 -0700 (PDT)  
>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2000 17:34:42 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

><snip>

>Wouldn't the slowing of electrons also cause slowing of neurons  
>(or neuron pathways, albeit electro-chemical, if you're slowing  
>down time, everything in the vicinity must be slowed down)?  
>Thus, you may not even know what was happening around you except  
>that you may feel disoriented (assuming some part of you doesn't  
>slow down).

Hi,

In my research I have come upon many cases where electric clocks and watches inside cars seem to slow down and be magnetised afterwards (in one case a wind up watch worked okay but two battery watches stopped and needed expensive repair work to operate again).

The Oz Factor time suspension effect is very common in these situations and occurs outside of UFO close encounters also. That's one of the reasons I am not convinced we are dealing with aliens controlling time but a naturally occurring time anomaly during which witness perceptions are so distorted that they read into the events an alien connotation. Its rather like a culturally relevant interpretation placed upon a series of events beyond their comprehension.

Another interesting feature that has cropped up in several of my cases is a distortion on the voice - causing this to appear to slow down - and indeed in two or three cases references to a notable slowing down of all motion in the immediate environment.

Incidentally, the time & space anomalies are usually hand in hand with gravity anomalies. And there are also quite a few cases where the flow of light appears to temporarily stop. Indeed there are very definite relativity physics inferences to be found in some of these cases. The car stop effect and the Oz Factor state of consciousness are the most obvious and consistent features but they are possibly not the key to what is really going on here. That may appear in the lesser known but recurring aspects of these incidents.

For - however strange they seem - there must be a physical explanation for them.

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Best wishes,  
Jenny Randles

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From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:52:18 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 22:30:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>In a case I investigated in 1971 a young lady reported her car  
>as she drove along a rural road (actually a long driveway  
>to her house) when there was a light over the car.  
>It was a small sports car (Triumph, I think).

>The radio had been on and it stopped playing. Also the  
>headlights went out. She rolled down the window and stuck her  
>head out to look up to see what was making the light from above.  
>She was startled to see a circular object not far above the car.

>Frantically he turned the starter switch but nothing happened.  
>Then suddenly the object moved away and she was able to start the  
>car. The lights came on. The radio did not. The radio had to be  
>repaired before it would work.

>I did not get to the case until long after the radio had been  
>repaired. The guy who fixed it said he simply changed  
>transistors one after the other until the radio worked again.  
>Unfortunately he did not keep track of which transistor had  
>blown out.

>If he had we might have obtained som useful information on which  
>circuits in the radio were (apparently) overloaded with current.

Hi,

I had one similar case where the witness was a service engineer  
and had a radio transceiver to contact base. This failed to work  
afterwards and was taken apart by the base engineers in an  
attempt to fix it. In the end it was cheaper to replace.

The engineer told us that an enormous power surge was picked up,  
possibly by the aerial, and must have been similar in magnitude  
to a lightning strike. It literally blew apart the diode  
circuits inside the radio transceiver frying all the internal  
circuits.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 18:43:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 22:34:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 10:54:33 -0500  
>From: Joel Henry <[jhenry@visi.com](mailto:jhenry@visi.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:50:42 -0300  
>>From: Donald [Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

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>normally.

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>great enough, it could burn out the electrical system (which has  
>been known to happen in some cases). No major rocket science  
>here.

Hi Joel,

First of all, don't be insulting. Second-good point. I'd  
forgotton about the fly-back. Geez, where would TV be without  
it.

Residule fuel still in the cylinders makes sense. With the  
ignition still on, the pulse from the coil as the  
electromagnetic field is withdrawn, would most likely be enough  
to trigger spark and detonation. Wonder if that theory could be  
checked out using one of those giant electromagnets they use at  
junkyards?

Don

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## Re: STS-75 UFO Video

From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 18:56:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 22:36:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-75 UFO Video

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 04:23:29 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: STS-75 UFO Video  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 00:56:54 -0400  
>>From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
>>Subject: STS-75 UFO Video  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Several things struck me while I watched the STS-75 video on the  
>>last TV UFO special ("Real Evidence" or some such) narrated by  
>>Johnathan Frakes.

<snip>

>As a nearly perfect nobody, with no formal education in trick  
>photography, physics, swamp gas or swan poop, and not even a  
>smigeon of pigeon poop... what you wrote makes sense to me.

Cheeses Chim! That's twice this year I made sense and you were  
there when it happened, both times! I heard new Ginko enriched  
Gripple (Gripple-inko?) would improve my mental performance but  
this is truly amazing!

R.G.

>But wait, there's more. Not only do your opines appear to make  
>sense, they also make me very nearly ticked off at you for  
>stating them. I much prefer to have believed in the images as  
>being "them" and not dust motes or ice particles. It's so much  
>more exciting and romantic, in'it?

Sorry but your parade passed between me and the restroom and I  
really had to go. But hey! I could be wrong. Right?

<snip>

>Rick, you are either not a researcher or merely being sensible.  
>You cannot be both at the same time. Come on ... 'fess up.

Searcher perhaps but not researcher per se. 'sounds a little  
redundant, rythmic even... more Gripple please. :)

R.G.

BTW: the mazda's really just a rusty old '91 pickup but it'll  
still do 130km./hr. with a good tailwind... still interested?  
Didn't think so. :)

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Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

Roger, list,

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 07:57:19 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>I'm no physics engineer, but one of the problems with "time  
>arrest" as an answer to why the engine is perceived to have  
>stopped is this: If time has slowed down for electrons and  
>everything else but the subject, then how can the subject  
>still see? It strikes me that electrons and light waves travel  
>pretty much at the same speed. If the waves are slowed down by  
>time; that is to say the photon travel time, as well as the  
>electron travel time, has been "stretched" or actually stopped  
>in relationship to the viewer, the luminosity of the objects  
>being seen would go super dark or even black, wouldn't it?

Good questions. My first reaction when I read this theory was the same. My only explanation is that the ignition system is spacially closer to the UFO's field than your central nervous system is. So the electrons slow down, the car stops, but the slight difference in distance between your eye-brain system and the starter allows you to observe all of this going on.

It's a complicated theory, and I regret to admit I'm not a physicist either.

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## Re: Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 17:17:26 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 22:41:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 12:03:04 +0100  
>From: Marc Bell <[marc@wufog.freemove.co.uk](mailto:marc@wufog.freemove.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>I remembering hearing in 1971 about experiments >carried out on  
>Apollo 14, which were conducted into a study of whether cosmic  
>rays that penetrate the optic nerves being responsible for the  
>'alleged' optical flashes astronauts had been experiencing.

<snip>

Interestingly, and probably unrelatedly, George Adamski reported a very similar, if not identical, phenomenon after one of his alleged saucer rides. This is often cited as evidence that Adamski's claims weren't all baloney.

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 17:24:15 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 22:43:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 01:14:53 -0400  
>From: Rob Lockhart <[Rob.Lockhart@yahoo.com](mailto:Rob.Lockhart@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>Wouldn't the slowing of electrons also cause slowing >of  
>neurons (or neuron pathways, albeit electro-chemical, if  
>you're slowing down time, everything in the vicinity must be  
>slowed down)? Thus, you may not even know what was happening  
>around you except that you may feel disoriented (assuming some  
>part of you doesn't slow down).

<snip>

My guess is that time would indeed slow everything down  
(relatively, of course!), not just electrical components. This  
raises the possibility that we may pass in and out of macroscale  
time warps more often than we care to think about: we'd never  
know it unless we were really paying attention to the time.

Others, of course, would notice if you were being affected by a  
time 'slow-down' - to them, it would look like you would be  
moving very slowly, how slowly depending on the intensity of the  
gravitational field.

The 'Davenport Effect' might very well be the cause for the  
"missing time" we hear so much about.

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## 'Hot Balls' Update

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:12:34 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 06:29:03 -0400  
Subject: 'Hot Balls' Update

Thanks to researcher Todd Lemire for informing of this report

Metal Balls Fall on South Africa  
May 2, 2000  
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - For a while, it seemed as if some strange meteorological phenomenon was hitting South Africa.

A metal ball fell from the sky Thursday onto a farm near Worcester, 45 miles east of Cape Town, leaving an 8-inch dent in the ground. On Friday, another ball a yard wide plummeted from the sky onto a farm in Durbanville, just outside Cape Town.

"We heard the sound of crackling thunder, yet there were no clouds," said Philip Schew, a tenant farmer near Worcester.

NASA scientists said the balls were garbage from a Delta rocket launched in 1996. The balls had been expected to land somewhere in southern Africa.

Nick Johnson, who is in charge of orbital debris for NASA, said space garbage re-enters the Earth's atmosphere almost every day, landing mostly in the ocean.

"Although no one had been hurt by these objects in the last 40 years, the U.S. government would compensate anyone who is struck by the objects," Johnson was quoted as telling South Africa's 702 radio station.

End of article

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## 'Roswell' TV series

From: Perry Mick <[perrym@teleport.com](mailto:perrym@teleport.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:11:37 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 08:57:24 -0400  
Subject: 'Roswell' TV series

Does anyone watch the Roswell series on TV? I found it ironic that one of the advertising sponsors of last night's show was the US Air Force.

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: **Bob Thrift - Institute for UFO Research** <[iufor@frii.com](mailto:iufor@frii.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 20:26:41 -0600  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:00:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 10:54:33 -0500  
>From: Joel Henry <[jhenry@visi.com](mailto:jhenry@visi.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:50:42 -0300  
>>From: Donald [LedgerDledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:LedgerDledger@ns.sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Hi Larry,

>>Sorry, I was away for 2 days. The blowby bugs me too. And like  
>>you say anything strong enough to lock up the block has to act  
>>on the rest of the car-at least the metal parts. You would think  
>>that audio tapes would be erased or badly damaged. What about  
>>Paul Hill's forcefield motivation? What could a force field do.  
>>What the hell is a force field anyway-other than say that of a  
>>magnetic force field?

>You guys obviously don't know how a car works. Lets start with  
>the basics:

<basics snipped>

>Now, if the UFO comes around, it's intense magnetic field  
>saturates the ignition coil so no flyback effect and no spark -  
>the engine dies. When the UFO leaves, the huge magnetic field it  
>produced suddenly collapses, causing a massive flyback effect in  
>the ignition coil and probably able to arc thru all the  
>distributor contacts to all the cylinders and spark plugs. At  
>his point probably 2 cylinders are in the condition of having  
>some fuel in them, with valves closed so the massive spark will  
>set them off forcing a weaker than usual explosion in the  
>cylinder (due to low compression), but enough to turn over the  
>engine so (being in the "on" state) it will start up and  
>continue to run as the rest of the cylinders begin to function  
>normally.

>This explains the re-starting effect. If the magnetic field is  
>great enough, it could burn out the electrical system (which has  
>been known to happen in some cases). No major rocket science  
>here.

So... you're saying that in cases where the UFO leaves  
s-l-o-w-l-y (no sudden field collapse thus no spark), the car  
should never re-start?

As we know, the cylinders contain, not "fuel" - exactly - but  
rather a finely dispersed mix of fuel and air which gives it  
explosive properties. Left to itself, this mixture should, I  
imagine, re-condense rather quickly and separate into liquid  
fuel and plain old air, neither of which is explosive on its  
own.

The mix only has to hold together for around .050 sec. or so in  
a running engine. The stability of the explosive mixture would  
put a time limit on how long the engine could be off and still  
re-start. What's your guess on this time limit? A couple of

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minutes?

Regards,

Bob

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## Major New Formation in Tennessee

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 20:29:37 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:14:36 -0400  
Subject: Major New Formation in Tennessee

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MAJOR NEW CROP FORMATION IN TENNESSEE, USA

Thanks to Nancy Talbott of the BLT Research Team

<http://www.bltresearch.net>

for this important report. Further updates when available. The first German formation of 2000 has also just been reported, on May 1. Details pending, see the FGK web site:

<http://www.fgk.org>

Hi all... just got off phone with witness to huge crop circle which occurred near Milan, Tennessee (about mid-way between Memphis & Nashville). Very interesting story.

In a field of winter-wheat immediately across from her front door, a very long (perhaps 1/4 to 1/2 mile long) pictogram occurred on the Sunday night, April 23-24, probably about 3 am.

Witness's 10-year-old daughter and a "sleep-over" friend were awakened at about 3 am by a "weird" humming noise; there were no windows in the room they were sleeping in so it is not known whether there was light phenomena associated. A family dog, which had been sleeping on the mother's bed, also barked around this time.

At about 7 am Monday morning, upon opening the front door to let the dog out, the mother saw the huge crop formation in the field opposite her front door. She and a step-son went into the field briefly and noted somewhere around 10 circles and associated pathways, at least one circle that was ringed, another circle that had occurred around an electricity pole in the middle of the field.

They did not explore the whole formation because there are many snakes in this field, including copperheads and water moccasins (both of which are poisonous) -- anybody thinking of visiting this site be sure to wear high boots.

After exiting the field both the mother and step-son noted "pain" in their legs, up to the knees; both have also felt "light-headed" and unusually fatigued all of this week since being in the circle field.

The mother contacted a local crop-duster, who is apparently also

interested in crop circles, and he stated that there were other crop circles "all over the place" in this area. In fact, the mother states that there is another small circle in a field immediately behind her mobile home which occurred the same night as the larger one in front of her house.

No aerial photos have yet been taken, but I've alerted other interested parties in the area who will try to get some, particularly since the crop duster is apparently willing to take people up to get shots.

It is also of interest to note that the phones did not work the morning the crop circles were discovered and repairmen from the phone company had to come out to work on the lines. Also, the family's computer would not work that morning.

The mother also reports that some of the downed crop was already yellow on the first day after the formation was found. Also, the mother had noted about a week previously that there was dead cow lying in a driveway about 1/2 mile from her home (which is in a very rural area) -- and that there seemed to be very peculiar cuts on this animal.

In addition, the mother reported a very peculiar incident that had happened to her when she was 15 or 16 years old, living in Selmer, TN with her mother, 2 sisters and a brother.

She related this story to me stating that it had "nothing to do with the crop circle," but I am not so sure: on the night of this incident she and her mother and sisters and brother were all awakened in their home at about 2 am by a strange "beeping" noise directly over their house; then, in sync with the beeping sound, a beam of light came down through their ceiling, on and off, for 10 to 15 minutes. The whole family was terrified and afraid to go outside and look up.

The next morning she was found to have massive bruises all over her legs which could not be accounted for. That same day a young boy who lived nearby came to visit her & told her, without knowing about the family's experience, that a relative of his who had been out "spooning" that night nearby had seen a number of "aliens" which had so frightened him that he'd driven the whole way home with all 4 car-doors open and flying about.

I spoke with this woman at length and, perhaps if I hadn't also spoken with hundreds of other people over the last 10 years who have reported crop circles in their fields or near where they lived, and heard the incredible stories so very many of them tell, I might not be so inclined to believe her. But I have no reason at all to doubt this particular lady. She is going to try to contact the owner of the dead cow and find out more about whatever that's all about; she's only lived in this area for about a year and doesn't know too many people--and the people she has told about the crop circle are, by and large, inclined to think she's making it up or being silly. I sincerely don't think so, although I don't know how to understand this series of events... but overall what she told me tonight is in line with what I've been hearing from farmers, ranchers and others.

Thought I should pass this stuff along, because it sounds to me as if it's for real... and, thus, impacts all of us.

Nancy Talbott  
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## Re: STS-75 UFO Video

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 23:54:15 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:22:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-75 UFO Video

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 18:56:10 -0400  
>From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
>Subject: Re: STS-75 UFO Video  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 04:23:29 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: STS-75 UFO Video  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 00:56:54 -0400  
>>>From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
>>>Subject: STS-75 UFO Video  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Several things struck me while I watched the STS-75 video on the  
>>>last TV UFO special ("Real Evidence" or some such) narrated by  
>>>Johnathan Frakes.

><snip>

>>As a nearly perfect nobody, with no formal education in trick  
>>photography, physics, swamp gas or swan poop, and not even a  
>>smigeon of pigeon poop... what you wrote makes sense to me.

>Cheeses Chim! That's twice this year I made sense and you were  
>there when it happened, both times! I heard new Ginko enriched  
>Gripple (Gripple-inko?) would improve my mental performance but  
>this is truly amazing!

>R.G.

>>But wait, there's more. Not only do your opines appear to make  
>>sense, they also make me very nearly ticked off at you for  
>>stating them. I much prefer to have believed in the images as  
>>being "them" and not dust motes or ice particles. It's so much  
>>more exciting and romantic, in'it?

>Sorry but your parade passed between me and the restroom and I  
>really had to go. But hey! I could be wrong. Right?

><snip>

>>Rick, you are either not a researcher or merely being sensible.  
>>You cannot be both at the same time. Come on ... 'fess up.

>Searcher perhaps but not researcher per se. 'sounds a little  
>redundant, rhythmic even... more Gripple please. :)

>R.G.

>BTW: the mazda's really just a rusty old '91 pickup but it'll  
>still do 130km./hr. with a good tailwind... still interested?  
>Didn't think so. :)

Dear Rick, Errol and all,

Twice? Can't remember. One of the problems we here at the  
Gripple Center for Mundane Matters has is memory. Since we try

each product out ourselves, we tend to forget a lot. Something to do with electrons slowing down or brain cells getting all gooey and stuff. But then, I am not a physics cyst.

If my good fiend Errol Bruce-Knapp would permit, I seek a dual turbo in good condition, unlike me. They don't sell them here no more. The Clintons banned it because it made kids smoke and go postal. It seems that wherever this car is sold and driven, people carry guns and shoot other people. It's terrible. But I worked a deal with the President. That is after speaking with her husband first. I told them I would put ignition locks on all my Mazda dual turbos and they will allow me to own one. I just can't drive it unless I am in my cups.

We solved all these problems by the simple expediency of providing the president (Hillary) with Cohibas. If anyone out there owns one (a dula turbo, not a Cohiba, they're illegal here unless you are a willing intern) and is wishes to sell it, call me. My contact info is on Jeff Rense's site. Just click on "Advertise on the Radio with Jeff Rense."

I offered do the same for EBK, but he has so many advertisers that he beats them off with sticks and stones. And his rates, God help us, who but wealthy UFO/'Abduction Researchers can afford them.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 23:58:38 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:24:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 01:46:56 -0700  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

<snip>

>All this color rectification has my head spinning a  
>bit. Perhaps we will have to wait until an actual human  
>lands on Mars. [ For heavens sake lets be sure he or  
>she isn't color-blind! ]

<snip>

Hi Larry, EBK and List,

Until we get a decent camera on the surface or we send someone  
to have a look, JPL and HUBBLE will have there dialogue.

My money's on HUBBLE at the moment.

The strange spin off from this thread is the observation:

"JPL and Mars don't seem like each other".

Who said JPL doesn't "load" the data? That's the Problem, if  
Larry and I wanted to get to Mars and have a look at "that sky"  
- what system would we need to use to measure it - Metric or  
Imperial?

<http://www.the-times.co.uk/news/pages/tim/99/12/07/timfgnusa01005.html?999>

[REF: Mars Swallows Invaders - NASA Swallows Pride  
In A Most Dreadful Year 7-Dec-1999]

The way things are going at present, Larry and I would end up as  
'surface body parts' if we hooked a ride on a Mars bound  
traveller.

What's is the current total Mars Space craft 'Body Count' or  
should I say "Collateral Damage"

Still interesting.

Thanks Larry

Regards to List

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Director PRA Research

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Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 20:57:44 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:27:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 17:32:53 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Hello, all Bruce, Jenny.

>>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 17:51:32 +0100  
>>From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>When someone in his or her car has an experience, the engine  
>>>invariably shuts down, lights go out, radios (transmit and/or  
>>>receivers) shut down. Invariably they come back on after the  
>>>event is over. I've read that the " ... engine suddenly starts  
>>>back up ..."

>><snip>

>>Yes. In fact I have certainly always asked witnesses if the car  
>>restarted on its own as it is crucial to understanding the  
>>physical energies involved. Clearly, IMO, these cases point  
>>towards a physically real phenomenon not imagination or fantasy  
>>at work. Thats why I have been so interested in them during  
>>recent years.

>>In only a couple of the car stop cases I have studied have the  
>>witnesses insisted that they tried the starter and it failed  
>>several times, but after the UFO departed the engine and lights  
>>returned to life without any action being taken by the driver.  
>>Most often it starts on the first attempt to turn the engine  
>>over after the departure of the UFO. In other words - normally -  
>>but after a spell of inhibition.

Honestly, I hope you hold nothing against me, Jenny and Bruce,  
but there is one word in Bruce's reply that brings back fond  
memories of Brit Sportscars-Triumph.

>In a case I investigated in 1971 a young lady reported her car  
>as she drove along a rural road (actually a long driveway  
>to her house) when there was a light over the car.  
>It was a small sports car (Triumph, I think).

>The radio had been on and it stopped playing. Also the  
>headlights went out. She rolled down the window and stuck her  
>head out to look up to see what was making the light from above.  
>She was startled to see a circular object not far above the car.

Not doubting her story in the slightest, the extra Photons from  
the light could have been the exacerbating problem- for the  
already overloaded electrical system (like running the headlights  
for more than, say an hour) of said Triumph it could have been  
the last straw. Note: I didn't say electrons, that would have  
fried the whole electircal system at that point.-Hmm, maybe it  
did.

>Frantically he turned the starter switch but nothing happened.

>Then suddenly the object moved away and she was able to start the  
>car. The lights came on. The radio did not. The radio had to be  
>repaired before it would work.

Again, I do not doubt the story, but this is typical for Triumph  
owners even without the close encounter- the fuse buss was  
protected by the Radio (or in my own case the wiring harness)

>I did not get to the case until long after the radio had been  
>repaired. The guy who fixed it said he simply changed  
>transistors one after the other until the radio worked again.  
>Unfortunately he did not keep track of which transistor had  
>blown out.

>If he had we might have obtained som useful information on which  
>circuits in the radio were (apparently) overloaded with current.

>(I am assuming that the transistor failure was because of high  
>current and not a result of a huge "dose" of ionizing radiation  
>since the witnesses reported no effects of a huge burst of such  
>radiation.)

High curret or mis-directed current (horn honks on right turn,  
back up lights on when left turn signal initiated) this is life  
when you have to deal with Mr. Lucas (Father of Darkness)

Now I must say that I have enjoyed British Sportscars, I still  
like to see the old TR-6, Spitfire, MGA-B et.al. (Oh, yeah  
Morgans too) on the road along with may others. But, that  
infuruating electrical system.

GT McCoy

Morris Garages Addict.

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## Re: What's Up There?

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 00:04:09 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:29:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: What's Up There?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 09:37:34 -0400  
>From: Terry Blanton <[commengr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commengr@bellsouth.net)>  
>Subject: Re: What's Up There?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 03:12:42 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: What's Up There?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>While this may be a curiosity or merely something about which I  
>>am completely unfamiliar, I suggest looking at this picture  
>>taken by SOHO, of a solar ejection mass which took place on the  
>>30th of April. This time sequenced video shows a number of  
>>interesting images along with the solar ejection. Several  
>>meteors are visible streaking across the sky and what looks very  
>>much like a planet, although I know not which one, is also  
>>visible in the left center of the film. It is moving slowly  
>>towards the sun. All these objects are moving in straight  
>>lines, as they are supposed to be doing.

>>However the most interesting object appears in the upper right  
>>quadrant and loops in towards the sun in an arc, then loops out  
>>into the lower right quadrant.

>>Anyone have any ideas as to what it may be? Just curious I am.  
>>However I am not aware of any objects, even man made, that move  
>>quickly in an arc as this thing does.

>>Hoping for a simple explanation on the one hand, and no  
>>explanation on the other. The latter being more interesting  
>>than the former, as everyone loves a mystery.

>Most of the transient objects are comets. The large object is  
>Jupiter. Remember, the planets are coming into alignment on May  
>5th? End of the world, etc.

>One really interesting object does not appear in the  
>spaceweather.com animation. For that one, go to:

><http://www.cyberspaceorbit.com/>

>and follow the links on the "torpedo", a large "projectile"  
>which seems to strike the sun right where a CME occurs.

>Sky and Telescope magazine has an article on the planetary  
>alignment which implies that we might actually see some activity  
>result. Although, it would not be volcanoes and tidal waves;  
>but, a distortion of the body of the sun. Who knows what \*that\*  
>could do! See:

><http://www.skyandtelescope.com/news/special/whypanic.html>

>Don't worry -- be happy -- guzzle gripple!!

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### Mystery light Has Grayville, Illinois, On Alert

From: **Todd Lemire** <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 05:12:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:32:47 -0400  
Subject: Mystery light Has Grayville, Illinois, On Alert

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By KEVIN KINNAIRD, Courier & Press staff writer (812) 464-7594 or  
[kkinn@evansville.net](mailto:kkinn@evansville.net)

GRAYVILLE, Ill. - Not since the mysterious crop circles - or the time Bigfoot's suspected tracks were discovered in Helm Bottoms - has Grayville had to deal with such an unexplainable oddity.

Grayville now has its latest unusual news: Witnesses reportedly spotted an unidentified flying object around 9 p.m. Tuesday in the skies above the city - the second time in less than a week for such a sighting.

Steve Hartsock, a newspaper reporter turned advertising manager for The Navigator & Journal-Register in Albion, Ill., said he heard a police officer dispatched to a home where two women said they spotted a UFO while unloading furniture into a shed.

Ever the reporter, Hartsock said he grabbed a digital camera and zoomed to the scene with hopes of catching a glimpse of the suspected spacecraft.

"He's pretty good with a camera, and he took off in hot pursuit toward the house," said Patrick Seil, editor and publisher of the paper in Albion.

As he arrived on the scene, Hartsock said the two women were standing in the front yard of the home with a police officer.

"They were watching this light which appeared to change from blue to red to green, and disappear toward the western horizon," Hartsock said.

Neither the two women nor the officer could be reached for comment Sunday.

Mount Vernon, Ind., resident Francis Ridge, an amateur astronomer and authorized field investigator with the Center for UFO Studies, said Sunday he was unaware of the incident.

Grayville Mayor Joe Bisch, who described the unusual events as town "gossip", said the officer who spotted the alleged spacecraft also saw a meteor blazing through the Southern Illinois sky exactly a week earlier.

In the fall of 1996, unexplained crop circles were reported on a farm northwest of Grayville.

Months later, in mid-April 1997, numerous Grayville residents reported seeing strange crafts flying above their homes.

Those craft were later determined to be C-130 transport planes, and as many as six helicopters from a U.S. Army training mission based out of Fort Campbell, Ky.

As for the Bigfoot speculation in the 1970s, Hartsock said: "No one actually believed it of course, but there was that rumor."

[http://www.courierpress.com:80/cgi-bin/view.cgi?200005/01+light050100\\_news.html+20000501](http://www.courierpress.com:80/cgi-bin/view.cgi?200005/01+light050100_news.html+20000501)

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

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"The reason why the flying-saucer mystery has been-to put it mildly-so exasperating, lies in the fact that we are all blind men, nor can we hope to meet a sighted traveler who can help us. But perhaps it is the beginning of knowledge to recognize our blindness."

Aime' Michel - "Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery"

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## Re: 'Hot Balls' Update

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 04:02:12 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:36:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Hot Balls' Update

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:12:34 -0400  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>Subject: 'Hot Balls' Update  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Metal Balls Fall on South Africa  
>May 2, 2000  
>The Associated Press

<snip>

>Nick Johnson, who is in charge of orbital debris for NASA, said  
>space garbage re-enters the Earth's atmosphere almost every day,  
>landing mostly in the ocean.

>"Although no one had been hurt by these objects in the last 40  
>years, the U.S. government would compensate anyone who is struck  
>by the objects," Johnson was quoted as telling South Africa's  
>702 radio station.

How do you compensate somebody struck by a piece of space junk?  
There might not be enough left of the victim to even identify  
the remains.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: Joel Henry <[jhenry@visi.com](mailto:jhenry@visi.com)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 09:05:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 16:13:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 20:26:41 -0600  
>From: Bob Thrift - Institute for UFO Research <[iufor@frii.com](mailto:iufor@frii.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 10:54:33 -0500  
>>From: Joel Henry <[jhenry@visi.com](mailto:jhenry@visi.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Sun, 30 Apr 2000 22:50:42 -0300  
>>>From: Donald [Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:Ledgerdledger@ns.sympatico.ca)  
>>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Hi Larry,

>>>Sorry, I was away for 2 days. The blow by bugs me too. And like  
>>>you say anything strong enough to lock up the block has to act  
>>>on the rest of the car-at late the metal parts. You would think  
>>>that audio tapes would be erased or badly damaged. What about  
>>>Paul Hill's forcefield motivation? What could a force field do.  
>>>What the hell is a force field anyway-other than say that of a  
>>>magnetic force field?

>>You guys obviously don't know how a car works. Lets start with  
>>the basics:

><basics snipped>

>>Now, if the UFO comes around, it's intense magnetic field  
>>saturates the ignition coil so no fly-back effect and no spark -  
>>the engine dies. When the UFO leaves, the huge magnetic field it  
>>produced suddenly collapses, causing a massive fly-back effect in  
>>the ignition coil and probably able to arc thru all the  
>>distributor contacts to all the cylinders and spark plugs. At  
>>his point probably 2 cylinders are in the condition of having  
>>some fuel in them, with valves closed so the massive spark will  
>>set them off forcing a weaker than usual explosion in the  
>>cylinder (due to low compression), but enough to turn over the  
>>engine so (being in the "on" state) it will start up and  
>>continue to run as the rest of the cylinders begin to function  
>>normally.

>>This explains the re-starting effect. If the magnetic field is  
>>great enough, it could burn out the electrical system (which has  
>>been known to happen in some cases). No major rocket science  
>>here.

>>So... you're saying that in cases where the UFO leaves  
>>s-l-o-w-l-y (no sudden field collapse thus no spark), the car  
>>should never re-start?

It's not the leaving, but the turning off of the magnetic field  
no longer needed to keep the car immobile that triggers the  
reaction. I believe it is done on purpose, not just a byproduct  
of UFO proximity, or all cars within a given distance of all  
legit UFO's would die. This is simply not the case.

>As we know, the cylinders contain, not "fuel" - exactly - but  
>rather a finely dispersed mix of fuel and air which gives it  
>explosive properties. Left to itself, this mixture should, I  
>imagine, re-condense rather quickly and separate into liquid  
>fuel and plain old air, neither of which is explosive on its  
>own.

Gasoline is highly volatile even with a minimum of air. You get the most bang for your buck with fully dispersed fuel and a compressed cylinder full of air mixed together (for efficiencies and pollution's sake), but even the little left over in a cylinder is still a powerfully explosive amount. We're not talking pulling a car up an incline in gear here, only just enough to rotate the crank enough for it to catch (as the starter would). An engine in poor shape or of sufficiently different design would not allow this, but most cases involve older "simpler" cars that fit the bill. I don't recall any cases where the car was still "in gear". With an automatic, the decoupling of the transmission due to no rotation should be just enough to allow a couple of crank rotations before it loads up again. Most people with sticks put them in neutral as soon as the engine dies so they can restart.

>The mix only has to hold together for around .050 sec. or so in  
>a running engine. The stability of the explosive mixture would  
>put a time limit on how long the engine could be off and still  
>re-start. What's your guess on this time limit? A couple of  
>minutes?

Your theory works only from the standpoint of an engine producing power to move, not just to rotate the crank enough to re-start. I've owned many older cars with big engines and cabs and I guarantee you when they are cold, there is no well mixed fuel/air for at least 5 min. and it still runs. You are talking maximum efficiency and power generation, which is not required here. If your theory were true, all the old cars (model T, A, etc.) would never have run at all.

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From: **GT McCoy** <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 08:00:45 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 16:16:22 -0400  
Subject: I Think This A Meteor But...

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Another curious item; no debris trail which is unusual for something entering the atmosphere. Also even though the object was low enough, i.e. producing a vapor trail, no sonic-boom, or noise of any kind.

Anyway any thoughts on this would be appreciated, I will turn this over to NUFROC also.

GT McCoy

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From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 11:13:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 16:18:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: What's Up There?

>Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 00:04:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
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I certainly see it; but, can't explain the dynamics of its motion from a single angle. And this isn't the first anomalous object I have seen from SOHO. You can really have a great time looking at all the debris flying around the sun at the "official" SOHO site:

[http://lasco-www.nrl.navy.mil/daily\\_mpg/](http://lasco-www.nrl.navy.mil/daily_mpg/)

Until I started viewing these and other images from SOHO I had no idea how much trash there is up there.

Incidentally, in the latest images you can see Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury approaching that fateful alignment. Just how close will they come to exact alignment? Quoting from:

[http://www.skyandtelescope.com/news/special/may5\\_2000.html](http://www.skyandtelescope.com/news/special/may5_2000.html)

"The long graph above shows our results throughout the last four centuries, and the inset is a magnified view of the years 1999-2000. Notice that the planetary alignment of May 2000 is quite apparent and produces the greatest tidal stress on the Sun during the two-year period. But we find that the peak actually occurs not on May 5th but on May 9th, when both Mercury and Venus have moved closer to superior conjunction with the Sun. By the time the five naked-eye planets (not counting the Moon) attain their own minimum spread of 19.5 degrees on May 17th, the tidal stress is already subsiding."

Hmmmm, 19.5 degrees... now where have I seen that number before?

Terry

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## Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 11:27:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 16:22:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 23:58:38 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: John W. Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Does Mars Have A Blue Sky?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>What's is the current total Mars Space craft 'Body Count' or  
>should I say "Collateral Damage"

We have a worse batting average than most pitchers. See:

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

Terry

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## My Dream For Richard Hoagland

From: **Ron Cecchini** <[Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM](mailto:Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 14:34:34 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 16:26:51 -0400  
Subject: My Dream For Richard Hoagland

After hearing Hoagland going on & on again on Mike Siegel last night, all I can think is:

Wouldn't it be great if NASA would spend a bit of money to create the guy his own little Mars capsule so that he could go visit "Cydonia" up close & in person?

"I'm seeing a pattern here ... yes, it's a 68 degree angle on this rock... 68 degree angles can't possibly occur naturally... See! What have I been telling you? Here is irrefutable evidence that there was intelligent life on Mars!"

I'd add the snide remark to make the trip one way, but I suspect ol' Richard wouldn't even wanna get come back home.

(after all, he'd be home -- "We are the Martians.")

I dunno... I'd chip in to ship the guy off.

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Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 21:04:58 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 23:09:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: I Think This A Meteor But...

>Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 08:00:45 -0700  
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HI GT,

Sounds like an evil plot, by the evil government, using a  
classified air breathing vehicle, to dispense an evil chem  
trail. :)

In reality it does sound like a meteor, but it probably wouldn't  
hurt to pass it on to Peter Davenport.

Cheers,  
Robert

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## Re: 'Roswell' TV series

From: **Jenny Randles** <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 22:28:58 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 23:06:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Roswell' TV series

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:11:37 -0700  
>From: Perry Mick <[perrym@teleport.com](mailto:perrym@teleport.com)>  
>Subject: 'Roswell' TV series  
>To: UFO Updates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Does anyone watch the Roswell series on TV? I found it ironic  
>that one of the advertising sponsors of last night's show was  
>the US Air Force.

Hi,

Yes, I love the show.

Its screened in the UK as 'Roswell High' (not sure why the title has been changed) (it makes for an awkward jarring when they start each episode with 'Previously...' and do a very rough edit by hacking out the words '...on Roswell')

UK episodes run about six weeks behind the US.

I started watching after the producers called last summer and asked permission to use 'The complete book of UFOs' in one shot. I expected to pan the show but got hooked.

Sky (Fox, in the US) make a big thing of it here as a mainstay of Thursday nights - although I do hear whispers it is in danger of being axed in the US.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 23:45:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 00:06:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 19:52:18 +0100  
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From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 00:40:41 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:07:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

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Hello all:

It doesn't take much juice to blow away a transistor.

Sounds like late 60s or early 70s vintage, when people still  
replaced them in radios! Those were even more fragile in terms  
of over-voltage or current.

If the innards were literally 'blown-apart' or 'fried', now that  
takes a fair amount of energy!

Best

- Larry Hatch

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From: Neil Morris <[neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:40:49 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:12:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 20:26:41 -0600  
>From: Bob Thrift - Institute for UFO Research <[iufor@frii.com](mailto:iufor@frii.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>So... you're saying that in cases where the UFO leaves  
>s-l-o-w-l-y (no sudden field collapse thus no spark), the car  
>should never re-start?

>As we know, the cylinders contain, not "fuel" - exactly - but  
>rather a finely dispersed mix of fuel and air which gives it  
>explosive properties. Left to itself, this mixture should, I  
>imagine, re-condense rather quickly and separate into liquid  
>fuel and plain old air, neither of which is explosive on its  
>own.

>The mix only has to hold together for around .050 sec. or so in  
>a running engine. The stability of the explosive mixture would  
>put a time limit on how long the engine could be off and still  
>re-start. What's your guess on this time limit? A couple of  
>minutes?

All,

I've dipped in and out of this thread so apologies if this has  
already been addressed.

Have any researchers who have encountered a number of these  
cases noted whether the same range of effects are found in  
both petrol\_and\_diesel-powered vehicles?, as diesel engines  
don't have an ignition system. They also have a far higher  
compression ratio and would need a heck more "oomph" to get  
them re-started.

Just a couple of thoughts.

Neil

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## Re: STS-75 UFO Video

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 03 May 2000 23:46:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 15:59:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: STS-75 UFO Video

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 00:56:54 -0400  
>From: Rick Goldsmith <[rgoldsm@synapse.net](mailto:rgoldsm@synapse.net)>  
>>Subject: STS-75 UFO Video  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Referring to the Best UFO Videos 2 Show last Thursday  
Rick wrote:

<snip>

>There was one highlight to the show. Bruce Maccabee's hair is  
>once more grown past his ears and fast approaching his  
>shoulders, just like a respectable haircut should. 'had me  
>worried :)

I wasn't planning to comment on what he wrote, but now I must in  
order to justify my long hair!

>Several things struck me while I watched the STS-75 video on the  
>last TV UFO special ("Real Evidence" or some such) narrated by  
>Johnathan Frakes.

>The objects floating about did not really appear to react to or  
>interact in any way with the tether even though the voice-over  
>would lead one to believe the contrary. I had the impression of  
>>small particles floating about in the foreground with the tether  
>far behind. The foreground objects are actually too small to see  
>but are reflecting light and completely out of focus, as I would  
>suspect the tether was the object of interest. Think of dust  
>motes you see floating in the air when bright sunlight shines  
>through a crack in a curtain... and squint.

I agree.

>The fact that the largest object appears to pass behind the  
>tether is just a trick of the light. The tether is glowing  
>brightly, as the fuzzy smear of light from the foreground speck  
>passes in front, it is obscured by the brighter object in the  
>background only to reappear on the other side after passing  
>through that crucial line of sight between the camera and the  
>tether. I have observed similiar effects with my quickcam.  
>Somewhat mediocre analogy: If you hold a match up to an intense  
>light you don't see the flame so much as the bright light behind  
>it. The foreground object can actually appear to pass behind the  
>background object. Believe it or not!

I agree.

>Finally, the pulsing or strobing observed in the large  
>foreground smear may be due to a flashing indicator light on the  
>camera ( batt. low ? ) face or a similiar device on the shuttle  
>console.

More likely a tiny particle with variable reflectivity that was  
rotating in th sunlight.

For a similar situation of images of tiny reflective particles  
that appear in flash photos go to:

[http://members.xoom.com/\\_XMCM/cornetbr1/orb\\_critic.htm](http://members.xoom.com/_XMCM/cornetbr1/orb_critic.htm)

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <[brianc@fc.net](mailto:brianc@fc.net)>  
Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:40:28 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 16:08:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:40:49 +0100  
>From: Neil Morris <[neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
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From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 14:29:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 May 2000 03:40:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:40:28 -0500 (CDT)  
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[brianc@fc.net](mailto:brianc@fc.net)>  
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Hello Brian and Neil:

1) There have been cases where diesel engines stopped, but these are rare at best. More often where both are present, the gasoline engine stops, the diesel keeps idling.

2) Brian is referring to the 06NOV67 case on a section of the A338 highway ( now B3347 ) between Avon and Sopley, Hampshire, England. The diesel truck had its lights fail, so he pulled over ( voluntarily ) to a stop. It was around 0230 hrs and dark. The lorry driver saw a 15-foot ovoid move slowly across the road. It made a hum like a refrigerator, and gave off a smell like a drill boring thru wood!

Then it sped up and away. Before the ovoid departed, a Jaguar car came from the opposite direction as the truck. Its lights failed also, and its engine stopped, unlike the truck.

There were marks on the road and the roadside. A police report was made, and an MOD man interviewed both witnesses.

The next day, people were seen examining the site with instruments. A bulldozer was leveling the ground. Another man was repainting a telephone booth there.

Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

The following week, the lorry driver noted that the same entire 200 foot section of the road had been repaved.

Sources: APRO Bulletin, Nov.1967. MUFON Journal #235. Tim Good: Above Top Secret, pg.64

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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Hi,

I did post a message to this debate the other day about the  
difference in cases where diesel powered vehicles are involved.

I am sure it is in the UpDates archives.

The sighting referred to in the above message is a bit different  
from the summary given (it was certainly not on a motorway and  
the press accounts were not accurate). It occurred on 5 November  
1967 and has been widely regarded as a leading UK close  
encounter.

However....

UFOIN (remember us?) have been re-investigating this case in  
great detail with significant developments and much new data.  
Indeed we had a meeting to debate all the findings in Manchester  
(ironically - as its where Neil Morris works) only last month.

We would certainly be grateful for Neil's input if he is willing  
to help this study.

UFOIN will say more on this when we have finalised this complex  
research which Paul Fuller and Andy Roberts, in particular, are  
pulling together right now.

But I would suggest that you not form too many conclusions on  
anything you have read before about this famous case.

Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

Best wishes,  
Jenny Randles

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From: **Mark Cashman** <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 18:40:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 May 2000 04:06:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:40:49 +0100  
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Hi, Neil!

Diesel engines typically are not halted in vehicle interference cases. In one case a car and a truck were near a UFO, and the car was halted and the truck kept running.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
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## Vatican Theologian Agrees With Sitchin's Findings?

From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 21:53:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 May 2000 04:21:25 -0400  
Subject: Vatican Theologian Agrees With Sitchin's Findings?

To: M-TRAC - MSAA List <[cydonia@egroups.com](mailto:cydonia@egroups.com)>  
From: Brian Zinkle <[bzinkle@mwt.net](mailto:bzinkle@mwt.net)>  
Date: Thu, 4 May 2000 03:53:33 -0500  
Subject: [cydonia] Vatican Theologian Agrees With Sitchin's Findings?

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From: Roger <[roger67@mindspring.com](mailto:roger67@mindspring.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2000 2:23 PM  
To: UFOLIST  
Subject: NUFOIA: Vatican Theologian Agrees With Sitchin's Findings?

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From: Hilary A. Thomas <[standingrock@pagosa.net](mailto:standingrock@pagosa.net)>  
To: InTheShadows <[InTheShadows@egroups.com](mailto:InTheShadows@egroups.com)>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2000 10:16 AM  
Subject: [InTheShadows] Vatican Theologian Agrees With Sitchin's Findings?

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Sitchin And Vatican Theologian Discuss UFOs, Extraterrestrials, Angels, Creation Of Man

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Dialogue in Bellaria

In what must be a historic first, a high official of the Vatican and a Hebrew scholar discussed the issue of Extraterrestrials and the Creation of Man, and though different from each other in upbringing, background, religion and methodology, nevertheless arrived at common conclusions:

- \* Yes, Extraterrestrials can and do exist on other planets
- \* Yes, they can be more advanced than us
- \* Yes, materially, Man could have been fashioned from a pre-existing sentient being.

### The Participants

The high Vatican official was Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Catholic theologian with impressive credentials: A member of the Curia of the Roman Catholic Church, a Prelate of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the Propagation of the Faith, leading exorcist of the Archdiocese of Rome, a member of the Vatican's Beatification Committee, an expert on Demonology and the author of several books. Appointed in the Vatican to deal with the issue of UFOs and Extraterrestrials, he has made in recent years pronouncements indicating a tolerance of the subjects; but he has never before met and had a dialogue with a Hebrew scholar, and gone beyond

prescribed formulations to include the touchy issue of the Creation of Man.

The Hebrew scholar was me -- Zecharia Sitchin: A researcher of ancient civilizations, a biblical archaeologist, a descendant of Abraham.

The Monsignor and I almost met for such a dialogue last December, but it did not come about. This time we were scheduled to meet in Bellaria, Italy, at a conference whose theme was "The Mystery of Human Existence." I arrived there with my wife and a score of fans from the USA, on March 31st, scheduled to address the audience of over a thousand the next day. The Monsignor was nowhere in sight; but he was there the next morning to hear my presentation. "I drove the whole night from Rome to hear you," he said.

#### Sitchin's Presentation

My talk, ably translated by my Italian editor Tuvia Fogel, included a slide presentation that added a pictorial dimension to the evidence from ancient times in support of Sumerian texts, on which my eight books based the following conclusions:

We are not alone -- not just in the vast universe, but in our own solar system; There is one more planet in our solar system, orbiting beyond Pluto but nearing Earth periodically; Advanced "Extraterrestrials" -- the Sumerians called them Anunnaki, the Bible Nefilim -- started to visit our planet some 450,000 years ago; And, some 300,000 years ago, they engaged in genetic engineering to upgrade Earth's hominids and fashion Homo sapiens, the Adam. In that, they acted as Emissaries for the Universal Creator -- God.

#### The Dialogue

"We have much to talk about," Msgr. Balducci said to me as he came forward to congratulate me on my presentation; "I have great esteem for your scholarship," he said.

We returned to the hotel for lunch. Our table was surrounded in a semi-circle by my American fans, intent on not missing a word of the forthcoming dialogue. In the hours-long session, Msgr. Balducci outlined the positions he was going to state, from a prepared text, in his talk the next day. While my approach was based on physical evidence, his was a purely Roman Catholic theological-philosophical one, seeking the spiritual aspects. Yet, our conclusions converged.

#### Msgr. Balducci's Positions

ON UFOs. "There must be something in it." The hundreds and thousands of eyewitness reports leave no room for denying that there is a measure of truth in them, even allowing for optical illusions, atmospheric phenomena and so on. As a Catholic theologian such witnessing cannot be dismissed. "Witnessing is one way of transmitting truth, and in the case of the Christian religion, we are talking about a Divine Revelation in which witnessing is crucial to the credibility of our faith."

ON LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS: "That life may exist on other planets is certainly possible... The Bible does not rule out that possibility. On the basis of scripture and on the basis of our knowledge of God's omnipotence, His wisdom being limitless, we must affirm that life on other planets is possible." Moreover, this is not only possible, but also credible and even probable. "Cardinal Nicolo Cusano (1401-1464) wrote that there is not a single star in the sky about which we can rule out the existence of life, even if different from ours."

ON INTELLIGENT EXTRATERRESTRIALS: "When I talk about Extraterrestrials, we must think of beings who are like us -- more probably, beings more advanced than us, in that their nature is an association of a material part and a spiritual part, a body and a soul, although in different proportions than human beings on Earth." Angels are beings who are purely spiritual, devoid of bodies, while we are made up of spirit and matter but still at a low level. "It is entirely credible that in the enormous distance between Angels and humans, there could be found some middle stage, that is beings with a body like ours

but more elevated spiritually. If such intelligent beings really exist on other planets, only science will be able to prove; but in spite of what some people think, we would be in a position to reconcile their existence with the Redemption that Christ has brought us."

#### The Anunnaki and the Creation of Man

Well then, I asked Msgr. Balducci, does it mean that my presentation was no great revelation to you? We appear to agree, I said, that more advanced extraterrestrials can exist, and I use science to evidence their coming to Earth ...I then quote the Sumerian texts that say that the Anunnaki ("Those who from heaven to Earth came") genetically improved an existing being on Earth to create the being that the Bible calls Adam.

My conclusion regarding your presentation, Msgr. Balducci answered, is that more than anything else your whole approach is based on physical evidence, it concerns itself with matter, not with spirit. This is an important distinction, "because if this distinction is made, I can bring up the view of the great theologian, Professor Father Marakoff, who is still alive and is greatly respected by the Church. He formulated the hypothesis that when God created Man and put the soul into him, perhaps what is meant is not that Man was created from mud or lime, but from something pre-existing, even from a sentient being capable of feeling and perception. So the idea of taking a pre-man or hominid and creating someone who is aware of himself is something that Christianity is coming around to. The key is the distinction between the material body and the soul granted by God."

From Anunnaki to God

Yes, I responded to the Vatican theologian, in my writings I deal with the physical evidence; but already in my first book (The 12th Planet), the very last sentence of the last paragraph raises the question: If the Extraterrestrials "created" us, who created them on their planet?

From this my own thinking and the contents of my subsequent books evolved toward the spiritual or "divine" aspects. The Anunnaki, I have explained, were just emissaries (and that is what the Hebrew word Malachim, translated Angels, means). They thought that it was their decision to come here for selfish reasons and to fashion us because they needed workers; but in truth they only carried out the Almighty God's wishes and plans.

If such Extraterrestrials were so involved, Msgr. Balducci said, even by your own interpretation they had to do with Man's physics, body and rationality: but God alone had to do with the Soul!

My second book, that deals with Man's aspiration to ascend the heavens, is titled The Stairway to Heaven, I told Msgr, Balducci, "it seems to me that we are ascending the same stairway to heaven, though from different steps," I said.

We ended the dialogue as friends, determined to stay in touch and continue.

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## Re: My Dream For Richard Hoagland

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>From: Ron Cecchini <[Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM](mailto:Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM)>  
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>After hearing Hoagland going on & on again on Mike Siegel  
>last night, all I can think is:

>Wouldn't it be great if NASA would spend a bit of money  
>to create the guy his own little Mars capsule so that he  
>could go visit "Cydonia" up close & in person?

If he got back we would suffer with how NASA (part of the giant evil conspiracy to hide life on Mars) in fact sent him to a planet on the other side of the universe that looked like Mars but wasn't because the face/pyramid didn't match absolutely with his theories and notions, so there for it wasn't Mars.

Actually I am still waiting for his apology for spreading dung from his so called top-drawer, never wrong, never told a lie in their life, intelligence community/government sources who were unloading the tale about how the ET's were going to land on the mountain top in Arizona last December. Nothing happened and he rationalized it away as being an under ground event. When nothing came of that, he moved on to the next latest/greatest theory/alignment/mars photo conspiracy.

Of course we won't talk about Hoagland's government informants who were claiming that the Mars rover was not going to land on July 4th but on July 21st or some such dung. In fact it landed as scheduled on the 4th.

Gee, when I start talking about Hoaglands theoris/information/sources the word dung keeps coming up....

Hmm I wonder if their is a pattern here, and how the pattern aligns with the pyramids in Egypt.....

>"I'm seeing a pattern here ... yes, it's a 68 degree angle on  
>this rock... 68 degree angles can't possibly occur  
>naturally... See! What have I been telling you? Here is  
>irrefutable evidence that there was intelligent life on  
>Mars!"

People that look for patterns in everything could find patterns in everything from cow dung to how an iceberg floats in the ocean. How about a little pattern fiction theory for a moment to illustrate. Lets see, the Rock that hit the wind shield came in at a 45 degree angle and the glass cracked in every angle/direction except for 88 degrees, and this happened when such and such a constellation was in a 78 degree angles, so this is living proof the rock was under intelligent control.

>I'd add the snide remark to make the trip one way, but I suspect  
>ol' Richard wouldn't even wanna get come back home.

>(after all, he'd be home -- "We are the Martians.")

>I dunno... I'd chip in to ship the guy off.

You could look at him as having great entertainment value.  
Besides he always seems to have a new angle on everything.:)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

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Prediction for May 7 Imaging Opportunity

by Mac Tonnies,  
The Cydonian Imperative

The Mars Global Surveyor will be in a position to re-photograph the Face on Mars from directly above on May 7. A vigorous online petition demanding MSSS to reimage this perplexing formation, coupled with MSSS' recent release of two years worth of 'missing' Cydonia photographs, indicates a level of interest in the Face Malin has been remiss in divulging to the public. Thus there's a significant chance that the image will be taken and publically released.

But what will it tell us?

The new image (if taken and released, as hoped) will not likely 'prove' either side of the Cydonia debate. The ever-vigilant Mark Carlotto has simulated what the Face will look like to the MGS: much like last time, unfortunately, with the sun shining from below and giving the feature the 'Halloween-effect' that so disconcerted Cydonia researches in 1998. However, the deceiving camera angle (that JPL exploited in their tragically warped "orthorectification" of the 1998 Face image) does not appear to be a factor.

Being a frontal shot, we can expect the Face to reveal its mysteries by itself, without the bungled computer 'enhancement' that killed mainstream media interest in the Face two years ago. Hopefully we can ascertain a great deal more of the Face's bisymmetry; the right half has always been the most difficult to make out, both on the existing MGS image as well as both Viking photos. In the latter cases, this was due to the steepness of the sun-angle. Sun-angle will still play a significant role, but the MGS's hugely better resolution should be able to compensate for much of this. This does not mean that the May 7 photo opportunity represents ideal conditions for a proper scientific assessment of the Face. But it should provide more useful data than the 1998 image (assuming clear Martian skies).

The media:

If the image is indeed taken and disseminated online, NASA will make sure the image is handled as condescendingly as possible with the mainstream press. As the 1998 press debacle demonstrated, this is easy to do when the facial features in question are thrown into unfamiliar lighting conditions. I predict NASA/MSSS will exploit the new picture's general similarity to the 1998 image as "proof" that the Face is in truth not a face. Most journalists have been conditioned to accept whatever NASA says at "face" value, and I sincerely doubt if any of them are aware of the topological and morphological analyses (i.e. Carlotto, Kynthia) that confirm the Face's anthropomorphism. So don't expect a major change of public attitude when some nameless JPL 'expert' laughingly dismisses the new Face photo to the Associated Press.



[an illustrated version of this article can be found at the  
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Nick Pope's Weird World (APRIL ISSUE)  
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Welcome to April's column, bringing you the latest news, the most current views and the hottest gossip from the world of UFOs and the paranormal.

### Believers And Sceptics

Just because I support the idea that some UFOs are extraterrestrial doesn't make this a column for believers only. Those of you who are regular readers will know that I often publicise theories that run counter to my own beliefs, and that I try to give this column balance. Where sceptical research is solid or interesting it's as likely to be featured here as anything pushed by those who support the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. Similarly, believers won't get an easy ride just because I'm a believer too. If they put forward ludicrous claims I'll say so, calling it how I see it. I've been accused of knocking the sceptics, but again, those who have followed this column for a while will know I've knocked more than a few believers. Like most serious ufologists I welcome good research and innovative ideas whoever puts it forward. If sceptics think I'm being hard on them, it's probably because I think they've moved from scepticism into something more destructive. As the latest Whitehall soundbite reminds us:

"Scepticism is healthy; cynicism is corrosive."

### Did Meteors Bring Life To Earth?

The idea that life on Earth was seeded by organic material brought here by comets is not new, but has been given a recent boost by new research done by scientists from the University of Berkeley. Scientists have long been interested in the so-called "Cambrian explosion" - a period in the Earth's history around 500 million years ago when there was a sudden and spectacular diversification of animal life. New analysis of lunar soil suggests that this period coincided with a time when the moon (and by implication, the Earth) was being hit by increased numbers of comets and meteors. Coincidence? Possibly. But then again, it certainly seems that there might be a connection. Recently there has been much talk of the threat posed to humanity by comets and meteors. How ironic it would be if the thing that we fear could bring about the end of the human race had played a major part in its creation.

### Ball Lightning

Some ufologists believe that ball lightning might explain some of the more mysterious UFO sightings to have occurred over the years. Others point out that the scientific establishment is not corporately convinced that ball lightning exists, and have argued that one shouldn't try to explain one mystery by citing another mystery as the cause. New research might breathe new life into this old debate. John Abrahamson and James Dinniss are

chemical engineers at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. In a recent article in the prestigious scientific journal Nature, they suggest that ball lightning might be caused by an ordinary lightning strike. Their theory is that silicon in the ground might liquefy as a result of a lightning strike, and gain enough energy to rise into the air. It's hoped that this new theory might now be tested in a laboratory. That's more difficult than it sounds, but if ball lightning could be created in a laboratory environment, this would be a major step forward.

#### The Ghost Orchid

I've been sent some bizarre material that should be of interest to all those with an interest in the paranormal. The Ghost Orchid is a CD devoted to what's known in paranormal circles as Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP). This arises when disembodied voices spontaneously appear on tape. What on earth is going on? Messages from aliens or the spirit world, or accidental recordings of radio broadcasts? Heartless hoaxes or a window on another dimension? Now you can decide for yourself as the best of this material is brought together, together with commentary and theories from the experts. The Ghost Orchid is available from all good record shops. Check out [www.touch.demon.co.uk/ashrip.htm](http://www.touch.demon.co.uk/ashrip.htm) for further details.

#### When The Gods came Down

Just published by Hodder and Stoughton at £20 is Alan Alford's latest book, When The Gods Came Down. It's not yet been received for review, but should be of interest to all those intrigued by mysteries of the past and theories about human origins. Move over, von Daniken.

#### Tracking The Beast Of Bodmin

Are there really pumas, panthers and other big cats roaming around the English countryside? The Beast of Exmoor · the Surrey Puma · the Beast of Bodmin. These names have entered the popular culture, and have filled many column inches in the local and national press over recent years. Step forward the Royal Air Force, who have just finished a surveillance operation designed to see if the Beast of Bodmin really exists. 2625 Royal Auxiliary Air Force Squadron were on night exercise over the weekend of 18/19 March and were asked to keep a look out for the beast. Nothing was seen, despite the use of night vision goggles, thermal imagers and other sophisticated surveillance equipment. The truth, it seems, is still out there - somewhere.

#### NASA UFO Footage

I'm not going to repeat the story at length, as it's been told many times and in many places over the last few weeks. But there are new video tapes doing the rounds that show what are alleged to be downlinks from NASA's own shuttle footage. And guess what you can see on the films? Are they alien spacecraft, ice crystals or something entirely new? The current (March/April 2000) edition of UFO Magazine carries this as its lead story. Samples can be viewed at [www.ufomag.co.uk](http://www.ufomag.co.uk) and a 90 minute video tape can be ordered from the same website. Check it out.

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### Rudloe Revelations

The underground facility at Corsham in Wiltshire - part of what used to be RAF Rudloe Manor - has frequently been linked to secret UFO work, ever since hints that Rudloe Manor had such a role emerged in Timothy Good's 1987 book, *Above Top Secret*. I'm not a believer in these claims, but for all those with an interest in the site a revealing insight into the underground facility was given in the 17 March issue of *RAF News* (an unclassified publication available to the public and sold at larger newsagents). The article is illustrated with photographs, giving a rare glimpse of some of the many tunnels and rooms that make up this impressive site. For those unable to get hold of this back issue, further information on the Corsham site can be found in Mark Quedest's article in issue 11 of *The Unopened Files* and in Nicholas McCamley's book *Secret Underground Cities*, which is published by Leo Cooper.

### Double Whammy

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### Goodbye And Good Luck

Ufologists on the Internet can hardly have missed the announcement that radio show host Art Bell announced that he'll be signing off for good on 26 April. Over the last few years Art Bell has championed ufology, and has interviewed some of the top figures in ufology, making all the tapes available through his website. For legal reasons I'm taking the decision not to go into the accusations and counter accusations that have gone on, but will simply direct people to [www.artbell.com](http://www.artbell.com) where they can see his announcement for themselves, and check out some of the other data. Whatever happens, ufologists will miss Art Bell, and will doubtless wish to see him back again before too long. But if that's not to be, goodbye, good luck, and thanks for your commitment to ufology.

### Area 51 Exists - Just Ask The Russians

I'm sure everyone saw the Russian satellite photographs of the facility popularly known as Area 51, which have been widely publicised on the Internet and - in the third week of April - in many of the national newspapers. But for those of you who

haven't, and who want to, now is the time to call up your favourite search engine, key in 'Area 51', and see what happens. Enjoy.

#### The X Factor

Following on from the above story, issue 86 of the excellent Marshall Cavendish partwork magazine The X Factor featured an interview with David Adair, who claims to have worked at Area 51. The interview covers subjects such as the alleged back-engineering of alien vehicles, and is worth a look if Area 51 is your thing. E-mail [xfactor@btinternet.com](mailto:xfactor@btinternet.com) for details of how to get hold of this magazine. The video David Adair at Area 51 is available from Free Spirit Productions. I don't have contact details for them, but try an Internet search if you want to find out more.

#### New Roswell Witness

The UFO UpDates Archive web site is one of the best sources of information about breaking news in the weird and wonderful world of ufology (although as with many sites, pretty much anyone can post, as long as it isn't offensive, so it can be difficult sorting out the wheat from the chaff). It really is worth a browse, and I can't believe that ufologists reading this will be unaware of it. But just in case, it comes highly recommended. And as it's only a short leap from Area 51 to Roswell, I thought I should point you in the direction of a post from Ed Gehrman, that appeared on UFO UpDates on 31 March (look through their list of previous posts), concerning a new witness to the Roswell crash. Check it out: <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/>

#### New Abduction Book

Jenny Randle's The Complete Book of Aliens & Abductions was released in paperback on 27 April, and is published by Piatkus Books at £10.99. It's a good introduction to the subject of alien abductions for those new to the subject, and accordingly, my endorsement appears on the back cover (we're all friends in ufology really!). Check out [www.piatkus.co.uk](http://www.piatkus.co.uk) for details of this and other interesting titles on ufology and the paranormal.

#### A Mars A Day

I've not yet seen Brian De Palma's new movie Mission To Mars, but I do plan on going, despite some less than generous reviews. The film stars Tim Robbins, Connie Nielsen and Gary Sinise, and the dénouement should please those with an interest in the so-called Face on Mars, and those who believe that intelligent life once existed on the Mars. This is obviously a popular subject at the moment, because the film Red Planet will be released late in 2000. Try an Internet search for details of this yet to be released movie.

#### Start Spreading The News

I'll be going to New York for the Year 2000 UFO Abduction Conference, held on 6 May at the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadow. I'll be sharing the platform with the likes of Budd Hopkins and John Mack, and will be writing about my trip for the next edition of UFO Magazine. Check out [www.IntrudersFoundation.org](http://www.IntrudersFoundation.org) for further details of both the conference and the group behind it.

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Ufologists on the Internet can hardly have missed the announcement that radio show host Art Bell announced that he'll be signing off for good on 26 April. Over the last few years Art Bell has championed ufology, and has interviewed some of the top figures in ufology, making all the tapes available through his website. For legal reasons I'm taking the decision not to go into the accusations and counter accusations that have gone on, but will simply direct people to [www.artbell.com](http://www.artbell.com) where they can see his announcement for themselves, and check out some of the other data. Whatever happens, ufologists will miss Art Bell, and will doubtless wish to see him back again before too long. But if that's not to be, goodbye, good luck, and thanks for your commitment to ufology.

### Area 51 Exists - Just Ask The Russians

I'm sure everyone saw the Russian satellite photographs of the facility popularly known as Area 51, which have been widely publicised on the Internet and - in the third week of April - in many of the national newspapers. But for those of you who



haven't, and who want to, now is the time to call up your favourite search engine, key in 'Area 51', and see what happens. Enjoy.

#### The X Factor

Following on from the above story, issue 86 of the excellent Marshall Cavendish partwork magazine The X Factor featured an interview with David Adair, who claims to have worked at Area 51. The interview covers subjects such as the alleged back-engineering of alien vehicles, and is worth a look if Area 51 is your thing. E-mail [xfactor@btinternet.com](mailto:xfactor@btinternet.com) for details of how to get hold of this magazine. The video David Adair at Area 51 is available from Free Spirit Productions. I don't have contact details for them, but try an Internet search if you want to find out more.

#### New Roswell Witness

The UFO UpDates Archive web site is one of the best sources of information about breaking news in the weird and wonderful world of ufology (although as with many sites, pretty much anyone can post, as long as it isn't offensive, so it can be difficult sorting out the wheat from the chaff). It really is worth a browse, and I can't believe that ufologists reading this will be unaware of it. But just in case, it comes highly recommended. And as it's only a short leap from Area 51 to Roswell, I thought I should point you in the direction of a post from Ed Gehrman, that appeared on UFO UpDates on 31 March (look through their list of previous posts), concerning a new witness to the Roswell crash. Check it out: <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/>

#### New Abduction Book

Jenny Randle's The Complete Book of Aliens & Abductions was released in paperback on 27 April, and is published by Piatkus Books at £10.99. It's a good introduction to the subject of alien abductions for those new to the subject, and accordingly, my endorsement appears on the back cover (we're all friends in ufology really!). Check out [www.piatkus.co.uk](http://www.piatkus.co.uk) for details of this and other interesting titles on ufology and the paranormal.

#### A Mars A Day

I've not yet seen Brian De Palma's new movie Mission To Mars, but I do plan on going, despite some less than generous reviews. The film stars Tim Robbins, Connie Nielsen and Gary Sinise, and the dénouement should please those with an interest in the so-called Face on Mars, and those who believe that intelligent life once existed on the Mars. This is obviously a popular subject at the moment, because the film Red Planet will be released late in 2000. Try an Internet search for details of this yet to be released movie.

#### Start Spreading The News

I'll be going to New York for the Year 2000 UFO Abduction Conference, held on 6 May at the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadow. I'll be sharing the platform with the likes of Budd Hopkins and John Mack, and will be writing about my trip for the next edition of UFO Magazine. Check out [www.IntrudersFoundation.org](http://www.IntrudersFoundation.org) for further details of both the conference and the group behind it.

Nick Pope  
London  
May 2000

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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## NUFORA UK Conference June 2000

From: Carolyn Buckley <[cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com](mailto:cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 16:26:17 +0000 (GMT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 12:46:44 -0400  
Subject: NUFORA UK Conference June 2000

Hi Everyone,

NUFORA are pleased to announce the Different View of Reality Conference at the Patten Arms Hotel, Warrington, Cheshire, UK, on 10th June 2000.

For further details, please check out the following website URL:  
<http://www.angelfire.com/sd/NUFORA/dvrc.html>

Carolyn Buckley  
General Secretary  
NUFORA

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 11:46:29 -0800  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 00:01:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 18:40:45 -0400  
>From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 09:40:49 +0100  
>>From: Neil Morris <[neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk](mailto:neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Have any researchers who have encountered a number of these  
>>cases noted whether the same range of effects are found in  
>>both petrol \_and\_ diesel-powered vehicles?, as diesel engines  
>>don't have an ignition system. They also have a far higher  
>>compression ratio and would need a heck more "oomph" to get  
>>them re-started.

>Hi, Neil!

>Diesel engines typically are not halted in vehicle interference  
>cases. In one case a car and a truck were near a UFO, and the  
>car was halted and the truck kept running.

Neil & Mark,

Besides not having an ignition system, many diesels use a mechanical fuel pump (the fuel pump is connected to the crank in some manner). After these diesels are started, they'll keep chugging along until they run out of fuel. Electrical interference shouldn't be a problem. But cars with diesel engines might stall because many use electric fuel pumps. Once stalled, it's doubtful they would restart by themselves. I agree with Neil; it would take some "oomph" to get them running again.

Ed

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## Re: NUFORA UK Conference June 2000

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 17:38:39 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 00:10:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: NUFORA UK Conference June 2000

>Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 16:26:17 +0000 (GMT)  
>From: Carolyn Buckley <[cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com](mailto:cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com)>  
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Dear Carolyn:

I regret that I cannot attend. I do however have a four-pack of Tetley's English Ale, among other things, and shall be with you in spirits.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 23:32:56 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 00:17:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

>Date: Thu, 04 May 2000 22:42:03 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image  
>To: Ufo UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Prediction for May 7 Imaging Opportunity

>by Mac Tonnies,  
>The Cydonian Imperative

>The Mars Global Surveyor will be in a position to re-photograph  
>the Face on Mars from directly above on May 7. A vigorous online  
>petition demanding MSSS to reimage this perplexing formation,  
>coupled with MSSS' recent release of two years worth of  
>'missing' Cydonia photographs, indicates a level of interest in  
>the Face Malin has been remiss in divulging to the public. Thus  
>there's a significant chance that the image will be taken and  
>publically released.

>But what will it tell us?

>The new image (if taken and released, as hoped) will not likely  
>'prove' either side of the Cydonia debate. The ever-vigilant

Here is my prediction, the photos will be released (eventually)  
and will not show a face on Mars but will show a rock formation  
that with the right sun angle and a photo release from a low  
resolution camera (20 years ago or whenever the original was  
taken) appears to be a face.

Truly that won't matter in the slightest. Even if a whole bunch  
of "perfect" photos (shot from every conceivable angle of  
course) of that part of Mars were released and they did not show  
the face that the supporters suppose is in fact there, they will  
then have all sorts of rationalizations as to why the photos  
were retouched by the evil conspiracy, why NASA is hiding the  
truth, why insiders are censoring information and the debate  
will go on for years.

Naturally if the photos aren't instantly released to Mars Face  
supporters this will be further fodder to the evil government  
conspiracy theory.

So the debate will go on, and on, and on until another space  
craft does a photo fly by and shoots another set of photos.

I truly hope I am wrong, but suspect not.

Cheers,

Robert

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From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 23:08:40 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 07:35:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

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>rationalizations as to why the photos were retouched by the  
>evil conspiracy, why NASA is hiding the truth, why insiders  
>are censoring information and the debate will go on for  
>years.

Robert,

I am increasingly annoyed by this cheap avenue of attack. Please specify where in any of my Cydonia updates/editorials have I insinuated that NASA is "doctoring" the "evidence." Certainly one can argue that there are those who will never be satisfied. I'm not concerned with them. My interest in Cydonia is one of purely scientific and intellectual interest; my attitude is shared by SPSR (Scientists for Planetary SETI Research) who have collectively shown that the "Face" on Mars is indeed an enigma worth investigating at high resolution.

And when are the so-called "skeptics" going to dispense with the demonstrated fiction that the Face formation is a trick of lighting? I refer you to Mark Carlotto's "The Martian Enigmas," which goes into painstaking detail about the procedures used to demonstrate that the Face remains facelike at virtually any lighting angle. The MGS results are in keeping with his predictions, as illustrated in the animated GIF posted on my website: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>.

>Naturally if the photos aren't instantly released to Mars  
>Face supporters this will be further fodder to the evil  
>government conspiracy theory.

If photos aren't released, I'll naturally interpret this as a blow to researchers who want to get to the bottom of this very real mystery. Again, where have I accused anyone of hiding anything? Rhetoric like your letter do as much to hinder intelligent debate re. Cydonia as the unsubstantiated ravings of "true believers." (I agree with you that there are plenty of "true believers" out there. But interest in Cydonia apparently makes one guilty by association with these individuals. This is certainly not a healthy situation, and it's most definitely not a scientific one.)

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## Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 06:41:23 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 07:37:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?

>Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 11:46:29 -0800  
>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Vehicle Shutdown?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

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>mechanical fuel pump (the fuel pump is connected to the crank in  
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>chugging along until they run out of fuel. Electrical  
>interference shouldn't be a problem. But cars with diesel  
>engines might stall because many use electric fuel pumps. Once  
>stalled, it's doubtful they would restart by themselves. I agree  
>with Neil; it would take some "oomph" to get them running  
>again.

In addition, many diesel automobiles have a solenoid in the fuel line that is designed to close automatically if power is cut off. I drove a small diesel VW Rabbit for a while and became stranded by this "feature" when I thought I could make it to the next gas station for repairs while on a trip.

Steve

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## Re: Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 07:42:37 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 08:31:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?

Oz & ASIA DATA RESEARCH  
Phenomena Research Australia

>Date: Tue, 02 May 2000 12:03:04 +0100  
>From: Marc Bell <[marc@wufog.freemove.co.uk](mailto:marc@wufog.freemove.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Apollo 14 Cosmic Ray Experiment?

MARC ASKED:

>Is there any information available on the following.

>I remembering hearing in 1971 about experiments carried  
>out on Apollo 14, which were conducted into a study of  
>whether cosmic rays that penetrate the optic nerves  
>being responsible for the 'alleged' optical flashes  
>astronauts had been experiencing.

>Especially as what is talked about today is often  
>referred to as 'optical flashes'.

>Was this a cover story for UFO sightings for  
>astronauts, or one in the waiting just in case?

<snip>

Hi Marc, EBK and Researchers,

This may be a bit late, however, I noticed that Marc's question had not received an answer. The "ILU BUG - that ended the earth" and may I say, they now think has come from Oz, designed by a German exchange student - strange days indeed, EBK - has distracted everyone, so I hope this will help Marc get back on track?

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The current technical name for this type of 'optical flashes' is "Phosphenes".

The 1971 experiments did take place, and on Apollo 14.

There was no cover-up from what I know (?), as there are a number of reports and papers on the experiment on our data base files and around the Australia.

The general thrust of the papers/research was on safety investigations to determine realistic human tolerance levels for extended missions and to evaluate the need to provide special spacecraft shielding.

As I have said on other forum, "cosmic rays (CR)" are very "Nasty" things that do not mix well with electronics and humans. They crash into things. They are heavy, high-energy particles. Cosmic rays (CR) love to smash things.

Energies of cosmic-ray particles are measured in units of giga-electronvolts (billion electron volts, GeV) per proton or neutron in the nucleus. The distribution of proton energies of

cosmic rays peaks at 0.3 GeV, corresponding to a velocity two-thirds that of light; it falls towards higher energies, although particles up to 1011 GeV have been detected indirectly, through the showers of secondary particles created when they collide with atmospheric nuclei. About 1 electron volt of energy per cubic centimetre of space is invested in cosmic rays in our galaxy, on average.

Therefore, the human brain & eye are NOT compatible to the "Nasty" Cosmic Rays. The damage they can do is horrific. Back to the papers!

PAPERS:

The best 3 papers on the Apollo 14 research are:

[1]. Title: "Observations of cosmic ray induced phosphenes"  
Journal: Proc. of the Natl. Symp. on Nat. and Manmade Radiation in Space.  
Authors: Chapman, P. K. (MSC)  
Pinsky, L. S. (MSC)  
Benson, R. E. (MSC)  
Budinger, T. F. (Calif. Univ.)  
  
(MSC) = NASA Manned Spacecraft Center  
  
Page: 1002-1006  
Pub: Jan 01, 1972.  
Doc ID: 19720010081 N  
or (72N17731)  
or N72-17601 08-22

[2] Title: "Vision in space"  
Journal: Medecine Aeronautique et Spatiale  
Authors: Chevaleraud, J. P.  
From the - Ecole d'Application du Service de Sante pour l'Armee de l'Air.  
Page: vol. 19 , 4th Quarter, p261-264.  
In French(!)  
Pub: Dec 01, 1980  
Doc ID: ?

The best NASA paper is :

[3] Title: "Special technical services for investigation of light flash phenomena"  
Journal: NASA Paper?  
Authors: ?  
Page: 1-15  
Pub: Mar 01, 1973  
Doc ID: NASA-CR-128866  
E-mail: [help@sti.nasa.gov](mailto:help@sti.nasa.gov)

ABSTRACT [3]:

"Details are presented of an investigation aimed at an explanation of the phenomenon of light flashes observed by Apollo crew members. The various theories considered include: penetration of the eye by cosmic particles resulting in retinal stimulation; production of phosphenes or sensations of light through ionization or excitation; appearance of heavily ionized single tracks misinterpreted as light flashes; Cerenkov radiation; and direct excitation of neural tissue by penetrating cosmic rays. It is concluded that the latter two theories are the likeliest mechanisms for the development of a definitive explanation".

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All are very good starting points for your research. If you follow the references the "data field" will open up for you.

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If you're very brave, you can experience the effect. This was done by Russians! Either Brave or mad men & women?

That experiment was written up in a paper called:

[4] Title: "Visual sensations evoked by single  
electrons and muons"  
Journal: Akademiia Nauk SSSR, Doklady  
Authors: Arodzero, A. A.  
Gramenitskii, P. V.  
Fetisov, I. N.  
  
All from the - Moskovskoe Vysshee  
Tekhnicheskoe Uchilishche.  
  
Page: vol. 270, no. 3, 1983, p725-727.  
In Russian.  
Pub: Jan 01, 1983  
Doc ID: ISSN 0002-3264

ABSTRACT [4]:

"The limiting capabilities of the human eye to register visual sensations evoked by individual single-charged relativistic particles were investigated and the effectiveness of the human eye as a detector of these particles was evaluated. The experiments utilized cosmic ray particles at a height of 3250 m, where the charged components consist of electrons (65 %), muons (30 %), and protons (4 %).

The experimental apparatus consisted of a scintillation telescope, which recorded the passage of these particles, aligned with the retina of the observers' eyes. The observers, whose vision was adapted to darkness, made a signal each time they perceived a visual sensation in either or both eyes.

Results show that the human eye is capable of registering the passage of individual single-charged relativistic particles with an effectiveness of 1%-8%".

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A bit long, but I hope this will be of some help.

Thanks EBK.

Best regards to all on the list.

John W. Auchettl  
Director  
PRA Research

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From: Kurt Jonach <[ewarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:ewarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 09:35:45 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 13:09:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

>Date: Sat, 06 May 2000 23:08:40 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnie <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
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>which goes into painstaking detail about the procedures used to  
>demonstrate that the Face remains facelike at virtually any  
>lighting angle.

<snip>

Another perennial favorite is the 'Happy Face Crater'. Carlotto quotes McDaniel as saying the Happy Face would be a poor rendering of something that was already a cartoon. To my mind, this is a bad example of an anthropomorphism, yet they keep serving it up as if it were new.

>(I agree with you that there are plenty of  
>"true believers" out there. But interest in Cydonia apparently  
>makes one guilty by association with these individuals. This is  
>certainly not a healthy situation, and it's most definitely not  
>a scientific one.)

And, Mac, there are many on this list who appreciate a good argument, so, you are not wasting your breadth.

-kj

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

From: **Lan Fleming** <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 09:45:30 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 13:12:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

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>>Prediction for May 7 Imaging Opportunity

>Here is my prediction, the photos will be released (eventually)  
>and will not show a face on Mars but will show a rock formation  
>that with the right sun angle and a photo release from a low  
>resolution camera (20 years ago or whenever the original was  
>taken) appears to be a face.

It would be truly surprising if additional MGS images showed no hint of a face in the landform, since the high-resolution image already acquired by MGS in April '98 showed more details that could reasonably be interpreted as facial features than did the Viking images. This despite the poor lighting angle and viewing conditions.

>Naturally if the photos aren't instantly released to Mars Face  
>supporters this will be further fodder to the evil government  
>conspiracy theory.

I'm sure this will fall on deaf ears again, but I'll point out once more that JPL explicitly promised to announce Cydonia imaging opportunities in advance and then post the resulting images on the Internet.

They have flagrantly broken that promise many times over. That and other known JPL deviations from honorable conduct, most notably the phony Catbox "enhancement" they put out to the credulous news media, are perfectly rational grounds for distrusting them.

It's not the images themselves that raise doubts in people's minds about JPL; it's their well-documented pattern of deceptive claims and actions.

It's true that some people tend to accuse JPL of image tampering every time MGS returns a picture that doesn't show exactly what they wanted to see.

It's also true that other people are totally self-blinded to the real abuses of power committed by JPL in its quest to suppress public interest in legitimate scientific questions on the possible artificiality of Cydonia landforms.

Monotonous repetitions of the "conspiracy theory" mantra won't change that fact.

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>worth investigating at high resolution.

Hello, Robert, Mac and all...

I must agree with Mac. While I do not buy into the conspiracy theory that Robert claims is floating in the air, I do believe that NASA has got some 'splainin to do.

Think of it like this:

Main stream science/NASA/SETI maintains that there is no evidence that we've been visited despite the multitude of UFO photos/sightings that turn up every year. When these UFO photos/sightings aren't given serious consideration, we all cry "foul" because mainstream science has once again turned up their collective noses at what might be evidence that warrants further investigation. And make no mistake, here; these UFO photos that we so dearly cling to as evidence, for the most part, aren't any where as provocative as the 'Face' photo is regardless of one's position on the validity of either UFOs or the Face formation. While someone might have faked a UFO photo, no one has the means to go to Mars and fake the 'Face' formation.

To put it simply, the Face photo stirs the imagination and

beckons examination. If it is nothing but a funky pile of rocks, then mainstream science should be eager to prove it just that. On the other hand, delays in photo releases, refusals to carry out promised photographic surveys and "doctoring" of images released to the media do nothing to increase NASA's credibility with anyone, regardless of one's position regarding the Cydonia site.

This is a lot like the whole Santilli saga. Like Santilli, NASA has the means to put this speculation to an end and, in fact, has made empty promises to do so. In all likelihood, it probably is just a funky pile of rocks. But I must agree with Mac that NASA's reluctance to deal with something so provocative only adds fuel to the fire. With NASA continually facing budget cuts and beleaguered with technical failures, could it be that they WANT Mars to remain a mystery to the public? With all the debate surrounding Cydonia, it would certainly go a long way toward sustaining public curiosity and support for more space exploration on the bases that the 'Face' might be real.

A friend of mine that once did research used to say, "We mustn't get results too quickly. If we do, they won't renew the grant!"

Hmmm...

Later,

Roger Evans

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As far as photos are concerned, I think you're absolutely right.  
The Face is an especially interesting challenge because the  
evidence for artificiality can be tested. It's not going  
anywhere and we can photograph it at our leisure and use sound  
science to come to a conclusion - though it's very possible a  
definitive conclusion will have to wait until we land people in  
Cydonia; it's too early to tell.

If we had the wreckage of a known UFO to inspect in a hanger  
somewhere (and who knows?), this would put the UFO question on  
an evidential level with that of the Face on Mars.

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Mac

Don't get your shorts in a knot over this one. I was making a general observation and if you had noticed it generally agreed with you that neither side of the debate will be happy with any results no matter what they are, no matter how perfect the photos, no matter how many times the site is photographed.

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>shared by SPSR (Scientists for Planetary SETI Research) who have  
>collectively shown that the "Face" on Mars is indeed an enigma  
>worth investigating at high resolution.

What about the so called smile face on MARS which could be considered to be greater evidence of intelligent creation than the so called face?

Many years ago I spent time going over aerial photos of the desert south west for a historical project. Looking strictly at the photos we ran across features that looked like man made structures and so on. While we were doing ground investigation we took the opportunity to look at these structures and they were very much naturally created.

>And when are the so-called "skeptics" going to dispense with  
>the demonstrated fiction that the Face formation is a trick of  
>lighting? I refer you to Mark Carlotto's "The Martian Enigmas,"  
>which goes into painstaking detail about the procedures used to  
>demonstrate that the Face remains facelike at virtually any

>lighting angle. The MGS results are in keeping with his  
>predictions, as illustrated in the animated GIF posted on my  
>website: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>.

They are still his interpretation. Like I said earlier if the new photos don't prove his, or anybody else's Mars theory beyond a reasonable doubt, it will be labeled to be part of the evil government conspiracy. After all the believers all know their is a face on Mars, so what's NASA's problem?

As to the release of the photos, plan to wait awhile, as that's the way government works, slow, agonizing, and through contractors.

Cheers,

Robert

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Sean,

How about:

"It's the greatest meeting since Moses spoke to God."

Or:

"They ain't green after all"

Or:

"They look smaller than I thought"

My Last shot:

"Klatu verada niktu... No comprende señor?"

Serge

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## Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview

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Discovery Channel - Canada  
Sunday, April 30th, 2000 - 12:00 Noon  
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[Shermer was booked to help promote the Discovery Channel's series 'Into The Unknown' which aired the week of April 30 - May 5, 2000. --ebk]

Jay Ingram - Host

Dr. Michael Shermer - Director of the Skeptics Society

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Ingram: There's no doubt that many people are willing to believe in things that defy our scientific understanding of the world.

Here today to help us get at the nature of this belief is Dr. Michael Shermer. He's director of the Skeptics Society and publisher of 'Skeptic' magazine.

Hi, Dr. Shermer.

Shermer: Hi.

Ingram: Life after death, ghosts, UFOs, are all these things nonsense?

Shermer: Well, these are experiences that people have, and the question is not whether it's sense or nonsense but whether the experience represents something inside somebody's mind or a misperception by their brain or could actually represent something out in the world. And our opinion, the skeptic's opinion, it's that these things are all phenomenon that can be explained naturally, mostly through psychological principles of deception and self-deception and miss perception.

So I like to say that the experiences people have are real, and most people are very genuine when they tell you they've had these experiences, but what it represents is the question that science needs to address in terms of how we can get at an explanation, and that's what we do.

Ingram: So how do you explain -- let's take a case like alien abductions.....

Shermer: Yeah.

Ingram: An experience that seems to be shared among many people, because then I guess skeptics are forced to argue that whatever's going on in each of the brains of each of those people somehow arrives at a similar experience.

Shermer: Yeah. Well, as I recount in my book 'Why People Believe Weird Things', I've had an alien abduction experience myself. But this one was triggered by 83 hours of sleep deprivation in the middle of a transcontinental bike race, so I was physically stressed, mentally stressed, and yet my abduction experience was very similar to one that matched a television show from the 1960s that I had always watched when I was a kid.

So it's emblematic of how these experiences occur. They're a confabulation of fact and fantasy, of memories, images and iconography from television, movies, books and popular media. So it's a shared cultural experience, but it's still going on inside the mind.

Ingram: So if there's a reasonable non-psychic or, you know, non-alien explanation for some of these phenomena, why then do many people still hang onto the belief that they are real?

Shermer: Because the experience for them is real. I mean, you can tell a schizophrenic until you're blue in the face that the voices are actually inside of his head, but he just doesn't believe you because that's not his experience.

And you can tell alien abductees that it is a hypnogogic hallucination or a loose I had dream or whatever. They're not going to believe you because it doesn't feel like that to them. It's a very strong personal experience.

Ingram: It's intense.

Shermer: Very intense.

Ingram: Do you and the skeptics think it's a bad thing that people harbour these beliefs?

Shermer: Well, on the one hand it's non-judgmental. I mean it's just experiences that people have that we try to explain. They're neither good nor bad. Can they lead to good or bad things? Yeah, indeed. If you look at Heaven's Gate as a mass suicide of 40 people because they believed that aliens were coming in on the mother ship with Comet Hale-Bopp. Now, granted most abductees are not going to kill themselves. I will grant that. But you ask can it be dangerous? Yeah, it can.

Ingram: What about turning that coin around? Is there a danger that, when one is a skeptic and believes firmly there are rational reasons for these various phenomena, that you run the risk of being too closed-minded to the idea of, you know, unsolved mysteries?

Shermer: Okay. Here's the rub. Here's the essential tension we all must decide between being open-minded enough to accept radical new ideas that turn out to be right; after all, we don't want to be old fogies and miss out on some exciting, new, revolutionary ideas, and being so closed-minded -- or I should say being too open-minded that your brains fall out, that you accept anything.

So the essential tension there is between orthodoxy and conservatism and not believing too many wacky ideas, and yet you want to be open-minded enough to accept the good ideas. That's what's difficult to tell. That's why we need science, because science is the best method we have for determining where that balance is.

Ingram: Dr. Shermer, when you look around the world, you see the belief in the supernatural appears in most if not all cultures. It takes different forms obviously. Would that suggest to you that there is some sort of biological-slash-evolutionary reason for these beliefs?

Shermer: Yeah. Actually in my new book called 'How We Believe', I have a whole chapter called 'Requesting The Belief'

Engine'. In it I argue that all cultures throughout history around the world have had some sort of belief in spirits, animism, god/gods, some kind of spirits and entities that exist beyond the 'here and now' in the physical world.

I think this is a byproduct of having a large -- byproduct of having a big frontal cortex here that allows us to fantasise and hallucinate and have these kinds of experiences and imagine that these things are real.

We're also the only species we know of that are aware of our own mortality. Therefore we construct immortality theories, you know, the places where we go after we did. I think it's ingrained. I think it's a part of the fact that we are so capable of thinking and learning, we're also capable of mis-thinking.

Ingram: Now, would you -- we've been talking about some fantastic things like the belief in aliens, but what you've just said suggests that standard old orthodox, organised religion could fall into what you call mis-thinking. Is that right?

Shermer: Of course it does. Heh. I mean we can't have sacred cows and beliefs that we're unwilling to explore simply because they're popular or because people are sensitive about it. We can be nice about it, but the idea of God or gods existing is no different a claim than anything else. I mean ultimately, when you say "God is the creator of the Universe", something like that, that's not a testable scientific claim.

There's really no way to know if God exists or not. But if you argue that God intervenes into the world, interacts with us through prayer and healing or the Shroud of Turin, things like this, things that we can test, we can test them and we have, and they fail the test. And what religion and belief in God has written all over it is social construction. It really looks like something that humans made. It doesn't look like it was something that came from on high, and the fact that we understand how that happens, through social psychology and sociology and anthropology of religion, we know how these things develop, which leads me to believe that these beliefs, like all these others, are existing inside people's minds.

Ingram: Well, thank you very much for this, Dr. Shermer.

Shermer: Thank you.

Ingram: Dr. Michael Shermer is director of the Skeptics Society and author of 'Why People Believe Weird Things' and his latest 'How We Believe, Search For God In An Age Of Science'. He spoke to us from Altameda, California.

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## NASA Reworking Mars Exploration Plans

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NASA Reworking Mars Exploration Plans

NASA's Mars Reports

by

Matthew Fordahl, Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. (May 8, 2000 12:45 a.m. EDT  
<http://www.nandotimes.com>) - After a pair of high-profile Mars mission flops, NASA is rethinking its approach to the Red Planet. The agency is conducting an unprecedented review that includes everything from science and technology to management and bureaucracy.

When the soul-searching is done, officials say they will have reinvented the program that helped doom the \$125 million Mars Climate Orbiter and the \$165 million Polar Lander.

A team of NASA experts, contractors and university leaders is working on recommendations they hope to have ready this summer, said Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science.

"We'll ask them to develop a plan that makes scientific sense, exploration sense, and we're going to apply that against the budget," he said. "The launch dates will fall where they fall."

Climate Orbiter and Polar Lander were part of a grand plan to launch two spacecraft to the Red Planet every 26 months. By the time the program was over in 2008, scientists figured to have Martian soil and rock samples in their labs.

But a software problem led to a premature shutdown of the lander's descent engine, causing it to fall 130 feet to the ground on Dec. 3. The orbiter burned up in the atmosphere Sept. 23 because critical data were not converted to metrics.

Mindful that dumb mistakes are part of human nature, NASA is concentrating on why they were not caught. Too little money, lack of oversight, poor communication and an unfocused agenda all contributed to the failures, officials said.

Some immediate changes were ordered - the indefinite delay in the launch of a lander in 2001 and the appointment of managers at NASA headquarters and Jet Propulsion Laboratory to oversee Mars exploration. Only an orbiter - the Mars Surveyor 2001 - will be launched next year.

Future missions will likely include equipment to sustain communications during critical landing or orbit insertion phases. It was during these radio blackouts that last year's probes vanished, leaving investigators with few clues.

Weiler vowed to change the system so budget reserves are on hand at NASA headquarters as well as the center where the spacecraft is being managed.

During development of the ill-fated probes at JPL, NASA headquarters ordered changes in the spacecraft without providing extra money, said Donna Shirley, former manager of the Mars exploration program at JPL.

Though money was tight from the start, add-ons like cameras and a Russian instrument made resources even more scarce. The result was less testing, analysis and oversight and more reliance on contractor Lockheed Martin Astronautics, which built the spacecraft and made the mistakes that doomed them.

"It was just a death of a thousand cuts," said Shirley, now an assistant dean of engineering at the University of Oklahoma. "At every single one of those points, I would say this is not good. ... At every point, headquarters would say it's just a little thing."

The technological fixes will be easy compared to the cultural shift that some experts believe is necessary for the program to be successful in the era of "faster, better, cheaper" missions.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin said more money will be made available to the program, but there will be no return to the billion-dollar-plus spacecraft of the 1970s and 1980s.

"We're going to make sure they have adequate resources, but we're not going to let the pendulum swing all the way back," he said. "We're going to put the right amount back in."

The overhaul has to start with purpose. It has previously been described as a search for water or life, a test of new technology and a precursor of future manned exploration.

"What I'm asking is the question: Why do we have a Mars program? What is the question we want to answer?" Weiler said. "That's not going to be a 5- to 6-year program. It's going to be a decade-long program."

Firouz Naderi, who was recently appointed manager of JPL's Mars Program Office, said the most important question about Mars is whether the now barren planet supports or ever supported life. Nothing would be more profound than the answer.

"I think we need to better articulate the Mars program as a whole, not as a bunch of separated missions each with limited scientific goals," he said. "It is a very integrated program aimed at a very lofty goal."

Some believe a manned mission should be the ultimate goal, but that raises the difficult question of money, said Bruce Murray, a former JPL director and a planetary scientist at the California Institute of Technology.

"It doesn't cost anything in the near term," he said. "We have to find a way to have a long-term goal that helps guide the near-term steps."

A well-defined agenda also would help limit the scope of the missions to what is possible given the available money.

The redefined Mars quest also could include two programs - one focused on projects proposed by scientists from NASA centers or universities and another on engineering and technology development, said Louis Friedman, executive director of the Planetary Society, a space advocacy group.

The greatest impact of the Polar Lander and Climate Orbiter failures is the loss of time and momentum, said Robert Zubrin, president of the Mars Society, which advocates a manned mission.

"Polar Lander sounds like a lot, except when you realize it's 60 cents for every American. It's like you just put the money in the Coke machine and you didn't get the Coke," he said. "We lost two years, which is a lot more serious than losing 60 cents."

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THE GRAND PLANETARY ALIGNMENT ON MAY 5, 2000, had little or no effect on the Earth despite many dire predictions.

SOLAR ACTIVITY -- Our sun seems to operate in a solar cycle of eleven years when it undergoes a period of activity called the "solar maximum," followed by a period of quiet called the "solar minimum." During the solar maximum, there are many sunspots, solar flares, and coronal mass ejection's, all of which can affect communications and weather here on Earth. This year happens to bring the beginning of the "solar maximum," the point in the sun's eleven-year cycle of activity when sunspots and solar flares are frequent and intense. This activity hits our Earth with increased radiation that can disrupt the functioning of telecommunications, satellites, and power grids. The cycle is expected to peak in the in the next several months, with the possibility of severe solar disruptions lasting for the next five years. It will be interesting to note if this effects UFO activity.

### NEW JERSEY BLUE LIGHTS

WATERFORD/CHISELHURST -- The first witness saw the object over head while traveling west on Route 30 entering Waterford Township on May 3, 2000. The witness saw a tiny bright light in the southeast, which then turned to large brilliant blue electric color and climbed in altitude. It then descended to its original altitude, where it stopped shortly at 3:00 AM. The second witness saw the object slightly before it stopped moving, and noticed a shape change and a very bright blue dove like wide wing inverted. It was moving at high speed toward the northwest and appeared to be approximately 2000 to a possible 3500 feet above ground level. It then slowed rapidly and vanished. Both witnesses agree that the object changed shape and had no trail or tail. No noise was heard and the description of the speed change and color were similar by both witnesses. The car windows were closed. This took place on the return trip from Atlantic City and was reported less than an hour after the incident occurred. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC  
[www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

WARETOWN - A mother reports, "Last week both of my daughters came running downstairs from their bedrooms crying that there was a ball of light floating around their rooms and that it turned into three aliens." I started reading the gospel and tried to calm them. Both girls do not believe in UFO's. They were very upset and told me they will deny it, if I tell anyone.

My ten year old cried for a couple of hours. The older daughter has been complaining of something behind her ear. I can only feel a tiny lump. I also have a tiny lump on my neck. When I start trying to dig it out, I get rightened. My 10 year old gets terrible headaches and does not sleep much because she is

afraid, but she will not discuss it. She explained what the light turned into three little Gray beings. I have told them repeatedly, no one wants to hear this, that if you think there is a ghost or entity, etc., keep on saying, "Jesus is my Savior. I only worship him and no other." I have been reading the Bible and UFO books, the Bible indicates that aliens are really devils in disguise. I still think there is a war among aliens to get control of Earth, because some species are becoming extinct and need our reproductive capabilities. I don't believe that when the Gray's say they are making a new breed of perfect hybrids that their all loving. My children used to listen and pray with me, but now they don't want to touch either subject and God knows I am really giving it my all. Thanks to Mary a possible abductee whose name is withheld for privacy.

Editors Note: This family has been seeing strange lights in the sky and in their home. Several other reports have come from this same area over looking the Bay and Barnegat Light House and the Atlantic Ocean. One interesting facet of the case is that the mother is constantly fatigued. There are many reports that numerous abductees may have the symptoms of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Several recent abduction cases seem tied to this disease whose symptoms are extreme fatigue, where almost all normal tasks of life like cooking, working, shopping become difficult, if not impossible. Many CFS sufferers lose there jobs since they do not have the energy to function. According to Better Nutrition Magazine of April 2000, "Many experts believe that CFS is brought on by chemical imbalances in the body." According to two studies at England's University of Southampton magnesium may be the missing mineral. In the first trial, red blood cell magnesium levels in 20 CFS patients were found to be lower than those in 20 healthy patients, indicating that CFS did indeed involve a shortage of magnesium. In the second, a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of 32 CFS patients, researchers found that weekly injections of magnesium sulphate produced improvement in energy, emotions and pain levels in 80 percent of the patients, while only 3 of the receiving a placebo felt improved. Since magnesium supplements are readily available, ask your doctor about adding a daily dose of 500 mg magnesium glycinate and increasing your calcium intake.

It is quite possible the electrical plasma like lights or the UFOs reported by abductees delete their bodies of the normal supply of these minerals. This whole area of the affects UFOs or plasmas lights have on the human body needs to be thoroughly investigated. Blood tests and consultation with your medical doctor is advised. Many abductees also report paralysis inferring some sort of electrical current or EM may be passing through their body. Studies need to be accomplished to ascertain if this could cause depletion of key minerals such as magnesium and calcium. Abductees report the Grays often look as if they suffer from anemia indicating they may be suffering from radiation poisoning, deficiencies in their immune system. or the lack of key nutrients. I would encourage medical experts t to theorize on the damage that radiation may have done to the Gray's immune system and how abductee's nutrients, bone marrow, blood cells might help alleviate their problems. Further, what damage may light plasmas or UFO propulsion systems do to a UFO witness or abductee?

#### GEORGIA DISC BUZZES A HOME

MARIETTA - Georgia State Director Tom Sheets writes that the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC) in Seattle and MUFON of Georgia began a joint investigation into a close encounter with a brightly lit disc on May 2, 2000. Peter Davenport, the Director at NUFORC, received a call from a credible Marietta Georgia citizen regarding a disc that was observed thru a skylight during the night. NUFORC, already assisting on another joint investigation in Georgia, relayed this information to MUFONGA for follow-up investigation. On May 3, MUFONGA Field Investigator's (FI's) Olivia Newton and Michael Hitt interviewed the witness who was found to by very credible with many years devoted to work in the ministry. She awoke sometime between 3:00 to 5:00 AM and observed a brightly lit disc overhead her home thru her skylight. The disc was gray metallic with a grouping of steady red and white lights on the bottom, something like 'headlights'. As she watched, the craft tipped up to an angle on it's side and revealed that the edge had three



triangular shaped window like structures. These were rotating around in a clockwise direction. Light was also coming through the windows, but was not as bright as the lights on the bottom of the disc. The craft was over the trees that surround the clearing of her home. She also detected a faint whirring sound. As she watched, the craft descended down over her home until it almost completely filled the view from her skylight except for a few inches on one edge. The lights were intensely bright lighting up the area like daylight. The craft then moved over the house away from the skylight toward the northeast. The bright glare from the lights lessening until it was gone. No EM effects were noticed, but the witness indicated that she was so focused on the event, that she felt as if she could not move. Her husband did not awaken during the event. Investigators Newton and Hitt estimate the craft size to be about 25 feet in diameter. The witness has a greed to make a sketch of the craft. Photos were taken of inside and outside the house.

TUCKER - A second case may be related as unknown objects were observed several hours earlier by three witnesses only 20 miles away from Marietta in Tucker, GA. One of the witnesses is MUFONGA Investigator David Brown of Norcross. David reports that he was at the home of his fiancé about 10:15 PM. As his habit, he always glances skyward, and he noticed a bright round object lit with multicolored lights, about the size of a dime at arm's length. Binoculars revealed a nearby second object, but not as profusely lit. The objects moved slowly down behind the trees to the southwest. David felt these were not normal aircraft, helicopters or any type of celestial bodies. He is probing further into this event and having the other witnesses to prepare sketches independent of his own. Investigations continue. Thanks to Tom Sheets, SD-MUFONGA, ISUR Board Member.

#### GEORGIA SIGHTINGS IGNORED BY CONGRESSMAN

Investigator John Thompson writes, "There is a prominent congressman in Georgia who is well aware of the hundreds of UFO sightings that have occurred in Georgia in the last five years. This same congressman has a trusted friend who has seen UFOs and let the congressman know about them in detail. Yet, the congressman seemingly has no interest in UFOs and associated phenomenon. MUFON of Georgia has met with this same congressman and presented copies of UFO investigations done in his district, including one with his close confidant. In an unrelated case, a photo of a UFO and its positive analysis was presented to the congressman. The congressman has acknowledged to MUFON in private that he knows the esteemed retired law-enforcement officer who saw this UFO and supplied the photo to MUFON. This same photo was examined by an off-duty FBI photo analyst who declared it a genuine unknown. It is a hard road UFO investigators must pave. Fifty years of tireless labor still have not lanced the fear of the "giggle factor." Nothing, even trusted and well-respected individuals a congressman acknowledges as his equal, can induce America's political leaders to consider that an unknown alien intelligence is toying with mankind's evolution.

There is no genuine overt interest or displays of "Profiles in Courage" by our congressional representatives regarding UFOs. Instead, the public acknowledgment of UFOs by our elected leaders is so low it has to be wondered if an invasion were announced by, the media if any would have the courage to take immediate action to protect America. Make no mistake about it: "Aliens are here and they are doing more than just 'scooting' around." With no proof that our reality and current technology can decipher, millions of sightings and covert abductions point to a more dangerous and subtle invasion. They appear to be shaping man's destiny and our culture as it suits the alien intelligence for its own sinister purposes. Millions are not wrong on what they believe they are seeing or experiencing. With every congressional representative ignoring fifty years of opinion polls that consistently show approximately half of America believing UFOs are visiting earth, how is it not a single representative will explore the possibility that an alien intelligence is here? Why is it that seemingly not one Democrat or Republican statesman loses sleep over the security threat to America posed by these hourly sightings and abductions? How cannot one singular leader entertain the possibility that an interdimensional species of unknown origin is undermining the

greatest country on earth and possibly imperiling the survival of the human race?

A giant among willy-nilly, yes-Representatives needs to stand forth; such a leader could be the Georgia congressman who cares about the security and welfare of the United States. If so, he must act quick as time is not on man's side. Abductions are the dark heart of the threat to explore and hold public hearings on. The rest is only distractions and tricks. Half a century of misconceptions and fool's errands, that only offers proof that is not proof. THEY are establishing CONTROL as we squabble over the details of our defeat. Thanks to John Thompson.

Editor's Note: In the past, there have been a few politicians with the courage to discuss the investigation of UFOs. These were Governors Carter and Reagan, and Congressman Steven Schiff and Gerald Ford. None of their careers were hurt when they stood up for investigating UFOs. We can make a good case that their concern for the their voters helped their careers. For example, House Minority Leader Gerald Ford on March 25, 1966, proposed to Congress that they investigate the rash of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in Michigan and other parts of the country. Ford said he believed a congressional inquiry would be worthwhile because the American people are becoming alarmed by the UFO stories.

#### LOUISIANA ABDUCTION?

CENTRAL -- Allen H. writes, "I wanted to tell someone about this that would believe me." Here is my story- I was driving from a friend's house late one night; it is in this small town called Central. It is outside of Baton Rouge, LA. There are 3 or 4 roads into Central from Baton Rouge and woods surround all of them. Well, I was driving home at 2:15 AM, when my car radio got a lot of static on it and my pager started going wild. Then there was a bright light. Next thing I know it is 3:30 AM and my car lights were still on but the engine was dead. I lost an hour and fifteen minutes. Now this trip only takes about thirty minutes to make. I do not know what happened. This happened about six months ago. Recently I have had these bed looking at me but I cannot move or yell. And the whole time my wife is in the bed sleeping. I think it is a dream, but I am not so sure anymore. My wife thinks I am too stressed out. But I am not. I am scared. Thanks to: Allen H. [allanbon@bellsouth.net](mailto:allanbon@bellsouth.net).

#### LAKE MICHIGAN HAS FREQUENT SIGHTINGS

MUSKEGON -- Paul Willison reports that I was having our normal lunchtime get together with coworkers. I brought up the subject of UFOs just to see what the response would be and was surprised to find that four out of seven at the table reported very unusual sightings. The most interesting one was reported by a coworker who often goes to the shore of Lake Michigan to watch UFOs. This happens regularly, and he says that anyone with an evening or two to spend on the coast near Grand Haven, or Muskegon, Michigan should see the same thing. He says that he and some friends will sit on the 250 feet high bluffs overlooking the lake that gives them an awesome, unimpeded view to the west. He says that he will sometimes see 20 or more strange things in an evening; often they are lights that travel in formation, and are low to the water or horizon, but can suddenly shoot up at tremendous speed. He also sees lights travel the entire visible breath of the horizon at tremendous speed, traversing the entire horizon from south to north in two or three seconds. These UFOs are not uncommon and several other members of the lunch party said they had seen similar things, but had not reported them. I did gather that these objects are not often seen in the immediate vicinity of major cities or towns, but were common sights almost anywhere along the lake that was sparsely populated, which is still the majority of the lake shore. I think I will take my video camera, and spend a few evenings over at the dunes seeing what I can see! Thanks to [PaulWillison@webtv.net](mailto:PaulWillison@webtv.net) and Skywatch International Inc.

#### ILLINOIS. HUGE HOVERING CRAFT REPORTED

WOOD DALE -- On April 25, 2000, the witness went to his car in the company parking lot after work, and saw airplanes descending

in flight patterns toward Chicago O'Hare National Airport. I entered my car and drove west which was perpendicular to where planes descend very low toward the runways. As I drove, I turned to view an extremely huge aircraft that was very low to the ground and only a couple of blocks up. (2000 feet) It was much, much larger than a 747 but looked man-made. What caught my attention was that it was not moving. It seemed to be fixed in one position almost as if it was some kind of 'platform'. It was well lit and was slowly rotating. It was shaped similar to a very thin fuselage with very long wings. I don't remember seeing any engines. I slowed my driving, but didn't stop and finally the aircraft went out of view. I definitely felt I had seen something futuristic, but it did not seem to be a spacecraft. It looked as if it was some kind of a huge bomber or observation vehicle. And, again, it didn't move and it made no sounds. I think its multicolored lights even cast a shadow on the homes below. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC  
[www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### MISSOURI UFO CAUGHT ON INFRARED VIDEO

KANSAS CITY -- John Colaw the Kansas Director of Skywatch International writes, "I just had a great sighting, along with seven other witnesses. It was 9:15 PM when my daughter called me out to look at something in the sky. My wife Charla said "Oh my God, come out and look at this. I don't believe it." I went outside and west of my house, about 40 degrees above the horizon, was what looked like a pulsing star. It was changing brilliant colors. Red, blue, white, and yellow seemed to dominate. It changed color rapidly, but pulsed at a slower frequency. It was pulsating and changing colors. It appeared to be fat for a star, but otherwise you could not tell size, because distance was uncertain. It did not appear to be in space, it was in the sky. It was very weird to be able to watch it for so long. A friend who was visiting happened to have a nice SONY Handy cam with Night Shot infrared and 72x digital zoom. We got some great footage of it, first without the infrared. We got a good 25 minutes of it. Then we chased it in the car, but it was obviously a few miles away at least. But the best part was when we switched it to Night Shot Infrared. The object was too far away to be painted by the camera. What we shot was the infrared signature of the object, and it really is spectacular. It looks like a pulsing fog, with a bright triangular nucleus that is spinning rapidly. Like a cell made of light with a spinning triangle for a nucleus. I will get the video uploaded to the Internet and post it. I made sure to get perspective shots of the trees and streetlights in the foreground. Thanks to John Colaw and cliff@skywatch-international.org (Cliff Capers) Skywatch International.

#### ARKANSAS SIGHTINGS

Lamar James was assigned to write a story on Jim Rowell, a recently retired Arkansas State police lieutenant. He related a UFO story that happened to him in the early 1950s when he was driving out of East Camden, Arkansas where the state police academy is located. It was early in the morning and fog was hanging close to the ground on a lone stretch of highway. Jim said his truck's radio suddenly died, quickly followed by the engine. While he was trying to restart the truck, a red glowing object came out of the mist toward him. It passed overhead then out of sight. When he tried again to restart the truck, this time it cooperated. He asked me what I thought about what he told me. "Sounds like a UFO," I told him. He believed it to be a government craft, pointing out that several defense contractors have facilities in East Camden. The Patriot missile system of Gulf War fame was manufactured there. Jim related another story where he saw a high-flying aircraft trailing an orange cloud. Was it tricks of lighting or something extraterrestrial? I do not know, but again he had a more conventional explanation. He believed it to be a NASA craft. Jim was dying of cancer and he knew it. He had no reason to lie to me. He had an amazing story to tell and wanted someone to know about the encounter before he died. Thanks to Lamar James [ljames@uaex.edu](mailto:ljames@uaex.edu) and Robert M. Collins

#### IDAHO FLYING WING SPOTTED

BOISE - Idaho State MUFON Director, Ike Bishop reports that, "I got my first look at the flying wedge (Wing) tonight over Boise. I am not sure what the Air Force calls it, but I knew they were working on it. It came from the northeast probably from Malstrom AFB and went south making an 'S' shaped pattern as it flew over. It was at 9:00 PM and the sun reflected off its bottom, or we would have missed it. I was with a Real Estate client and she looked up and said, "Wow, look at that!" The craft was silver in color, reflecting an orange glow from the setting sun. It was huge and very noisy, and left two vapor trails, which did not touch. The noise was different from a conventional craft. The pilot seemed to be 'testing' it as it flew a strange pattern, very gradual turns first to the south, then to the west, south again and into north central Nevada perhaps to Area 51? The craft appeared to be at about 25,000 feet but still looked huge and 'bulky'. Thanks to Dennis Gramm and Ike Bishop

#### CALIFORNIA LIGHT SHOW OVER THE DESERT

PALMDALE -- Bill Hamilton writes "I have seen some strange things in the sky over the years and May 2, 2000, was no exception." I was just emerging from Von's market on Palmdale Boulevard at about 8:59 PM crossing the parking lot to my car when I looked at the sky northeast and saw a bright light "switch on" followed quickly by 2 more so 3 lights in a row were seen. I thought this might be an aircraft on approach to USAF's Plant 42 in Palmdale when suddenly the 3 lights became 7 or 8 in a long string and then blinked off. In rapid succession 3, more lights came on, blinked off and then 3 more in another position. Then all these blinking lights went off! These did not appear to be aircraft headlights and certainly not flares, but I could not help wondering if it was a military exercise or a UFO. If anyone else has seen this display in the Antelope Valley, California, please let me know. Thanks to: Bill Hamilton Executive Director Skywatch International, Inc. Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~skywatcher22>

#### EIGHT NEW PLANETS FOUND, LATEST TOTAL IS 43 PLANETS

The European Southern Observatory (ESO) announced May 4, 2000, that eight new very low-mass companions to solar-type stars have been discovered at La Silla. The intensive and exciting hunt for planets around other stars ("exoplanets") is continuing with great success in both hemispheres. A team of astronomers of the Geneva Observatory are announcing the discovery of no less than eight new, very-low mass companions to solar-type stars. The masses of these objects range from less than that of planet Saturn to about 15 times that of Jupiter. The new results were obtained by means of high-precision radial-velocity measurements with the CORALIE spectrometer at the Swiss 1.2-m Leonhard Euler telescope at the ESO La Silla Observatory.

This observational method is based on the detection of changes in the velocity of the central star, due to the changing direction of the gravitational pull from an (unseen) exoplanet as it orbits the star. The evaluation of the measured velocity variations allows to deduce the planet's orbit, in particular the period and the distance from the star, as well as a minimum mass. The characteristics of the new objects are quite diverse. While six of them are most likely bona-fide exoplanets, two are apparently very low-mass brown-dwarfs (objects of sub-stellar mass without a nuclear energy source in their interior). From the first discovery of an exoplanet around the star 51 Pegasi in 1995 by Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz of the present team, up to now, a total of 43 low-mass companions to solar-type stars have been detected with minimum masses less than 15 Jupiter masses. Thanks to Alien Astronomer - Hi-Tech/Secret Projects. <http://obswww.unige.ch/~udry/planet/planet.html>

#### ENGLAND UFO SIGHTINGS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

LINCOLNSHIRE -- Gerry @ Far Shores reports, "I've compiled the following from reports published in The Grimsby Evening Telegraph, concerning intense UFO activity. Forty-year-old Elaine King, of Tetney Lock near Lincolnshire, believes that she was transported from her bed to an alien spacecraft that was

constructed entirely of a steel-like material. It happened at 09:30 hours on March 24, 2000. Miss King explained: "I was in bed and felt myself getting weaker and weaker, like I was collapsing. The next thing I knew, I was in this corridor." While on board the alien ship she opened a door and was shocked to find a human male "spread-eagled" on a table, while aliens "peeled back his skin to look at his insides." "There was a female being, who was milky white and wearing some sort of wig, I think it was to try and make her look less frightening, and more human. She communicated to me, telling me not to worry about my cats and dog, that they would be looked after. She did not speak to me in words, just put these thoughts in my head. "She didn't scare me, I think she was trying to help," said Miss King. She thought she was going to die, but the next thing he knew she was back in her bed and only eleven-and-a-half minutes had passed. "I was so shocked to be back, I thought I was gone for good," she said. Miss King said she knows people will perceive her as "mad" but she honestly believes it was an abduction attempt. She claims to have had many "alien" encounters.

Miss King's "abduction" experience happened the same day a fruiterer from Grimsby's Freeman Street saw what he believes was a UFO hovering in the sky above Willingham Street at 14:00 hours. Thirty-seven-year-old Tony Kelsey claimed he saw a pure white unearthly object still in the sky. Some six hours after this latest event at 20:00 hours eleven-year-old Reshi Kumar was sat in the back of his father's car stuck in traffic when he noticed "a really bright round light in the sky. It was hovering then it dropped steeply and left a white line behind it. 'One minute it was there, the next it was gone, it was really weird,'" explained Reshi who does not believe in aliens -- despite being an avid X-Files follower. Following newspaper reports of the above incidents, The Grimsby Evening Telegraph was flooded with callers that included writer Tony Downing who claims to have seen at least nine UFOs in the last 25 years, all above Grimsby. One was a dark shape, which made no sound and emitted a beam of light at Mr. Downing and his wife before vanishing, he claims.

Cliff and Margaret Blyth, of Corn Mews, Cleethorpes, got the shock of their lives when an unidentified red ball hurtled towards their house and passed through Mr. Blyth's body. "I saw a two-inch red ball of fire come through the window and pass through my husband's chest. We immediately lifted his shirt to see if it had left a mark, but there was nothing there." Mr. Blyth (68) said: "I'm too old to be scared, it didn't hurt but we both saw it and my wife never drinks." A grandmother from Humberston who first saw a UFO 40 years ago thought her husband was joking when he claimed to have seen a UFO in the form of a giant silver cigar. The couple was leaving the Leas of Waltham School at 19:30 hours, when John Ramsden spotted something spooky on April 6. Dorothy Ramsden, who saw a UFO in Daubney Street 40 years ago, said: "We were just about to get into the car when my husband said he'd seen a UFO. Then I saw this lovely silver object with a pinky glow hovering in the sky." John Ramsden, a skeptic, said: "It was fascinating, we just stared at it in amazement at the hovering UFO for around six minutes." Elaine Reid's husband thought she was "cuckoo" after she told him she had seen a "bright light traveling really slowly across the sky when she put her washing out April 7. Elaine described the object as "round and as big as an aerosol." Thanks to Gerry @ Far Shores | [www.farshore.force9.co.uk](http://www.farshore.force9.co.uk)

#### CIA TOP SECRET MJ-12 DIRECTIVE DRAFT MEMO

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Fwd Date: Tue, 09 May 2000 08:21:07 -0400  
Subject: WBAI Radio 'UFO Desk' Special

All,

Wednesday evening 10:00 p.m. NY time WBAI Radio presents a two hour special program on the abduction phenomena.

On the phone from England, Ms. Ann Andrews, mother, homemaker. She and her son Jason have lifelong experiences with abduction and other strange phenomena as described in her book, 'Abduction: The True Story Of An Alien Abduction.

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From: **Tim D. Brigham** <[Dellamorte@mad.scientist.com](mailto:Dellamorte@mad.scientist.com)>  
Date: Mon, 08 May 2000 07:49:50 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 May 2000 09:04:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview

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Hi Ron,

Compared to the dogma pushed by some of the mind police types  
(whose stupid acronyms shall not bog down my spellchecker once  
again) I actually think Shermer is a bit more tolerable... not  
that that's saying much. I thought he came across decently, as  
much as anyone who has made it their primary goal to preserve the status quo can at least.

The Amazin' Randi! types aren't really good for much, even  
public service wise in terms of promoting healthy skepticism,  
and I think most of us realize that. Once in a blue-moon, when  
I run into someone who believes in telephone psychics or  
something of that nature, Randi's stuff might be useful, but do  
most folks really need someone to point out the obvious garbage?

It's the stuff you don't have to call a 900 number for which is  
the real mystery, and by debunking the obvious crap you aren't  
really doing anything very useful.

But it's a common tactic. Most of the truly mysterious stuff is  
ignored so True Non-believers can go on TV and say "See, because  
Darla the tarot reader can't tell the future, there are no  
mysteries, anywhere." Yeah, right.

You are right of course re. the sound-bite problem. There's no  
time in the media for the middle of the road or maybes, they  
wanna see two idiots screaming at each other about how aliens  
are either hallucinations or sperm nappers from planet X. Only

the two most extreme, and least plausible, IMO, opinions which can be summed up with a catch phrase are welcome, cause only the easily digestible stuff can keep 'em glued.

Best,

Tim

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## Re: Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 09 May 2000 10:06:10 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 09 May 2000 12:14:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa

>Date: Mon, 01 May 2000 21:31:09 -0400  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>Subject: Hot Metal Balls Fall From Sky In South Africa  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)> ,

>South Africa alerts NASA as large metal balls fall from sky  
>By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

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>A police spokesman said: "The witnesses said it was white hot  
>when it landed. It appears to be solid iron and there is a  
>section that contains bolts. I don't know what it could be." The  
>second, larger ball, which fell at Durbanville, was oval, up to  
>5ft long and weighed about 110lb. Farm workers again reported  
>hearing two loud bangs like gunshots just before it landed.

>Astronomers said the objects could be part of a decaying  
>satellite. Nasa had predicted that parts of a Pegasus satellite  
>would fall to earth, they said.

Why, everybody just knows how unreliable witness testimony is,  
why this guys were seeing a combination of weather balloons,  
venus and a mirage..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Fwd Date: Tue, 09 May 2000 22:28:41 -0400  
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forthcoming regarding the subject of UFOs. Look for that proof  
and find, perhaps, only proof to the contrary.

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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!

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Fwd Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 12:25:15 -0400  
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More questions this week regarding the search for life in space, new possible evidence that it may be commonplace indeed, and a reanalysis of old Viking lander data from Mars in the 1970s that perhaps primitive life was found there after all. Also some new cameo shots of asteroids, including Kleopatra, whose odd elongated shape looks like nothing else except a huge floating dog bone out in deep space. Perhaps the next one will look like Fido?

These and other reports below...

COMPLEX 'TAR-LIKE' ORGANIC MOLECULES FOUND 150 MILLION MILES FROM EARTH

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/tim/2000/05/03/timfgneur02005.html>

MYSTERY SURROUNDING MARTIAN ORGANIC MATTER DEEPENS

<http://www.spaceflightnow.com/news/n0005/02mars/index.html>

RADAR IMAGES OF GIANT 'DOG BONE-SHAPED' KLEOPATRA ASTEROID RELEASED BY NASA

<http://www.cnn.com/2000/TECH/space/05/05/kleopatra/index.html>

NEW 'LOW ORBIT' PHOTOS OF EROS ASTEROID

<http://near.jhuapl.edu/iod/20000503/index.html>

IO'S VOLCANOES SPLATTER DUST INTO THE SOLAR SYSTEM

<http://persweb.direct.ca/iodust.html>

ASTRONOMERS DETECT UNIVERSE'S MISSING HYDROGEN

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/05/04/missingmatter.ap/index.html>

ASTRONOMERS DETAIL LOW-COST PLANETARY MISSIONS

<http://persweb.direct.ca/lowcost.html>

PHYSICISTS: EARTH WEIGHS LESS THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/05/01/earth.weight.ap/index.html>

MYSTERY METAL BALLS FALL FROM SKY IN SOUTH AFRICA

<http://persweb.direct.ca/skyballs.html>

DISPOSING OF CARBON DIOXIDE TO FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING

<http://CNN.com/2000/NATURE/05/01/trapthatgas.ap/index.html>

THE SHAPE OF PCs TO COME

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/computing/05/05/pc.shape.idg/index.html>

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CHUPACABRAS ATTACK  
MORE FARMS IN CHILE

Last week saw another rash of Chupacabra attacks in Chile. Eyewitnesses also sighted two weird humanoid creatures, said to be Chupacabras, near the city of Concepcion, located 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Santiago de Chile, the national capital.

The new round of Chupacabra incidents began Wednesday, April 12, 2000 in the small town of Tucapel, in Bio Bio province just east of Concepcion. Witnesses reported that "a large bunch of dried brambles were crushed by a strange luminous phenomenon."

On Saturday, April 29, 2000, Jose Ismael Pino, 59, a farm worker employed at the Esperance Ranch two kilometers (one mile) east of Huepil, near Tucapel, had a face-to-face meeting with the Chupacabra.

Leaving the barn at 8 p.m., Pino explained, "There was a large bull running wild. I was walking along when I saw something, and I thought that was it. 'Hey, damned bull!' I shouted, and then I saw that it wasn't. It hardly moved. It just stood there, looking at me. It stood about 1.5 meters (four feet) tall, like a big monkey, with long clawed arms, enormous fangs protruding from its mouth, as well as a pair of wings. I was so scared I turned and ran back for the hounds. I set them all loose and let them chase after 'The Bird.' Cachorro (one of the dogs--J.T.) came back with a bloodstained neck."

"Pino's boss, Jorge Venegas, owner of the 75-acre farm, carries a loaded shotgun on his shoulder."

"Venegas, on his part, lets his employees leave early, since they are fearful of walking around at night, and he himself since the night of the luminous phenomena in Tucapel, has slept with his shotgun beside him."

"We don't know what we're dealing with here. I'm not so concerned about the attacks on the animals, but I have two children, 12 years old and 15 years old, and I'm not going to let anything happen to them. In fact, right now I'm going to get a floodlight to see at night, in case something weird shows up," explained the planter, hefting the shotgun to his right shoulder."

Farms in the Huepil-Tucapel area "were affected by the alleged predator, which killed four sheep on one farm and a cow on another."

However, not everybody believes that the the Chupacabra is the culprit. The manager of the Raul Perez

farm told the newspaper Cronica, "Years ago, we had a (wild) dog problem. They managed to kill 70 sheep one single night, but we gave it no further importance at the time."

On Tuesday night, May 2, 2000, Carabineros (Chile's national police--J.T.) from the cuartel (barracks) in Santa Fe reported that "eight sheep, all of them pregnant, had been attacked by an unknown animal, which had left them half-dead, making it necessary to put them down."

The attacks were "blamed on wild dogs. Subofficer Alviro Valdebenito of the Santa Fe barracks further added that a characteristic of these dogs is that they are barkless."

Lt. Walter Koch of the Huepil Carabineros stated, "No, there were no reports about it (Chupacabra--J.T.) whatever. We don't even have pumas in this sector, and only in the pre-Cordillera ranges will you find foxes. The only predator of the type we've had are Siberian dogs which have feasted on some chickens."

"Carlos Villalobos, a schoolteacher in Huepil, said, 'I think it's linked to some unknown life-form, possibly alien in origin, but the authorities take the position of not acknowledging it, and they are probably very justified, since a collective panic situation could be unleashed.'"

The Chupacabra attacks continued without letup.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2000, "at 1:30 a.m., professor Liliana Romero Castillo slept soundly in her apartment located at Laguna Redonda in Concepcion, when she was awakened by the barking of the five stray puppies she had picked up some time earlier." The Puppies were living "in the building courtyard with Black, her large, fierce mastiff."

"I crouched and looked through the window. The puppies were whining, and Black had cowered against the wall and was motionless. I could see the back of what appeared to be an immense man, standing more than two meters (6 feet, 8 inches) tall. The shoulder blades were split, as if he had wings. Its attitude (posture--J.T.) recalled that of a person choking another. That was my impression," said Sra. Romero."

"Concerned that a crime was taking place in her garden, she woke her husband, who gave the matter little attention. 'I'm not getting up,' he said, half-asleep."

Sra. Romero returned to the window to get another look at the creature, but by then it was gone.

"The following day (Thursday, May 4, 2000) Liliana sent her children out to buy groceries at the local store. using a shortcut located behind their building. Upon their return, they told their mother that they had seen 'a dead dog' in the alleyway.

Liliana asked her husband to check, and he returned saying that a wooly, beige-colored dog was lying on the ground with two puncture marks in the throat."

'I don't know if I might be in a suggestive state,' he said, 'But it had two deep holes in its jugular (vein), about the size of a Bic pen, separated by five centimeters between them. What impressed me the most was the way the body was completely bloodless and was as light as a feather. The dog was incredibly wooly (furry--J.T.) and in fact I had to move the fur to see the puncture marks.'"

Summoned by Liliana, a team of Carabineros arrived at the crime scene and took custody of the dog's body. They loaded the dog into a black plastic garbage bag and "ordered the family to remain silent, so as not to panic the local residents."

"'But I'm scared,' Liliana said, 'Since I have very young children, and I'm afraid that whatever was there will come back.'"

The Carabineros took the dead dog to the First Comissariat in Concepcion so it could be autopsied by pathologists.

The same day, May 4, 2000, "35 dead birds were found on a ranch 12 kilometers (7 miles) from Pucon on the road leading to the village of Caburuga. The animal attacks, attributed to the mythical Chupacabras, presented the same characteristics as the earlier attacks. (See UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 17 for details) since the dead chickens had cuts and scratches on different parts of their bodies.."

Capt. Roberto Saldivia, deputy chief of the Pucon

Carabineros, "confirmed that the animals were found dead in a pen, without a single drop of blood in them."

"Cesar Hidalgo, regional director of Servicio Agrícola y Ganado (Chile's Agricultural and Livestock Service--J.T.) explained that SAG professionals were at the scene" in Caburuga and would investigate further. (See the Chilean newspapers Cronica of Concepcion for May 2, 2000; El Sur for May 5, 2000, "Mysterious Nocturnal Apparition in Building Courtyard--Dead Dog Found Later" by Carlso Saso Prieto; and Orbe for May 5, 2000, "Further Chupacabras Attacks." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, auto de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico, Gloria Coluchi y Ricardo Concha para esas historias.)

#### TWO MYSTERIOUS METAL SPHERES CRASH IN SOUTH AFRICA

Two mysterious metal spheres fell to Earth in South Africa's West Cape province last week.

The first incident took place on Thursday, April 27, 2000 at a vineyard near Worcester, West Cape province, about 70 kilometers (42 miles) northeast of Capetown.

The sphere weighed 30 kilograms (\*70 pounds) and "was on fire," according to vineyard owner Pieter Viljoen.

"Viljoen said, 'My staff said they had led two hogs out of the garden when they saw a shining ball fall into the vineyard. It was too hot to touch for 30 minutes. But when it cooled, I loaded it into my truck, and the (West-Beaumont) police have taken it for analysis.'"

"A police spokesman said, 'The witnesses said it was white-hot when it landed. It appears to be solid iron and there is a section that contains bolts. I don't know what it could be.'"

The second object crashed in Durbanville, near Worcester. "The second was described as large, oval, measuring 1 to 1.5 meters (3 to 4 feet) in length and weighing 100 kilograms (233 pounds).."

"Both impacts were preceded by an explosion. In both cases, the witnesses stated that the impacts were preceded by a double detonation."

According to Louis Visser, a spokesman for South Africa's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), the spheres were taken to D.F. Malan Airport near Capetown and flown to Pretoria, the national capital, for analysis.

The government of South Africa has asked NASA for assistance in identifying the mysterious objects. (See the South African newspaper The Star for May 1, 2000, "Cape 'UFOs' to be flown to Pretoria for analysis," and the Daily Telegraph for May 2, 2000, "South Africa alerts NASA as large metal balls fall from sky.") (Editor's Comment: I have to wonder if these metal spheres have anything to do with the UFO seen over George, South Africa two weeks ago. See UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 17.)

#### CROP CIRCLES ARE FOUND IN MILAN, TENNESSEE

The USA's first crop circles of the year 2000 were found in Milan Tennessee (population 7,600) last week. A cattle mutilation was also reported in the vicinity.

According to cerealogist Nancy Talbott, the crop circles were formed in a field of winter wheat about a half-mile outside of Milan during the early morning hours of Monday, April 24, 2000, "probably about 3 a.m."

"The witness's ten-year-old daughter and a 'sleepover' friend were awakened at about 3 a.m. by a weird humming noise," Ms. Talbott reported, "There were no windows in the room they were sleeping in, so it is not known whether there was light phenomena associated" with the humming.

"A family dog, which had been sleeping on the mother's bed, also howled around this time."

"At about 7 a.m. on Monday morning, the witness opened the front door" and saw a large crop formation "in the field opposite her front door. She and a stepson went to the field briefly and found around 10 circles and associated

pathways, at least one circle that was ringed, another circle that had occurred around an electricity (utility) pole in the middle of the field."

"They did not explore the whole formation because there were many snakes in the field, including copperheads and water moccasins (poisonous snakes of the region--J.T.)

"After entering the field, both the witness and her stepson felt 'pain' in their legs." They also reported feeling "'light-headed' and unusually fatigued all of the week after being in the field."

"A crop duster told her later he had seen another crop circle in the Milan area and 'another small circle located immediately behind her mobile home.'"

"No aerial photos have yet been taken of the crop formations."

On April 17, 2000, the witness reportedly told Ms. Talbott, "There was a dead cow lying in a driveway about a half-mile from her home and that there seemed to be very peculiar cuts on the animal."

Milan is on Tennessee Highway 79 approximately 110 miles (176 kilometers) northeast of Memphis. (Many thanks to Nancy Talbott of BLT Research and Paul Anderson of Circles Phenomena Research-Canada for this report.)

#### LARGE CROP CIRCLE DRAWS THOUSANDS IN SARDINIA

Thousands of curiosity-seekers descended on the village of Villaspeciosa on Sardinia, a large island in the Mediterranean Sea adjacent to Italy. when a giant crop circle appeared there last week.

The crop circle appeared in a field of grain on the outskirts of Villaspeciosa on Tuesday, May 2, 2000. It was discovered by farm worker Pietro Pudda, 62, and Giovanni Casti, 61, the owner of Ridda Izza farm.

The crop circle measured 30 meters (100 feet) in diameter and consisted of three concentric circles. The "lay-down" pattern of the grain stalks differed in each ring. The stalks of the outer ring lay perfectly flat in one direction; the stalks of the next ring pointed in the opposite direction, and the stalks of the inner ring pointed in the same direction as the outer ring. The inner ring was approximately 12 meters (40 feet) in diameter.

The farm was visited by a platoon of Carabinieri (Italy's national police--J.T.) who took photographs and questioned Casti and Pudda. The Carabinieri were from the barracks at Decimomanno.

Pudda said, "I have never seen such a strange thing in the grain before."

The case is being investigated by ufologist Antonio Cuccu of the Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici (CISU). (Grazie a Antonio Cuccu per questo rapporto.)

#### GREEN CYLINDRICAL UFO SIGHTED NEAR DUBLIN

On Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 10:52 p.m., Gary Mugan was listening to the radio at his home in Ballinteer, a suburb of Dublin, the capital of Ireland, when he spotted a strange glow in the sky.

"I saw a light green glowing object, cylindrically shaped," Gary reported, "It passed over my house and paused momentarily. I was listening to my radio and it stopped. It took off at amazing speed over the mountains. There was no sound."

Gary estimated that the UFO was "a green cylinder about 40 feet (12 meters) long" and "flew at about 50 miles per hour (80 kilometers per hour)" and took off at the speed of a supersonic jet.

Afterward, he added, "I rang up a local radio talk show and told them about it." The radio station was 104.4 FM in Dublin. (Email Form Report)

#### THREE UFOs PERFORM OVER THE NEVADA DESERT

On Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at 11:10 p.m., five people were at Valley View overlooking Diablo, Nevada, near



Tropicana, when they spotted three strange illuminated objects in the sky.

The UFOs were "approximately 80 to 85 degrees east of north" and were "three star-like objects that were 70 degrees above the horizon. Objects circled, merged, formed triangles and other geometric shapes, hovered and performed extraordinary aerodynamic feats not associated with any aircraft I have ever heard of."

"Another very strange object crossed our field of view at the same time. It appeared to be a great building with no lights. Very, very large. The object was only a small shade lighter than the background sky. It took maybe 30 seconds to cross the sky from south to north approximately 70 degrees up from the horizon to the east of us."

The witness, Herb D., added, "I would like to add that I am a sceptic with this UFO stuff and will believe when a UFO lands in my backyard and an alien shakes my hand." (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for forwarding this report.)

#### UFO DOES A FAST FLYBY IN SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS

On Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at 2 a.m., "an extremely fast flying object from the south headed due north, passing through the controlled airspace near Hobby Airport" in South Houston, Texas (population 14,207).

"Our best guess is that this object appeared to be at about 5,000 feet in altitude or more. The vehicle had a very bright white strobe light centered in the bottom. It traveled in a straight line and a flat line \*trajectory--J.T.) not one as typical of a falling space rock.."

"The pulsing light could be seen as the vehicle approached and as it departed. There was no sonic boom or noise--zero! The vehicle crossed the sky from horizon to horizon in under five seconds, far too fast to even attempt getting a picture." (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for forwarding this report.)

#### MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN OVER HAMILTON, ONTARIO

On Monday, April 24, 2000, Winston B. reports, "One of the guys at work, who's into astronomy," was on the road making a delivery "when he noticed a strange light in the night sky" over Hamilton, Ontario, Canada (population 320,000), a large city located 47 miles (78 kilometers) southwest of Toronto.

"As it flew over, he saw three lights in formation. Like satellites. No noise. They were in a triangular pattern moving across the night sky simultaneously--most likely in a polar orbit--past Polaris (the North Star--W.B.) and fading out fast after moving through that stretch of sky."

The lights were "spread out considerably," he added, but retained their triangular formation at all times. (Many thanks to Aaron Warner for forwarding this report.)

#### UN GLOBOCOPS ROUTED IN SIERRA LEONE

The United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) is on the verge of collapse after UN peacekeepers, also known as "Blue Helmets" began surrendering en masse to rebel forces led by Foday Sankoh.

The Security Council sent UNAMSIL to the West African nation in December 1999 to impose a peace settlement between the central government and Gen. Sankoh's Revolutionary United Front (RUF).

On May 1, UNAMSIL consisted of 7,223 troops and 259 military observers from Bangladesh, Bolivia, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Ghana, Gambia, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kirghizstan, Malaysia, Mali, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Thailand, UK, Tanzania,

Uguguay and Zambia. The contingent also included 11 UN police and 512 UN civilian workers.

The crisis began Wednesday, May 2, 2000, when RUF guerrilla soldiers engaged UN Blue Helmets from Kenya in a firefight in Makeni, about 200 kilometers (120 miles) west of Freetown, the national capital. RUF forces killed seven Blue Helmets and captured 60 others.

"In response, the UN planners are trying to rush in three battalions--more than 2,000 troops--from India, Jordan and Bangladesh that were already slated to serve in Sierra Leone."

UNAMSIL sent 208 Blue Helmets from Zambia to counter-attack in Makeni. But the UN battalion folded like an accordion.

UN spokesman Fred "Eckhard said 208 Zambian peacekeepers were captured by the RUF Thursday while traveling to the town of Makeni to reinforce Kenyan peacekeepers who had come under attack."

"The rebels also seized 24 UN workers in the town of Kailahun, while a contingent of more than 100 Nigerian peacekeepers were detained but later released 'minus their weapons' near the town of Kmpua, Eckhard said."

By Friday, May 5, 2000, UNAMSIL troop strength had reached 8,000 men. But Blue Helmet desertions continued. Another 100 peacekeepers surrendered to the RUF, turning in their blue helmets, automatic rifles and heavy weapons. "Rebel soldiers have now taken over 300 UN hostages, commandeered 13 armored vehicles and confiscated hundreds of UN weapons and uniforms, officials said."

Gen. Sankoh began an advance on Freetown. His RUF forces captured the town of Lunsar, 45 miles (77 kilometers) northeast of Freetown and by afternoon had reached Masiaka.

On Sunday, May 6, 2000, President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah closed all churches, mosques and other places of worship in Freetown.

President Kabbah "went on national radio Sunday to say that he was 'disappointed' with the way some UN forces had 'capitulated' to rebel troops. 'But we haven't yet reached the stage where we believe the UN is incapable of fulfilling its mandate' for peacekeeping in Sierra Leone, Kabbah said."

Spearheaded by the captured UN armor, a column of 1,000 RUF soldiers continues to advance on the capital. Sankoh's entire troop strength is estimated to between 5,000 and 10,000 men.

"The UN Security Council was called into emergency session for a briefing on Sierra Leone." French diplomat "Bernard Miyet, the UN undersecretary for peacekeeping (top UN Globocop--J.T.) was set to arrive in Sierra Leone on Tuesday to boost troop morale." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for May 4, 2000, "U.N. seeks to reinforce Sierra Leone peace force," page 5A; May 6, 2000, "U.N. peacekeepers surrender to rebels in Sierra Leone," page 4A; and May 7, 2000, "Rebels near Sierra Leone capital, add U.N. hostages," page 10A. Also USA Today for May 8, 2000, "Americans told to leave Sierra Leone," page 7-A)

(Editor's Comment: Well, I guess it just isn't people in the USA who are somewhat less than enchanted with the globalists and their New World Order.)

from the UFO Files...

1945: HITLER--DEAD OR ALIVE?

Fifty five years ago, on April 30, 1945, just before 4 p.m., a gunshot rang out in the Feuhrerbunker in Berlin, signalling the end of the Third Reich and the moustached fellow who served as its prophet-emperor.

Our story begins with what, under other circumstances, might have been a happy occasion--the wedding of Adolf Hitler and his longtime mistress Eva Braun. Following the reception, just after midnight on April 30, "with a faraway expression," Hitler "went down the hall, shaking hands. Several said a few words, but he did not answer, moving his lips inaudibly."

Then the couple went to bed.

After awakening later in the morning, Hitler conferred with his SS adjutant Otto Gunsche, his servant Heinz Linge, and his chauffeur Erich Kempka. Gunsche brought cyanide capsules to the anteroom that served as the Feuhrer's makeshift office, and Hitler had him feed one to his pet Alsatian dog.

Curiously, Hitler, who loved dogs, showed no emotion as he watched the animal die during the next hour. He seemed only interested in how long the cyanide took to take effect.

(Editor's Comment: A strange reaction for someone planning to use cyanide on himself.)

"Late in the forenoon, the military conference took place as usual. Hitler received the information that the Soviet (Russian) forces had by now occupied the Tiergarten, Potsdamer Platz and the subway in the Volkstrasse, in the immediate vicinity of the chancellery (and the bunker--J.T.) Then he ordered the delivery of 200 liters of gasoline."

At 2 p.m., Hitler received Generals Burgdorf and Krebs, Nazi Party Secretary Martin Bormann and propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels and advised them to "break out the best way you can--in small groups."

Then he had a very strange conversation with his personal pilot, Hans Baur.

"As they clasped hands, Baur begged him to escape by plane to Argentina, to Japan, or to one of the Arab countries, where his anti-Semitism had made him such staunch friends. But the Feuhrer would not have it."

"You must have the courage to face the consequences," Hitler told Baur, "I am ending my earthly stay. I know that by tomorrow millions of people will curse me, but Fate wanted it that way."

(Editor's Comment: Interesting choice of words on Hitler's part. Why did he say "earthly stay" instead of "life?" Was he speaking of himself in a religious sense as the Teutonic Messiah? Or was he planning to flee into space?)

And that was the last anyone saw of Hitler until the fatal gunshot two hours later.

Between 2:30 and 3 p.m., "the phone rang. It was Gunsche again. 'I need two hundred liters of gasoline immediately,' he said huskily. Kempka thought it was some kind of joke and wanted to know why he needed so much. Gunsche could not tell him on the phone. 'I want it at the entrance of the Feuhrerbunker without fail.'"

Note that it was Gunsche and not Hitler who made this phone call, even though it was Hitler himself who originally ordered the gasoline. Why didn't Hitler pick up the phone?

Because he was no longer in the bunker?

Just before 4 p.m., "Traudl Junge was telling the Goebbels children a fairy story to keep them from going downstairs when a shot echoed through the damp concrete. Young Helmut (Goebbels) thought it was an enemy bomb and said, 'Bull's-eye!'"

At this point there are wildly varying versions of what happened. Gunsche said he was in the conference room with Goebbels and Bormann when he heard the shot, and they rushed to the anteroom with Goebbels in the lead.

But Rattenhuber, commander of Hitler's SS guards, claimed that Gunsche was already in the anteroom when he arrived.

One version has Hitler and wife Eva sitting together on the bloodstained couch. But Kempka's first words when he walked in were "Where's Eva?"

Other versions had Hitler shot in the right temple, in the left temple, or in the mouth. Hitler lying slumped back in the couch. Hitler pitched forward with his face at rest on the coffee table.

Never was there a more confused crime scene.

The most common version goes like this: "the Feuhrer on the couch, sprawled face down across a low table, and Eva, slumped over the armrest, her lips slightly closed in death, discolored by cyanide. Her dress was wet (my emphasis--J.T.)

Most homicide detectives, upon viewing this crime scene, would have turned to Gunsche and said, "Why

did you kill him?"

Someone got shot. But was it Hitler?

Flash forward fifty-five years to May 9, 2000, and an exhibition in Moscow. "The object now ensconced on black velvet under glass at Russia's State Archives is believed to be all that remains of the 20th Century's most evil person--Adolf Hitler."

"But the scrap of bone on display is hardly inspiring, small with jagged edges, signs of charring and an obvious bullet hole. The Russians also have four fragments of Hitler's jaw, whose dental work was used to make the identification."

The Russians found Hitler's dental records in the office of his personal physician, Dr. Theodore Morell, in Berlin. This helped to identify the remains.

Flash back to 1945--"Rattenhuber ordered the bodies to be taken (of Hitler and Eva) to be taken into the courtyard. There he had the gasoline poured over them and invited the mourners to come up. No sooner had they assembled than Russian shelling drove them back to the bunker entrance. Hitler's SS adjutant Otto Gunsche thereupon tossed a burning rag upon both corpses, and when the leaping flames swathed the bodies, everyone stood at attention and gave the Nazi salute."

It's possible that Hitler might have faked his own death. It seems strange that Eva's body was "slumped over the armrest," as if someone had dropped it there. And why did she spill that Tokay wine on her dress?

Suppose Hitler had decided earlier to fake his own death. It would have been a simple matter for the SS to find a "double" for the Fuehrer among the thousands of prisoners in the Nazi concentration camps. Then the SS would have pulled a switch at Dr. Morell's office, substituting the double's dental records for Hitler's genuine chart.

Now it's April 30, 1945. The fat lady is not only at the microphone. She's clearing her throat and trilling, "Mi-mi-mi-mi-mi!" Hitler already has his exit prepared. That may explain his unusual sang-froid when Baur proposes a last-minute flight out of embattled Berlin.

A live Hitler would have brought the Allies into howling pursuit. But who's going to search diligently for a "dead man?"

After Baur leaves, Hitler invites Eva to join him for a glass of Tokay wine. But Eva's glass contains an ampoule of cyanide--one of the capsules Hitler was experimenting with that morning. Eva takes the fatal sip, then topples to the floor, spilling the wine on her dress. Hitler picks her up and drops her over the armrest. His new wife has become "stage scenery" for his great death scene.

After shaking hands with his co-conspirator Gunsche, Hitler is out the door.

Sometime around 3:30 p.m., the SS brings Hitler's double in. A small man in his late fifties with dark hair and bright blue eyes. Maybe he understands why the SS guards gave him that haircut and shaved his moustache that morning. Maybe not. Gunsche, holding a Walther in his hand, orders him to sit on the couch. He does as he's told, wondering who the dead blonde is. Just before 4 p.m., Gunsche steps behind the couch, puts the Walther muzzle against the double's head, and squeezes the trigger.

He has just enough time to stuff the Walther in the dead double's hand before Goebbels bursts into the anteroom.

So, did Hitler really shoot himself? Or did he, with Gunsche's help, pull off an escape worthy of Harry Houdini?

There may be a way to find out.

Faked dental records and a matching blood type might have fooled the forensic scientists of the 1940s. But today we now have more comprehensive tools. Such as DNA analysis.

As was done recently in France, to identify the dead Dauphin, it would be a simple matter to take a lock of Hitler's hair from the 1930s and match its DNA against the DNA of the skull fragment now in Russia's State Archives.

We would finally have an answer, one way or the other, to that old question: Hitler, dead or alive? (See the books Hitler by Joachim C. Fest, Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich, New York, N.Y., 1974, pages 745 to 750 and Adolf Hitler, volume 2, by John Toland, Doubleday & Co., New York, N.Y., 1976, pages 998 to 1005. Also the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for April 30, 2000, "Fragments of Hitler's skull focus of army exhibit in Moscow," page 9A.)

Well, we got through the planetary alignment last Friday, May 5, and there were no widespread disasters on Earth. If you missed it, take good care of your health. You won't be able to see the next one until the late Twenty-Fourth Century.

But we'll be back next week with more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." Have a great week!

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>>Subject: Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Hello GT and all,

>>Re your locomotives and proof. I get your meaning. But try this  
>>one. Prove that the Appolo astronauts went to the Moon.

>>Don

Brian,

Thank you..... someone finally bit. I'm sure they did too. In fact I'd be devastated to discover otherwise. But let's assume I'm the skeptic.

Answered in text.

>OK - I'll take that challenge.

>1 - I saw the Saturn V lift off with my own eyes. Pretty big  
>rocket if you just want to do a fake earth orbit thing. But I'll  
>concede the point that it doesn't prove anything.

That's true. Putting up another satellite, maybe.

>2 - I saw the TLI burn with my own eyes, and followed it through  
>my scope. We sent something out of earth orbit to the moon (a  
>fact that can be independently verified - some amateur  
>astronomers were able to independently calculate the orbital  
>elements of the spacecraft from their own observations).

Yes but they are amateur astronomers, not professionals. They probably saw: Venus (it doesn't matter if it wasn't anywhere in the vicinity - it's out there somewhere) Mars, the Moon itself, Jupiter, a comet, a meteoroid, an asteroid a Soviet probe, a U-2 spy plane, a speck on the telescope lens, an aberration in the eye, ocular movement, mass hysteria.

>3 - I was fortunate to be able to assist a team that was  
>measuring the distance to the moon by bouncing lasers off  
>reflectors placed on the lunar surface by Armstrong and Aldrin.  
>The reflectors became available only after placement by the  
>Apollo astronauts, and were precisely in the area specified. I  
>suppose it could be argued that they were set there by a robotic  
>probe, but if you have the technology to land with that degree  
>of precision, you can certainly send men to the moon.

But of course they didn't. It was a robotic placement. It was too expensive to send a team to the Moon.

>4 - I know folks who worked the tracking stations. Conversations

>and telemetry were certainly originating from an object going to  
>the moon (again, I suppose you could argue it was some sort of  
>"repeater").

You got it, and cross-talk, land line, a pirate station, old  
re-runs of Buck Rogers picked up in error.

>5 - Getting to the moon was not a particularly difficult  
>problem - the appropriate level of technology either existed or  
>could be developed by a crash r&d program.

It cost about 90 Billion dollars in the late 60's. Cheaper to  
send a robotic mission.

>6 - There is absolutely no credible evidence (other than that  
>offered by individuals who do not understand photography or the  
>physics of the behavior of objects in one-sixth gee), that the  
>Apollo astronauts did NOT go to the moon.

Yes but we only have the anecdotal testimony of these people who  
"say" that it happened. It could have been faked photography.  
After all, there are many experts who say that many UFO photos  
are real. I'm sure there are many photographic experts who would  
be willing to swear that the Moon photos were faked... or could  
not be definitively proved to be genuine.

>7 - As a Purdue Alum, I've met nearly all the Apollo astronauts.  
>For ex-fighter jocks, they are incredibly good actors if they  
>are lying.

Same can be said of those fighter jocks that have reported UFOs  
in the thousands over the last 50 years... and a few astronauts.

>8 - The "no-go" hypothesis requires a conspiracy on a massive  
>scale. Even small conspiracies unravel very quickly because  
>someone blabs. I know of no credible source, directly involved  
>with the program who would argue that the landings did not take  
>place.

Would this statement not hold true with the general population  
which contains the same level of expertise yet reports UFOs,  
however in numbers factoring say 10 times (I'm sure a modest  
figure) that of those at NASA and the government who say they  
did land men on the Moon.

Remember Brian, we are reversing the tables. They have to prove  
to me that it happened... not me disprove for them that it  
didn't. They reported this strange phenomenon of men landing on  
the Moon.

Sorry to be facetious, but I think you get my drift.

Don Ledger

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## What We Learned Over Area 51

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
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Subject: What We Learned Over Area 51

Greetings list -

From: [http://www.space.com/opinionscolumns/opinions/brown\\_0005103.html](http://www.space.com/opinionscolumns/opinions/brown_0005103.html)

What We Learned Over Area 51  
By Tim Brown  
posted: 07:01 am ET  
10 May 2000

Late last year, Space Imaging Corporation launched Ikonos, a satellite able to image objects as small as 1 meter (3 feet) long, anywhere on the planet. Early this year, we at the Federation of American Scientists ordered an image of the secret military base known as Area 51. We sought to test the capabilities and accessibility of this new technology.

Some 10 weeks later, with the Area 51 image on our website, we now have a clearer picture of not only the secret military base at Groom Lake, but of the limits of "near-real-time" imagery acquisition.

The truth about Area 51

Historically, Area 51 is where the U 2, A 12, SR 71, D 21 Drone and F 117 Stealth Fighter were flight-tested in secret. Area 51 is an advanced-technology flight-test center -- a "black" version of Edwards Air Force Base. Speculation aside, the 1-meter Ikonos image we purchased shows buildings and facilities consistent with those at Edwards AFB.

A new 11,900-foot (3,625-meter) runway was built after the F 117 Stealth Fighter program became public knowledge. In 1995 the Department of the Interior withdrew over 3,900 acres (1,578 hectares) of public land that curiosity-seekers used to observe activity at Area 51. These facts taken together point to ongoing flight-test activity or at least a desire on the Air Force's part to maintain such a capability at Area 51 for the foreseeable future.

Imagery not a threat

The other thing we learned from our experience purchasing the Area 51 image was the limits that weather and tasking constraints place on the ability to acquire "near-real-time" imagery. Almost from the beginning of the availability of commercial satellite imagery, defense officials and the public-policy community have voiced concerns over the possible national security implications of commercial remote sensing.

Some analysts have asserted that terrorists, rogue nations or adversaries might be able to use high-resolution imagery to plan attacks on U.S. troops or thwart U.S. military operations. Some have argued that "shutter control" might have to be imposed -- that U.S.-government officials would have to limit access to imagery during times when national security or international treaties might be affected.

Our experience with the Area 51 image shows "near-real-time" can be a concept denominated in weeks, not days. When conditions are



ideal, an image can be tasked, collected and processed in hours, as in the case of the Ikonos image showing tornado damage in Fort Worth, Texas. But ideal conditions are the exception, not the norm. Over 60 percent of the world is covered by clouds. Given the three-day revisit time between satellite passes, it could take from several to dozens of passes to get a cloud-free image.

Imagery acquired by government intelligence agencies as reference material for their target folders is not time-sensitive. For this application, waiting months is acceptable. But the operational or tactical user, such as a battlefield commander, cannot wait months, or even days, for imagery of the battlefield to be collected. Such pictures have an extremely short shelf-life.

Uncertainty of acquisition will be another problem for anyone seeking to gain military advantage from commercial imagery. Will the next image arrive on a battlefield commander's desk in a week, a month or longer? Those who are entrusted to fight their nation's wars simply cannot count on maybe.

Our experience with the Area 51 image demonstrates the uncertainty and unreliability inherent in acquiring commercial imagery. Such factors limit its potential utility in any future conflict. Certainly, nations can, and already have started to, order imagery sets of their rivals' military installations.

But should a war start, cloud cover and tasking problems could render such imagery a curiosity. Add the mere possibility of U.S.-imposed shutter control, and commercial high-resolution satellite imagery will be virtually useless to foreign battlefield commanders. For the foreseeable future, belligerent nations will not be able to rely on U.S. commercial high-resolution satellite imagery for use in warfare.

Weather and tasking issues pose sufficient limits on foreign military use that U.S.-imposed shutter control will not be necessary for some time to come. Any foreign intelligence official who promises the local dictator a military advantage from commercial, high-resolution imagery is taking a big, personal risk.

Tim Brown is an imagery analyst working on the Public Eye project at the Federation of American Scientists. He has spent the past two years exploiting declassified Corona satellite imagery and, more recently, has expanded his focus to the newly available 1-meter imagery from the Ikonos satellite.

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Best regards,

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

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Fwd Date: Thu, 11 May 2000 09:05:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

>Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 17:16:48 -0400 (EDT)  
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>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>>I am increasingly annoyed by this cheap avenue of attack.  
>>Please specify where in any of my Cydonia updates/editorials  
>>have I insinuated that NASA is "doctoring" the "evidence."  
>>Certainly one can argue that there are those who will never  
>>be satisfied.

>Don't get your shorts in a knot over this one.

Believe me, I won't.

>I was making a general observation and if you had noticed it  
>generally agreed with you that neither side of the debate will  
>be happy with any results no matter what they are, no matter  
>how perfect the photos, no matter how many times the site is  
>photographed.

Yes, but you made this observation after selectively quoting  
\_my\_ article! I wanted to make it as clear as possible that the  
paranoid route is precisely the route I choose to avoid.

<snip>

>What about the so called smilie face on MARS which could be  
>considered to be greater evidence of intelligent creation then  
>the so called face?

You're joking, right? I think anyone who considers the "Happy  
Face," which NASA dutifully shows us in an obvious effort to  
equate it with the Face, would have to be tripping on a  
significant dose of psychoactive drugs. Where is the symmetry in  
the "Happy Face"? The internal detail? Name one aspect of the  
"Happy Face" that would make a rational person consider--even  
for a split-second--that it's the work of intelligence. There is  
simply not space in this mailing to enumerate (again) the  
evidence in favor of the Face's artificiality.

The "Happy Face," as any PR person at NASA would likely tell  
you, is a none-too-subtle attempt to divert attention from what  
may possibly be the "real thing." NASA doesn't think Cydonia  
reflects evidence for artificiality. I don't think they're  
hiding anything; the misdirected tactics they've employed to  
discredit no-kidding scientific work on Cydonia is just politics  
as usual.

>Many years ago I spent time going over aerial photos of the  
>desert south west for a historical project. Looking strictly  
>at the photos we ran across features that looked like man made  
>structures and so on. While we were doing ground investigation  
>we took the opportunity to look at these structures and they  
>were very much naturally created.

That's a really interesting anecdote. And its relevance is...?

Until we commit to taking a serious look at Cydonia and democratizing the data-dissemination process, accounts like the above are useless. The Face may turn out to be a false alarm; I'm perfectly ready to concede that. But so far there is insufficient evidence to support either of the two hypothesis (natural v. artificial) enough to justify dismissing--or irrationally elevating--the issue.

>>And when are the so-called "skeptics" going to dispense >>with the demonstrated fiction that the Face formation is a >>trick of lighting? I refer you to Mark Carlotto's "The >>Martian Enigmas," which goes into painstaking detail about >>the procedures used to demonstrate that the Face remains >>facelike at virtually any lighting angle. The MGS results >>are in keeping with his predictions, as illustrated in the >>animated GIF posted on my website:  
>><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>.

>They are still his interpretation.

Carlotto's reconstructions have been duplicated by other independent researchers. The Face looks like face. Does this mean it's artificial? Of course not.

>Like I said earlier if the new photos don't prove his, or >anybody else's Mars theory beyond a reasonable doubt, it will >be labeled to be part of the evil government conspiracy.

Let me paraphrase my personal favorite of Daniel Drasin's 'Ways to Debunk Just About Anything':

"Vigorously maintain that 'extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence,' but take special pains to never define what 'extraordinary' entails. This allows you to keep a constantly receding evidential horizon, infinitely delaying scientific accountability on your part."

Mac Tonnies

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## Dr Schilling, Professor Oberth And UFOs

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 11 May 2000 09:22:04 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 11 May 2000 11:30:49 -0400  
Subject: Dr Schilling, Professor Oberth And UFOs

Oz & Asia Data Research  
Phenomena Research Australia

EBK & Researchers,

I have just been given a notice on the death of Dr Martin Schilling (b: 1 Oct 1911 - d: 30 Apr 2000) at the age of 88, at Burlington, Massachusetts.[1]

Dr Schilling gained his PhD in Applied Physics and was recruited by Major General Walter Dornberger to work on the V2 project at Peenemunde with Dr von Braun. He was one of the 126 scientists that were resettled in the US at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Texas after the war.[2] This team later moved to Huntsville, Alabama (Marshall Space Flight Centre) and launched the USA into space in 1958. Martin later left the Huntsville Team, to work for the "Raytheon Company" and rose to become vice-president for research, retiring in 1977.[3]

To cut a long story short, I thought you might find this story told to me in 1981 by one of Martin's, 'Raytheon' colleagues, the story went this way:

A staff member was passing judgment against the brilliant rocket pioneer, Professor Hermann Oberth (1894-1989) mocking him as being "nuts" for his belief that craft from other worlds existed. The exchange occurred after Oberth had stated in the press that UFOs in his opinion were bona fide.[4]

Martin is said to have slowly turned and glared at the chap, and from the friends account, in a clear and direct retort, was heard to have said:

"Oberth, mad! You don't know what he knows or what we know, he is not mistaken! Oberth never said anything that was irrational and theoretically wrong, why don't you listen". [5]

And that was it.

Now that's an endorsement if I ever heard one.

Regards,

John W. Auchettl  
Director PRA Research

PRAUFO = <http://www.praufu.web.com/>  
\* Still in development.

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Fate, Dec, pp45-48. 1968.
- [5] Please Note: This is NOT the exact quote but close  
to it. JW Auchettl.

Images:

You will find a photograph of Martin Schilling (LHS), Ernst Stuhlinger (Mid), and Wernher von Braun (RHS) signing their certificates of citizenship on 15th April 1955. At the Huntsville High School.

[http://histnew.msfc.nasa.gov/mm/lk\\_citizen.html](http://histnew.msfc.nasa.gov/mm/lk_citizen.html)

UFO Famous Quotes:

<http://209.1.224.15/Area51/Rampart/2271/ufogquotes.html>

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## UK UFO Conference - 07-16-00

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Subject: UK UFO Conference - 07-16-00

Hi All,

Apologies if you have already seen this one, just passing it on!

Roy..

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## McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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Subject: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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Source: The News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon

[http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story\\_no=115476&category=Local+News](http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=115476&category=Local+News)

McMinnville UFO photos soar the globe  
Published: May 9, 2000  
By Pat Forgey Of the News-Register

Fifty years ago, the most important event in human history happened in McMinnville when a local farm couple captured evidence of interplanetary visitors on film.

Or they merely snapped a couple of pictures of a still-secret military craft. Or maybe it was an optical illusion, or a hoax.

Even after 50 years, nobody yet knows what to make of the two photographs taken by Paul and Evelyn Trent a bit after dinner on May 11, 1950. Much has been made of the photographs, nonetheless.

What set the Trents' photographs apart wasn't the timing. They weren't the first photos purporting to show unidentified flying objects, and they've hardly been the last.

"There have been a lot of such events, but this was of particular interest because of the clarity of the photos," said Bruce Maccabee, a researcher who has performed an exhaustive analysis. "Without the photos, it would have been just another sighting by some people, but the Trent case stands out because these photos are so clear that it's either the real thing or a hoax."

Unlikely hoaxers

Beyond the relative clarity of the photos, though, it was the Trents themselves who really set the photos apart.

Both Paul and Evelyn Trent died in the late 1990s. The house where the photographs were taken has long since been torn down.

But the Trents were, by all accounts, simple farm folk. They weren't the sort of people likely to either imagine or make up a flying saucer story, said Maccabee, who spent hours interviewing them over several years while he studied the photographs.

"I basically concluded that they were not the type of people who would attempt a UFO hoax, to say the nothing of pulling one off," he said.

That conclusion was echoed by journalist Bill Powell, who showed the Trent photographs to the world and touched off a media circus decades before that term came into common use.

Working for the Telephone-Register, predecessor of the News-Register, Powell got word of the photos in June 1950. They had been snapped a month earlier.

There were two of them. Retrieving the negatives from Paul Trent, Powell published them across the top of the Telephone-Register and told the Trents' story.

Evelyn Trent had been feeding rabbits in the backyard of their Ballston-area farm when she saw a flying disc in the sky to the northwest. She called for her husband, Paul, who snapped a photograph with his Kodak camera, rewound the film as rapidly as possible, and snapped a second shot 30 seconds later.

Both photos appear to show a disc zipping through the sky.

Paul Trent may have had photos of the biggest news story ever to hit McMinnville, but all he did was put the camera away. Later, after finishing off the roll of film on Mother's Day, he took it to a drug store on McMinnville's Third Street to be developed.

"The reason I thought they were authentic was that the negatives were in the middle of the roll," said Powell from his retirement home in Idaho Falls, Idaho. "He'd taken some more pictures so that he'd make sure he got his money's worth when he developed the things."

Maccabee said that story is part of why the photographs have taken on such importance in the UFO movement. If the Trents had been trying to fake a photograph, they'd likely have taken several practice shots and shown the world only the best of what they ended up with.

The other thing that makes the photos believable is that the Trents didn't seem to be trying to take advantage of them.

The day Paul Trent got the film developed, he told banker Ralph Wortman about it. Wortman mentioned it to Telephone-Register Editor Phil Bladine, who dispatched Powell to investigate.

Photos go national

Once the photos were published, however, they touched a national nerve.

Several supposed UFO sightings, usually called flying saucers then, had recently made the news. The photos went out on the wires and were reprinted across the nation.

Life, then the nation's top circulation magazine, published them in July.

Mutual Broadcasting System radio personality Frank Edwards obtained a copy of the Telephone-Register and called Bladine.

"Your paper is 10 cents," Edwards said to Bladine. "Can I tell people that if they send you a dime, you'll send 'em a copy?"

"I said 'sure', figuring that we might get a request for three or four papers," Bladine recalled.

Instead, requests flooded in. Dimes came taped to cards and wrapped in paper.

Sometimes payment was made in stamps. Sometimes dollar bills were sent and multiple copies were requested.

The Telephone Register's headline the next week reported, "Saucers Top Story in U.S. Inquiries Flood TR office."

At the time, the paper's circulation was less than 4,000, Bladine guesses. But by the end of week, requests for an extra 2,000 copies had come in.

That led to a special reprinting of the front page on high quality paper. By late summer, most of a special press run of 10,000 copies had been mailed out to people in all 48 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

Bladine said many of the people contacting the paper had stories to tell. "People said that they'd seen a flying saucer, but didn't want to tell anyone because they were afraid they'd be thought nuts."

The Trents were eventually invited to New York for a radio



appearance.

The photos have been reprinted many times since. They were included in the Condon Report, a University of Colorado study conducted into UFO sightings on behalf of the U.S. Air Force.

Before Life published the photographs, they were cropped by someone. Nothing but the cropped versions have been published since, said Tim Hills, a McMinnville historian who researched the photos as part of a look at the area's history when the pub chain reopened Hotel Oregon in McMinnville.

"The Telephone Register is the only source of the full-frame photos," he said. "They were never published full-frame ever again."

Skeptics abound

UFO skeptics have challenged the photos' authenticity, saying the story the Trents told of how the photos came to be taken was inconsistent. Maccabee, who interviewed the Trents many times, said he didn't find the inconsistencies significant.

"If they had said exactly the same thing every time, they (skeptics) would have said it was a hoax because they'd memorized it," he said. "You can't win with that one."

Other critics have said the shadows in the pictures indicate the photos were taken in the morning, rather than evening as the Trents said, but no one has come up with an explanation for why they'd lie about an insignificant element like that.

Hills finds the Trents and their story credible, even after the variations of multiple tellings.

"Their stories really didn't change significantly," he said. "It's a credit to them, and bolsters their credibility."

That doesn't mean that it's not a hoax of some sort, he said.

But it's stood up for five decades. "If it is a fake it's a masterful one," he said.

Maccabee said he's convinced of the photos' authenticity. What he doesn't know is what Paul Trent snapped a picture of that day in 1950.

Trent himself thought it was some type of secret military plane, Maccabee said.

He was reluctant at first to even let the newspaper publish the photos. He was quoted in the first story as saying, "I'm afraid I'll get into trouble with the government."

Hills is among those who doesn't think it was a top secret Air Force project.

"If we had the capability in 1947 to make a flying saucer, we should be able to do that today, and we can't. It's a big question mark to me," he said.

Powell still doesn't know what to make of it. The story he published carried the headline, "At Long Last -- Authentic Photographs of Flying Saucer [?]"

Powell said it should be read carefully.

"You'll notice that on my screamer, I put a question mark," he said. "I was covering my butt a little bit."

Hills said he may not be able to explain it, but he knows one thing. "It's a great story."

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Best regards,

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## Radioactive Documents At National Archives

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Subject: Radioactive Documents At National Archives

EBK & list:

UFO researchers frequently review declassified documents at The National Archives. Enclosed below is a strange article that may be 'of interest' to such researchers. -- KY

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Radioactive Documents Found in Md.  
Friday, May 12, 2000  
The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) -- Researchers who are re-classifying millions of records at the National Archives facility here have discovered that some of the documents are radioactive.

Officials say the contamination is limited to a few boxes.

The contaminated documents were found in January when a researcher who was reviewing 50-year-old notes about radiation noticed gray dust and an envelope containing what appeared to be metal fragments.

Tests by the Archive's conservation laboratory identified the substance as uranium.

The facility's 50 employees were doused in a special wash and checked for radioactivity. They now keep a device on hand that can detect radiation.

The radioactive records were among 1.2 billion pieces of paper from laboratories nationwide that are being reviewed as part of President Clinton's 1995 order to declassify documents older than 25 years. The contaminated boxes could have come from any one of several laboratories.

The Energy Department plans to conduct a sweep of the College Park archives by the end of the year. Meanwhile, researchers have been told to look out for anything suspicious.

"We've notified all our reviewers to be careful," said Roger K. Heusser, director of the declassification project for the Department of Energy. "Most of these records are letters and reports in file folders. If you do see a packet of powder, it's pretty evident there is something unusual in there."

End of article

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## LH's Email Troubles

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@JPS.NET](mailto:larryhat@JPS.NET)>  
Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 04:18:12 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 09:26:12 -0400  
Subject: LH's Email Troubles

As OneMain.com gobbles JPS.NET whole, I am having lots of email difficulties.

One result is that lots of mail sent to me is getting bounced back to the senders as undeliverable.

As a result, I probably missed some list submissions and other private messages.

If its important, please keep trying. Eventually, it seems to get through.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview

From: Brian Straight <[brians@mdbs.com](mailto:brians@mdbs.com)>  
Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 09:27:47 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 12:33:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview

>Date: Tue, 09 May 2000 20:04:51 -0300  
>From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hello GT and all,

>Re your locomotives and proof. I get your meaning. But try this  
>one. Prove that the Apollo astronauts went to the Moon.

>Don

OK - I'll take that challenge.

1 - I saw the Saturn V lift off with my own eyes. Pretty big rocket if you just want to do a fake earth orbit thing. But I'll concede the point that it doesn't prove anything.

2 - I saw the TLI burn with my own eyes, and followed it through my scope. We sent something out of earth orbit to the moon (a fact that can be independently verified - some amateur astronomers were able to independently calculate the orbital elements of the spacecraft from their own observations).

3 - I was fortunate to be able to assist a team that was measuring the distance to the moon by bouncing lasers off reflectors placed on the lunar surface by Armstrong and Aldrin. The reflectors became available only after placement by the Apollo astronauts, and were precisely in the area specified. I suppose it could be argued that they were set there by a robotic probe, but if you have the technology to land with that degree of precision, you can certainly send men to the moon.

4 - I know folks who worked the tracking stations. Conversations and telemetry were certainly originating from an object going to the moon (again, I suppose you could argue it was some sort of "repeater").

5 - Getting to the moon was not a particularly difficult problem - the appropriate level of technology either existed or could be developed by a crash r&d program.

6 - There is absolutely no credible evidence (other than that offered by individuals who do not understand photography or the physics of the behavior of objects in one-sixth gee), that the Apollo astronauts did NOT go to the moon.

7 - As a Purdue Alum, I've met nearly all the Apollo astronauts. For ex-fighter jocks, they are incredibly good actors if they are lying.

8 - The "no-go" hypothesis requires a conspiracy on a massive scale. Even small conspiracies unravel very quickly because someone blabs. I know of no credible source, directly involved with the program who would argue that the landings did not take place.

Brian

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## Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview

From: Ron Decker <[decker@wtez.net](mailto:decker@wtez.net)>  
Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 06:45:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 12:27:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview

>Date: Mon, 08 May 2000 22:47:03 -0700  
>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 08 May 2000 17:45:57 -0500  
>>From: Ron Decker <[decker@wtez.net](mailto:decker@wtez.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Skeptics Society's Shermer - Interview  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>[Shermer was booked to help promote the Discovery Channel's  
>>>series 'Into The Unknown' which aired the week of April 30 -  
>>>May 5, 2000. --ebk]

>>>Dr. Michael Shermer - Director of the Skeptics Society

>>> Here today to help us get at the nature of this belief  
>>> is Dr. Michael Shermer. He's director of the Skeptics  
>>> Society and publisher of 'Skeptic' magazine.

>As one who believes in the exsistance of a Personal and Infinite  
>God (and by the by, not one who belives that the Planet is a  
>mere 6000 years old). I am also amazed at the Fundamentalist  
>belief of those who don't?can't ? won't believe empirical  
>results.

Greetings, GT,

The Shermers and the Fundamentalists exhibit the same type of  
thinking (or lack thereof). They have a template that explains  
reality and if something occurs that doesn't fit that template  
then it doesn't really exist, it's a lie, it's mental illness  
and on and on. Is it laziness or insecurity?

>Shermer's explained abduction experience was proof enough. "Road  
>fatigue" - on a bike trip yet. (motor or pedal?)

Ha, I suppose all those abductees have pushed themselves beyond  
the limits of physical endurance, somehow. How else can you  
explain the experiences? Surely it's not what's being reported.  
Surely not.

<snip>

>>I do think that there's should be discussion here regarding the  
>>nature of reality and so forth. However, a pointed discussion  
>>inevitably falls to a discussion of religion which I doubt our

>I have an interest in Steam Locomotives. Have for years. I am  
>old enough to rememeber the Union Pacific Challengers, 4-6-6-4  
>wheel arrangement, as I recall. Now, I would ask Mr. Shermer,  
>"Do you believe in Steam Locomotives?" If he said "Yes", I would  
>reply, "Prove it."

<snip>

Lovely example.

This brings up something else the Shermers toss out all the time



which really gets under my skin: we can't trust our senses. What lunacy! To Shermer our senses are fouled up when something paranormal or unusual occurs. But they work just fine when we're driving a car, flying a plane or flying through space. If he can't depend on his senses how does Shermer ever get to the studio where he's tossing out his laughable explanations for everything?

Best regards,

Ron Decker

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## Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 11

From: James Easton <[voyager@ufoworld.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 15:33:14 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 16:45:47 -0400  
Subject: Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 11

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1. UFO World.

I'm please to announce that UFO World is now on-line at:

[www.ufoworld.co.uk](http://www.ufoworld.co.uk)

This contains all of my research material previously available on the Internet and the site will be continuously updated and considerably expanded, encompassing the most significant raw data and objective investigations from researchers.

All links to other sources have been verified and it's recommended that anyone interested in the topic should spend some time browsing those sites listed.

Especially advocated this month are:

The Anomalist -  
<http://www.anomalist.com/>

Fortean Times -  
<http://www.forteantimes.com/>

UFOCOM - UFO research in Belgium (Interesting material re the Belgian 'Triangular UFO' sightings)  
<http://195.74.196.113/UfocomHq/usmenu.htm>

CIPFANI - The view from a Brazilian organisation  
<http://users.task.com.br/cipfani/>

Video footage from around the world  
<http://wkweb5.cableinet.co.uk/dledger/video.htm>

Please update any links to my previous web site, or feel free to link to the material at UFO World and let me know of any sites you would like added.

UFO World will contain truly significant evidence relating to the subject of UFOs - we're looking for answers, not mysteries.

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2. The 'Rendlesham Forest' UFO Encounters - Copy of Original, Key Testimony and Sketches Now Published.

When I acquired copies of the original witness testimonies, I provided them to various researchers with an long-term interest in this classic British mystery. The pivotal statement of Airman Ed Cabansag was also made available on my web site.

Now, the equally important affidavit and accompanying sketches from Staff-Sergeant Jim Penniston are being published and for the first time ever, the UFO which Penniston originally portrayed can be seen.

Although I have previously confirmed details of this depiction, it may still be something of a surprise for those more familiar with the more celebrated triangular UFO of Rendlesham lore.

The material now available at UFO World is as follows:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/penn1.gif>

The cover page of Penniston's report. This is marked 'Eyes Only' for Lt. Col. Halt. It's crucial to note that the testimonies of Cabansag, Penniston, Airman 1st Class John Burroughs and others were not requested and obtained by Halt until the beginning of January, 1981, a full week after the initial incident they had been involved with.

Halt has explained this was due to the holiday/leave period.

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/penn2.gif>

Penniston's full statement.

There are some key points therein.

Penniston does describe observing at the time a "mechanical" object within Rendlesham forest. There's no debate about this as it is verified in the statement of Master-Sergeant J. D. Chandler, who was monitoring radio communications.

Penniston also confirms he was never closer to the unidentified object than 50 meters. This is a huge anomaly given his accounts in later years of spending some twenty minutes examining and touching the object, plus documenting the strange symbols on its surface.

Completely absent from this statement is any mention of having next pursued an unidentified light for some two miles, before realising it originated from a nearby lighthouse, almost certainly at Orfordness [Orford Ness].

That fact is documented in all other statements.

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/penn3.gif>

Penniston's first diagram.

As noted in his statement, this shows the scene as viewed from 'east gate' sentry point, looking down east gate road towards the forest.

For comparison, see the photograph I took of this viewpoint:

[http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/eg\\_road.jpg](http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/eg_road.jpg)

It's part of the article on UFO World at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/rend3.htm>

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/penn4.gif>

A map of the route which the patrol, consisting of Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston, took through the forest. The point at

which they left their vehicle and continued on foot is shown and this agrees with the evidence which had been gathered from other sources.

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/penn5.gif>

The scene when the object was viewed at closer range within Rendlesham forest.

I can't make out that writing in the middle, with an arrow pointing towards the lights/object within the trees - any suggestions are welcome.

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/penn6.gif>

The UFO...

Note that within the insert, Penniston apparently questions the light sequence. This would be consistent with the object never being viewed at close range and that's the scenario reported by all other participant accounts.

Subsequently, Penniston's recollections differed considerably, as emphasised in the illustrations which he seemingly first produced in public circa 1997. These were published on the Microsoft Network's UFO forum and later in an article I wrote for UFO Magazine (UK).

Apparently claimed to be copies of the sketches from his original notebook and drawn at the time he closely examined a triangular craft at leisure, these can be seen at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/jpdraw1.jpg>

The triangular craft.

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/jpdraw2.jpg>

The triangular craft as viewed side-on and related ground indentations.

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/jpdraw3.jpg>

A copy of the insignia allegedly 'etched' into the craft's surface.

To help understand all of this in context, there's detailed, factual background material on UFO World.

It can be directly accessed via:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/rendlsh.htm>

or by the redirected URL:

[www.rendlesham.com](http://www.rendlesham.com)

The background articles highlight numerous evidential anomalies and questions which remain unanswered.

Most obviously, how can Penniston have examined and sketched the craft/insignia with such detail when it's acknowledged in his testimony that he was never closer than 50 meters - how could he have drawn the insignia [or indeed anything] with perfect lines and circles, in the dark of night and the middle of a dense forest!

How can his later accounts be equated with that of Burroughs, his partner in the forest, when Burroughs is on records as confirming, "I never saw anything metallic or anything hard".

And why were we led to believe for so many years by Burroughs, Penniston and Halt, that Orfordness lighthouse would never have fooled any of the participants, when it was known all along that

it was at least partly responsible for the UFO scare.

Although Col. Halt has on more than one occasion been contacted and asked to comment on these matters, he has not responded.

Nonetheless, this is UFO history and an exclusive insight into the UK's most famous UFO case.

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### 3. Trent Photographs - New High-Res Scans Available.

One of the most highly regarded UFO cases in the US remains the 'Trent' photographs.

Some background material can be seen at:

<http://www.ncas.org/condon/case46.htm>

A sceptical appraisal is offered by Robert Sheaffer at 'The Debunkers Domain':

<http://www.debunker.com/trent.html>

Central to the evidence is of course the photographs and I'm grateful to Bruce Maccabee for providing copies of the highest quality images yet available. I believe these are scans of the original negatives and they can be viewed on UFO World at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/trent1.jpg>

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/trent2.jpg>

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### 4. UFO Research List.

The 'UFO Research List' (UFORL) is a moderated, discussion forum for related topics which can be evidenced to have a \_scientific\_ foundation, encompassing 'black projects'. There are currently around 100 subscribers.

To join UFORL, you can sign up from UFO World's home page or by sending a blank e-mail, with a blank subject line, to:

[UFORL-subscribe@listbot.com](mailto:UFORL-subscribe@listbot.com)

You will then be sent a verification message and a copy of the list 'housekeeping rules'.

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Although this newsletter is shorter than usual, the content is of particular importance and further revelations will be held over until the next issue!

Back issues can be obtained free of charge from UFO World's home page.

James Easton,  
Editor.

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[www.ufoworld.co.uk](http://www.ufoworld.co.uk)

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 10:10:07 -0800  
Fwd Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 16:54:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 11 May 2000 17:43:15 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
>Subject: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Blair,

Excellent article! Folks on this list might also read the McMinnville section of the Condon report (pgs 396-407) and view the photos for themselves.

With a magnifying glass, many details of this flying craft become clear. It is not a saucer but is asymmetrical and seems to have other strange characteristics. If we conclude that these photos are a legitimate representation of one type of alien flying ship, and that the folks who took the photos were telling the truth, then we might be able to also theorize about how these machines operate.

Below is the conclusion on the analysis of McMinnville photos 1 & 2 from the Condon report:

"This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses. It cannot be said that the evidence positively rules out a fabrication, although there are some physical factors such as the accuracy of certain photometric measures of the original negatives which argue against fabrication."

'The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects',  
Dr. Edward U. Condon; pg 407; 1968

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## Alleged Alien Symbols, Writing And Emblems

From: **Gar Anthony** <[garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk](mailto:garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 21:35:56 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 16:58:28 -0400  
Subject: Alleged Alien Symbols, Writing And Emblems

Request to UFO Updates list

Dear Colleagues

I am currently collecting samples of alleged alien writing, symbols and emblems with a view to compiling a comprehensive database and in this endeavour I have managed so far to acquire a number of different and interesting examples from around the world.

If anyone knows of any cases where alleged alien symbols, writings or emblems are reported, please mail details to [garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk](mailto:garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk) any questions, suggestions or comments are always welcome.

Submissions of samples of alien writings, symbols and emblems should be accompanied by brief background details, outlining when and where the symbols were seen, etc. Confidentiality will be adhered to in respect of any case details that are submitted and investigators/researchers will be fully credited for their contributions.

It is hoped this database will be made available to the 'Ufological' community at some future date.

Would you please keep my interest in mind during your future researches, should you find anything that you may feel is relevant to my project. I am interested in cases with alien symbols that have been proven or suspected as hoaxes as well as unknowns.

No 'Star Trek' or other fictional stuff please.

All best regards

Gary Anthony

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 01:50:54 -0400  
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>Subject: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Greetings list -

>Source: The News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon

>[http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story\\_no=115476&category=Local+News](http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=115476&category=Local+News)

>McMinnville UFO photos soar the globe

>Published: May 9, 2000

>By Pat Forgey Of the News-Register

>Fifty years ago, the most important event in human history  
>happened in McMinnville when a local farm couple captured  
>evidence of interplanetary visitors on film.

Blair,

Don't forget about the photo of a similar object taken by a  
French pilot near Rouen, France, four years later in 1954!

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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### UFO Photo Still Tantalizes

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 02:02:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 02:02:05 -0400  
Subject: UFO Photo Still Tantalizes

Source: The Oregonian

[http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/news/oregonian/00/05/lc\\_51ufo11.frame](http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/news/oregonian/00/05/lc_51ufo11.frame)

UFO Photo Still Tantalizes

The picture will be celebrated, but Dayton residents say it was no big deal

Thursday, May 11, 2000

KELLY KENNEDY of the Oregonian

DAYTON -- On the 50th anniversary of one of the most-famous UFO sightings in history, townsfolk don't seem to understand what the fuss is all about.

They don't understand why experts have worked for decades to debunk the photos taken from Paul and Evelyn Trent's back yard on May 11, 1950.

They don't have conversations at the town's single bar about whether there is life beyond Earth.

They say they're not interested in an alien-themed ball and UFO watch that McMenamins Hotel Oregon is throwing in McMinnville to commemorate the event.

A month passed before the Trents gained their notoriety, in part because the couple waited to finish the roll of film that contained two of the most hotly debated UFO photographs ever, the closest ever taken of an unidentified flying object and one of the first captured on film.

A June 10, 1950, story in The Oregonian reports that Evelyn Trent was outside feeding the rabbits on the family farm near Dayton, about 11 miles south of McMinnville, when she saw a strange metallic object in the sky. She yelled for her husband, who grabbed a camera and ran outside.

The Trents told The Oregonian that the saucer came from the northeast at about 7:45 p.m., changed direction, then slipped out of sight. "It was like a good-sized parachute canopy without the strings, only silvery bright mixed with bronze," she said at the time. "It was as pretty as anything I ever saw."

When a friend saw the pictures, he hung them in his bank window, where they drew the eye of a McMinnville reporter. From there, the photos traveled worldwide across the news wires. Life magazine featured them in its June 26, 1950, edition.

Kim Trent Spencer, the farm couple's granddaughter, says she remembers talking about the UFO pictures when she was young, but back then she didn't know the details -- that her grandmother said she had seen UFOs before, that the object created a breeze that blew through her grandparents' hair, or which relative spotted the saucer first.

"We think about it every once in a while," she said. "It stays in the back of your mind. I just remember they had a lot of problems with people not believing them. They'd come out and hang up hubcaps and take pictures to see if that's how they did it."

Both of Spencer's grandparents died a couple of years ago.

Dave Sanguinetti, special events coordinator for the Hotel Oregon, said he's not surprised about the lack of interest in Dayton.

"It's not a real popular subject around town," he said. "You never know -- it could have happened. The whole area is a mecca for sightings. Seems like everyone has a UFO sighting story."

To celebrate, McMenamins is bringing in Bruce Maccabee, the UFOlogist who investigated the photos.

"We're taking it seriously to a point because Bruce Maccabee is going to be here," Sanguinetti said. "But we're also taking it campily. There will be green Martians. I think it's going to be great. I think it's going to be insane."

In a recently updated report to the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, Maccabee said he was unable to prove the photos were a hoax because the image is so clear. He came to a similar conclusion to that of photo analyst William Hartmann, who determined that the way the light was distributed on the photo shows it was a distant object, not a hubcap hung on a telephone wire.

In an Air Force investigation of the UFO reports at the University of Colorado in 1967 -- known as the Condon Report -- Hartmann determined that the evidence was "consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses."

Hartmann, a senior scientist at the Tucson Planetary Science Institute, said his ideas about the analysis changed when he learned the Trents said they had seen other UFOs. "In my mind this reduced their credibility as follows: If their photo is real, it is clearly an artificial object and apparently not terrestrial, i.e. an alien spacecraft. But such objects must be extremely rare, or we'd have better documentation by now."

Some Dayton inhabitants may not be excited about the 50th anniversary of the event, but they do say it happened. They've seen similar things themselves. A 1996 Newsweek poll showed that 48 percent of Americans think the government is hiding proof of UFOs from the public.

Howard Putman, owner of Putt's Store in Dayton, said he and several other teen-agers saw several spaceships in the late 1940s.

"We were out working a field at U.S. Alderman Farms near Independence, hoeing corn or potatoes, and we saw five saucers swing down, corner off, then disappear," he said. "A little later, some military planes came over, and that's all we know. We can't prove it or disprove it. You know, there were a lot of things going on in the war years, so it could have been anything."

But Putman, like many Dayton residents, hasn't joined the UFO debate.

"They say it's a regular occurrence around here," he said. "The Trents could've seen something. It's not a big deal, though. If they're out there, they're out there."

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Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50S Tv Show

What did Hollywood know about possible ancient structures on Mars 50 years ago?

by Wiggz, AlienZoo prohibitor of dullness - 05/08/2000

The Real Mission to Mars reached a compelling close Sunday night with a "fairy tale" from Enterprise Mission researcher Richard Hoagland. In the all-day event's final half-hour, Hoagland pursued a never-before-presented line of thought that linked "Establishment" knowledge of the face on Mars to View-Master slides of a popular 1950s children's TV show "Tom Corbett Space Cadet."

For Hoagland, the TV show predicted, by 30 years, the connection between ruined artifacts on Mars and Earth. The set of Tom Corbett TV series View-Master slides, given to Hoagland for his birthday in late April, triggered the Mars researcher's realisation of this connection. Having viewed the slides for the first time in many years, Hoagland still wonders just how much Hollywood knew about NASA's theories on extraterrestrials one half century ago.

Hoagland described the Tom Corbett slides as "a marketing tool that was sold with a television show," which "captured the spirit of what we all thought would happen in the out years."

Through clay figurines, the slides tell the story of the Polaris crew's voyage to the moon, then to Mars, then to an asteroid.

Reaching the moon, the Space Cadets discover the satellite's "famous Moon Pyramid," and try to imagine what ancient people erected the edifice, and for what reason. In the centre of the red triangle is Mars, with all of its canals. In the centre of Mars is a red dot, which the Polaris crew reads as a sign post, the next stop in a galactic journey.

Reviewing the slides before his audience, Hoagland drew a parallel between the fictional scene and Apollo missions' photography of a triangular shape on the face of the moon, in the Sinus Medii region. While this is the most-often-photographed region of the moon, NASA, curiously enough, never landed there.

On Mars, the crew encounters a magnificent Sphinx-like stone lion. Carvings on the lion represent a numbering system, which leads the crew to hunt down an asteroid. The "face" on Mars, it should be remembered, has a partly cat-like visage.

Reaching the red asteroid, the crew finds a doorway presided over by another apparently feline creature. Voyaging into the tomb, Space Cadets encounter a massive record of objects, devices, documents, and films from a long-since-vanished

civilisation. When a lever is pulled, a holographic cat is revealed to be floating on a purple disc.

"What did they know and when did they know it?" Hoagland asked. "Keep in mind the fundamental theme of the tetrahedral message of Cydonia, the involvement of Mars and tetrahedrons, the whole idea of circumscribed spheres, and the whole idea of the specific geometry, and know that we didn't figure it out until, probably, 1989.

"But in 1955, somebody, somehow, somewhere knew... The artifact that Tom Corbett and his crew go to the moon to find is a glass tetrahedron with Mars as a sphere inside it."

Hoagland concluded that, decades ago, Hollywood was playing a key role in teaching children about the presence of ancient civilisations on neighbouring solar-system bodies. The rest of society, he said, was working all along to keep the general population in the dark.

Interestingly enough, German rocket scientist Willy Ley was the scientific consultant for the Tom Corbett TV series. Ley, a former German Rocket Society director who worked with Werner von Braun, was also a consultant to Disney and sci-fi film maker George Pal. Presumably, Ley had an inside connection to Hollywood and the U.S.'s finest space engineers.

Presented by AlienZoo, The Real Mission to Mars was a fund raiser for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy and The Enterprise Mission. The event was held at the Scottsdale Centre for the Arts, in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Sunday, May 7.

For further reference, fans of 'Tom Corbett Space Cadet' should visit:

[www.solarguard.com](http://www.solarguard.com)

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Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 03:08:19 -0400  
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>Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 18:49:58 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 07 May 2000 17:16:48 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

><snip>

>>>I am increasingly annoyed by this cheap avenue of attack.  
>>>Please specify where in any of my Cydonia updates/editorials  
>>>have I insinuated that NASA is "doctoring" the "evidence."  
>>>Certainly one can argue that there are those who will never  
>>>be satisfied.

>>Don't get your shorts in a knot over this one.

>Believe me, I won't.

Good..you don't want to sound like a gullible believer, as one  
guy put it awhile ago, a "hoaglandite."

>>I was making a general observation and if you had noticed it  
>>generally agreed with you that neither side of the debate will  
>>be happy with any results no matter what they are, no matter  
>>how perfect the photos, no matter how many times the site is  
>>photographed.

>Yes, but you made this observation after selectively quoting  
>\_my\_ article! I wanted to make it as clear as possible that the  
>paranoid route is precisely the route I choose to avoid.

><snip>

>>What about the so called smilie face on MARS which could be  
>>considered to be greater evidence of intelligent creation then  
>>the so called face?

>You're joking, right? I think anyone who considers the "Happy  
>Face," which NASA dutifully shows us in an obvious effort to  
>equate it with the Face, would have to be tripping on a

With a reaction like that you are starting to close in on the  
believer state rapidly.

>significant dose of psychoactive drugs. Where is the symmetry  
>in the "Happy Face"? The internal detail? Name one aspect of  
>the "Happy Face" that would make a rational person  
>consider--even for a split-second--that it's the work of  
>intelligence. There is simply not space in this mailing to  
>enumerate (again) the evidence in favor of the Face's  
>artificiality.

Lets see now. The alleged and so called face on Mars is thought  
to be authentic because it "looks" or "appears to be" like a  
face.

\_But\_ the so called happy face which matches things created by intelligent life on this earth is not real and therefore can't be a work of intelligence. Interesting.

My vote is for the happy face :)

>The "Happy Face," as any PR person at NASA would likely tell you, is a none-too-subtle attempt to divert attention from what

That may be your interpretation of the facts. Another might be that if you photographed natural features of other planets including earth, you are likely to see so called structures that appear to have been created by so called intelligent life, when in fact they are just natural structures.

>may possibly be the "real thing." NASA doesn't think Cydonia >reflects evidence for artificiality. I don't think they're >hiding anything; the misdirected tactics they've employed to >discredit no-kidding scientific work on Cydonia is just politics >as usual.

So instead of a paranoid track, you choose the bureaucratic incompetence theory. That's a safe route to go.

>>Many years ago I spent time going over aerial photos of the >>desert south west for a historical project. Looking strictly >>at the photos we ran across features that looked like man made >>structures and so on. While we were doing ground investigation >>we took the opportunity to look at these structures and they >>were very much naturally created.

>That's a really interesting anecdote. And its relevance is...? >Until we commit to taking a serious look at Cydonia and >democratizing the data-dissemination process, accounts like the >above are useless. The Face may turn out to be a false alarm;

Point is that without a manned mission to MARS to investigate the so called and alleged face the debate is going to go on for the next 50 years. Even if and when a manned mission should go there if they announce its just a natural feature, everybody will whine and cry they are part of the evil NASA cover up.

>I'm perfectly ready to concede that. But so far there is >insufficient evidence to support either of the two hypothesis >(natural v. artificial) enough to justify dismissing--or >irrationally elevating--the issue.

And there never will be enough evidence one way or the other. It won't matter how many detailed high resolution photos are taken. The bottom line on resolving the issue will be a manned mission to the face with an actual hands on ground investigation.

>>>And \_when\_ are the so-called "skeptics" going to dispense >>>with the demonstrated fiction that the Face formation is a >>>trick of lighting? I refer you to Mark Carlotto's "The >>>Martian Enigmas," which goes into painstaking detail about >>>the procedures used to demonstrate that the Face remains >>>facelike at virtually any lighting angle. The MGS results >>>are in keeping with his predictions, as illustrated in the >>>animated GIF posted on my website: >>><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>.

>>They are still his interpretation.

>Carlotto's reconstructions have been duplicated by other >independent researchers. The Face looks like face. Does this >mean it's artificial? Of course not.

Glad you agree. That was the point I made above. If you started looking around the planet earth you would likely find lots of so called artificial looking structures in aerial photos that after a ground investigation turn out to be natural. This would likely be true of many planets in the solar system.

Bottom line truth. When the photos are not instantly released, and or they don't verify everybodys pet Mars face theory, people (in order to rationalize the inconsistencies away) will in fact label them as being part of the evil government disinformation campaign and or cover up.



Just watch and see.

Cheers,

Robert

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Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 03:11:04 -0400  
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>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 19:24:31 -0400  
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>>Fifty years ago, the most important event in human history  
>>happened in McMinnville when a local farm couple captured  
>>evidence of interplanetary visitors on film.

>Blair,

>Don't forget about the photo of a similar object taken by a  
>French pilot near Rouen, France, four years later in 1954!

It's also interesting to remember that Phil Klass conclusively  
'proved' the McMinnville photos were fakes, only to have his  
'explanations' deflated by computer analysis many years later.

Mac Tonnies

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Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 23:38:39 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 03:23:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

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>enough, never landed there.

The point Hoagland is trying to make is that "someone" already knew about the Martian anomalies long before the Viking mission photographed the Face, etc. He conveniently forgets that discovering extraterrestrial artifacts on other planets was a staple theme of science fiction of the era--and still is, largely. The parallels he points out are interesting but all-but-inevitable. He should know this.

The ironic thing to consider is what if the space cadet slides were, indeed, part of some "indoctrination program" as Hoagland predictably claims. I would have thought the People Who Know Everything could have done a bit better than some View-Master slides.

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From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 07:49:29 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 09:25:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 01:52:19 -0400 (EDT)  
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>(in order to rationalize the inconsistancys away) will in fact  
>label them as being part of the evil government disinformation  
>campaign and or cover up.

Hello, Robert...

You know what strikes me as funny, here? On the one hand, you accuse Mac of being one of the "paranoid" or "believers" or "conspiracy theorists" because he simply wants the Face formation to be investigated as NASA promised it would. On the other hand, you display all of the traits of someone that is either "paranoid" or a "believer" or a "conspiracy theorist", yourself.

You just know that there is a large group of people out there that is going to gang up on NASA and react in a way that you absolutely cannot prove until it happens with no guarantee that it will happen!

If that doesn't fit the bill as a "conspiracy theorist" then I don't know what does!

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black!

I agree that a manned mission to Mars is way over-due (assuming that's what you were getting at). On the other hand, true "believers" won't buy any answers generated by that type of investigation, either. Hell, there are still people that believe we never went to the moon! So why don't we confine ourselves to the topic at hand which is why NASA doesn't deliver on it's promises to investigate something as provocative as the Face Formation.

Regarding your analogy about formations on earth; they are interesting but prove nothing. You maintain that because there are natural formations on earth that look artificial, then there can be no artificial structures on Mars. Why just Mars? Wouldn't

this hold true for earth, as well? Yet, if you look around, the number of artificial structures clearly outnumber the natural formations by a landslide (no pun intended).

Furthermore, if you look around the art world, you will find fakes of DaVincis and Rembrandts by the hundreds. To use your line of reasoning, there are no original masters. Everything is a fake because the majority are fakes.

This is sophistic reasoning at its zenith.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 09:00:21 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 10:13:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 10:10:07 -0800  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 16:54:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Excellent article! Folks on this list might also read the  
>McMinnville section of the Condon report (pgs 396-407) and view  
>the photos for themselves.

<snip>

>Below is the conclusion on the analysis of McMinnville photos 1  
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> "This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors  
> investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical appear  
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> positively rules out a fabrication, although there are some  
> physical factors such as the accuracy of certain  
> photometric measures of the original negatives which argue  
> against fabrication."

> 'The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects',  
> Dr. Edward U. Condon; pg 407; 1968

Ed, Blair, List:

Are you aware that the author of the Condon investigation,  
above, William K. Hartmann, concluded that when he compared one  
photo to another which had been taken after the photographer had  
moved to another spot in the year, he found that the size of the  
overhead phone wires has decreased 10%, although this value was  
somewhat uncertain, and the size of the object itself had  
decreased 8%.

This suggests that the object was at the same distance as the  
wires and might have been a small model suspended from the  
wires. More on this can be found on Robert Sheaffer's webpage

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m12-005.shtml>

Sheaffer also points to what he says might be a bundle of wire  
on the overhead line directly above the UFO image, which he  
thinks could be a string holding up the putative model.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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>"Establishment" knowledge of the face on Mars to View-Master  
>slides of a popular 1950s children's TV show "Tom Corbett Space  
>Cadet."

List, anybody:

Good Lord. I remember this circular view-slide set, I think it's still up in the attic someplace. Hoagland has now finally come full circle. He is using science fiction to validate his theories and claims he's now found proof that NASA (which didn't even exist in the 1950s "knew" the truth.

The man has clearly landed on the planet of La La Land.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Petition To Image Cydonia Draws 2900 Signatures In

From: **Lan Fleming** <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 09:09:09 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 20:24:07 -0400  
Subject: Petition To Image Cydonia Draws 2900 Signatures In

A petition sent to NASA requesting the re-imaging of Cydonia by the Mars Global Surveyor on the May 7th overflight got 2,910 signatures in only one week. This suggests that JPL's attempt to manipulate public opinion with their phony Catbox "enhancement" of the 1998 Face image has failed.

According to John Mercica, it took several months for him to get only 1000 signatures on a petition to image Cydonia back before the MGS mission. So it appears there may be more people interested in Cydonia now than ever before. The latest petition was initiated by a newly-formed Formal Action Committee for Extra-Terrestrial Studies (FACETS) . Davic Jenks, who started the group, directed me to a web site giving the results of the petition at:

<http://www.infosourceresearch.com/current/occupations.html>

There is also an article on the petition drive at:

<http://www.caus.org/pn051100.htm>

What is even more encouraging than the number of signatures is the backgrounds of the people who signed. There were significant percentages of people in technical professions, including astronomy and aerospace. While I'm sure that the petition drew its fair share of "New Agers," the signatories came from all walks of life.

Naturally, JPL has not acknowledged the petition or said whether an image was acquired at all, consistent with their usual furtiveness and the now-routine violation of their stated "position" on Cydonia to announce all imaging opportunities in advance. This must be making some of the politicized scientists at JPL sweat, after thinking they had "scotched this thing for good," as one of them said triumphantly after they dumped the Catbox on the public in 1998. So many lies. So little to show for it.

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>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: May 7 Face Image  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>Lets see now. The alleged and so called face on Mars is thought  
>to be authentic because it "looks" or "appears to be" like a  
>face.

>\_But\_ the so called happy face which matches things created by  
>intelligent life on this earth is not real and therefore can't  
>be a work of intelligence. Interesting.

>My vote is for the happy face :)

NASA's 'Happy Face' looks exactly like what it is: a crater.  
Only people easily influenced by public relations hype would  
think it had any strong resemblance to anything else. Sure,  
there's some vague resemblance to the infantile 'Happy Face'  
cartoon picture. But everything responsible for even that poor  
resemblance is readily identifiable.

Even people who are completely naive about imagery and geology  
would find it totally unremarkable.

It's composed of a crater rim with some totally natural-looking  
ridges within the crater. There is no symmetry whatever, except  
for the natural circular symmetry of the crater. This has  
absolutely no relevancy to the question of the Face in Cydonia,  
except as an example of the pathetically dishonest tactics of  
ridicule that NASA has used to suppress public interest in  
Cydonia.

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## Paul Norman Oz Ufologist Honoured

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 11:59:54 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 20:31:32 -0400  
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EBK Researchers,

Australian Ufologist Honoured.

One of Australians best known and senior Ufologists Paul Norman has been honoured in Australia's leading all states newspaper magazine. In the Saturday 13 May 2000 edition, reporter Helen O'Neill with photographer Nick Cubbin selected Paul as the Magazines "Life Lines" cover story.

Paul is the Vice President of Australia's oldest and largest operating UFO group, called the Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS). Paul is a WWII USN veteran who saw action in the Pacific. In 1963 he left the United States to live in Australia.

With 46 years of service to the subject, Paul is well known around the world and a member of many important Australian and Overseas organisations. He has also been for many years, the MUFON area representative for the State of Victoria.

STORY:

<http://members.xoom.com/praufo/prapeople/Australian%20Ufologist%20Honoured.htm>

Regards,

John W. Auchettl - Director PRA Research

DR Ron Barnett - Deputy Director

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From: **Jesus Millan Arias** <[jesusmillan@retemail.es](mailto:jesusmillan@retemail.es)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 18:15:51 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 20:33:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 11 May 2000 17:43:15 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
>Subject: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Greetings list -

>Source: The News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon

>[http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story\\_no=115476&category=Local+News](http://www.newsregister.com/news/story.cfm?story_no=115476&category=Local+News)

>McMinnville UFO photos soar the globe

>Published: May 9, 2000

>By Pat Forgey Of the News-Register

<snip>

Hi list,

Please, could someone tell me if those photos are available on the Internet?

Thanks,

Jesus

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From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@rocler.qc.ca](mailto:sergesa@rocler.qc.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 12:23:44 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 20:36:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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Hello Bob and List,

You made a mistake while pasting the link.

The best site I have found so far on Trent photos is Mark  
Cashman's:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/500511.htm>

Unfortunately, I did not find on Mark's site good displays of  
the original full frame photos. The is one good frame - though  
small - at:

<http://www.primenet.com/~bdzeiler/discussion/trent.htm>

Does somebody know where it is possible to get good full frame  
images of the 2 Trent photos?

Serge Salvaille

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Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 11:02:45 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 20:40:06 -0400  
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>>wires. ...

This was examined very carefully by Bruce Maccabee, and he showed the diagram that accompanied his research on this in his talk yesterday in McMinnville, Oregon. I believe he has this posted on a website.

The lines of sight from Mr. Trent and his camera to the UFO in the two photos intersected at a point well beyond the projection of the overhead wires. This means that it couldn't have been a model UFO hanging from the telephone wire, unless he or his wife had had some string extending down to ground level tied to the point of attachment of such a model, and had pulled on it after the first photo to slide the point of attachment along the wire several feet. Of course, no such string showed up in the analysis of the negatives, nor any string that would have supported a model UFO. Bruce's analysis on this allowed for the uncertainty in diameter of the telephone wires.

Bruce also discussed what various persons who had known or interviewed the Trents had to say about their personalities and honesty, and none thought they had any inclinations or motivations whatsoever for having committed a UFO hoax.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50S

From: [clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de) (Josh Goldstein)  
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 1956 21:08:01 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 20:42:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50S

>Source: AlienZoo

><http://www.alienzoo.com/features/x/200005080002.cfm>

>Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50S Tv Show

>What did Hollywood know about possible ancient structures on  
>Mars 50 years ago?

>by Wiggz, AlienZoo prohibitor of dullness - 05/08/2000

>The Real Mission to Mars reached a compelling close Sunday night  
>with a "fairy tale" from Enterprise Mission researcher Richard  
>Hoagland. In the all-day event's final half-hour, Hoagland  
>pursued a never-before-presented line of thought that linked  
>"Establishment" knowledge of the face on Mars to View-Master  
>slides of a popular 1950s children's TV show "Tom Corbett Space  
>Cadet."

<snip>

Hi EBK and list-friends,

I'm going to sound like a cynical jerk but, to me, this is Hoagland really pulling on a short straw. While I support Mac Tonnes' position with his quest, Richard Hoagland never ceases to amaze me. Of course Stanley C. Clark must have been privy to the inner sanctum secrets to have portrayed what he described in his books. Of course we all know that the Martian canals were also superhighways that predated and led to the interstate highway system. And there are no speed limits on Mars.

If anything, he wins the drama critics award for acting. He is a show of his own. Anyone who has personally seen him describe the superstructures on the Moon knows his greatness in the art of drama. In the 588th act of this play, the Tom Corbitt scene, he just did not convince me.

C'mon Richard, you can come up with a better act. How about a tag team match with you, Mark Carlotto, NASA and JPL?

Josh Goldstein  
The Happy Heathen

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 14:39:33 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 02:02:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 09:00:21 -0400 (EDT)  
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>>Below is the conclusion on the analysis of McMinnville photos 1  
>>& 2 from the Condon report:

>> "This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors  
>> investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical appear  
>> to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary  
>> flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of  
>> meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within  
>> sight of two witnesses. It cannot be said that the evidence  
>> positively rules out a fabrication, although there are some  
>> physical factors such as the accuracy of certain  
>> photometric measures of the original negatives which argue  
>> against fabrication."

>> 'The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects',  
>> Dr. Edward U. Condon; pg 407; 1968

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>Sheaffer also points to what he says might be a bundle of wire  
>on the overhead line directly above the UFO image, which he  
>thinks could be a string holding up the putative model.

I would have to say that the model theory has been tossed around  
far too much by far too many people who haven't been able to  
prove anything. The Trent photos have, by far, withstood the  
test of time and expert after expert has said that the object is  
a real 3-D object some distance from the camera and large in  
size. A while back some guy named Max tried to say that the

photos were nothing but a street light hanging from the wires. I guess this model theory explains why the size of the object changes...

I talked with the Trents in person at their home sometime before their passing. These people were by far the most genuine and honest people I have talked to regarding a UFO case. In fact, the Trents told me they didn't believe in UFOs, aliens or flying saucers. They also believed the object they photographed was a secret military aircraft and were initially scared to tell anyone about their photos. Their recollection of events was outstanding considering that I talked with them well over 40 years after the incident took place. I will post a transcript of that conversation soon.

While I look for a more mundane explanation to many UFO cases, this particular case is one of the most fascinating and most credible. The bottom line in this is that the debunkers and skeptics can't find a motive that supports a hoax so they'll nit-pick and dig as deep as they can to bury this case. So far they have failed and will continue to fail as it is apparent, in my opinion and based on all available evidence, that the Trents did indeed photograph something extraordinary on that day in May of 1950.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXpose: The Watchdog of UFOlogy  
<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXpose News - Updated)  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog> (Hall of Frauds, Dirtbags, Dupes and Morons)

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From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 18:07:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 02:05:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 23:16:34 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 19:24:31 -0400  
>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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><snip>

>>>Fifty years ago, the most important event in human history  
>>>happened in McMinnville when a local farm couple captured  
>>>evidence of interplanetary visitors on film.

>>Blair,

>>Don't forget about the photo of a similar object taken by a  
>>French pilot near Rouen, France, four years later in 1954!

>It's also interesting to remember that Phil Klass conclusively  
>'proved' the McMinnville phots were fakes, only to have his  
>'explanations' deflated by computer analysis many years later.

>Mac Tonnies

><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>

Dear Mac,

The photos were never "conclusively proven" to be fakes. Simply that Phil Klass "noted" some discrepancies between Paul Trent's testimony and his wife's, which Dr. Bruce Maccabee was already aware of. These photos have survived every single attack, even by people more qualified than Phil Klass.

Plus the fact that the photo taken by a French pilot while flying over Rouen, France four years later, validates the Trent Photos.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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## Cash/Landrum

From: Sean Jones <[tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 23:42:23 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 02:13:48 -0400  
Subject: Cash/Landrum

Hi Errol, Hi all

I received this response from a person who visited my website. I thought you guys (an gals) might be interested.

Of course the chap asked for confidentiality.

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Cash/Landrum, outside Houston, TX 1979

I work in the United States for a large company. One of the people in the company is a person who I chatted up with for a time who was also in the airforce back in 1984. She described an experimental aircraft, triangular in shape, that used a basic antigravitational system that was powered by and atomic engine (of some kind). It caused a large cylindrical ring to rotate in the craft. She called it a "flying wing." She claimed that the craft could hover but the antigrav part of the device was ineffecient and cause the craft to 'wobble' when hovering. For main propulsion they used conventional jet or rocket thrusters - she was not specific.

My source told me that she was in signalling for the U.S. airforce at a base in the south with an above top secret clearance. She also said the project was moved off the air base after a period of time. You may well be able to find evidence of the project in some files. She also mentioned that the antigrav device would have had to have been many times larger than it was to be efficient - hence the flakiness in the hovering capability. I'm sorry I am unable to give you more detailed information. But it is likely that this story may have more terrestrial origins, and certainly more sinister outcomes, than is publicly known. Military complexes should take responsibility for damaging the people they are sworn to protect.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Oops. The correct link for Sheaffer's page on the McMinnville pixs is  
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Clear skies,

Bob Young

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I appreciate that people may have opinions about the Trents'  
honesty, good reputations, or whatever. But, knowing what we  
all do about human nature, etc., and the history of the subject  
of UFOs, how can we take seriously someone's opinion that  
another person, whom they may have known only through an  
interview, has had no motivations whatsoever for committing a  
hoax?

What does anyone really know about another's motivations?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s

From: [Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)  
Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 22:11:57 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 02:21:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s

>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 23:38:39 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s Tv Show  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

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>>Reviewing the slides before his audience, Hoagland drew a  
>>parallel between the fictional scene and Apollo missions'  
>>photography of a triangular shape on the face of the moon, in  
>>the Sinus Medii region. While this is the  
>>most-often-photographed region of the moon, NASA, curiously  
>>enough, never landed there.

>The point Hoagland is trying to make is that "someone" already  
>knew about the Martian anomalies long before the Viking mission  
>photographed the Face, etc. He conveniently forgets that  
>discovering extraterrestrial artifacts on other planets was a  
>staple theme of science fiction of the era--and still is,  
>largely. The parallels he points out are interesting but  
>all-but-inevitable. He should know this.

>The ironic thing to consider is what if the space cadet slides  
>were, indeed, part of some "indoctrination program" as Hoagland  
>predictably claims. I would have thought the People Who Know  
>Everything could have done a bit better than some View-Master  
>slides.

Dear Mac, Errol and Everyone...

They did do better than some View-Master Slides, lots better;  
they gave us Uncle Hoagie. Isn't it great?

Jim Mortellaro

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## Jeff Rense Weekly E-News 5-13-00

From: Rense E-News <[jocelyn@dewittec.net](mailto:jocelyn@dewittec.net)>  
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"Aliens and the Galactic Neighborhood"  
by Peter Farley

A few months ago I sat in a hotel room with a handful of other people and watched a 'man', a bi-product of the Montauk experiments, morph his face into what turned out to be every 'person' he had ever been during his lifetimes in this Universe. Among those faces were the various aliens he had ever been-here the yellow-eyed demonic kind, there a red-eyed face with ridges where there should normally have been cheeks, strange facial structures, odd head shapes—all-in-all a one man Star Wars galactic bar.

A human-alien hybrid in this lifetime, he was created to work in the multi-dimensional time experiments related to the Philadelphia Experiment. All his life this man had been hounded by the Secret Government—harassed, tormented, and persecuted—for the knowledge he contained within his mind and, even more, within his genes. Like an X-Files episode, he was a 'mistake' the government wanted to cover up.

Just a few short weeks ago, I had the pleasure of working with one of the abductees dealt with in Constance Clear's book 'Reaching For Reality.' This abductee worked with the aliens on a nearly day-to-day basis. Although she was quite used to it, there were still times in her life in which she felt she was being used against her will.

Then, two weeks ago, I sat with the representative of the Galactic Federation on Earth at the Prophet's Conference in Santa Fe, NM, and discussed what had brought so many high levels beings together to attend this particular conference. Seemingly there were more prophets in the audience than there were on stage at this event. Everyone of these special people I spoke with agreed that it was a meeting on a higher dimensional level of beings, drawn from all over the world, to discuss the current precarious future of the human race.

The most recent statistics suggest that more than 57 percent of Americans believe in UFOs, while fifteen percent say they have seen a UFO, and 5 percent say they have been abducted. When you take a step into the world of a UFO researcher such as myself,

there is no question about the alien presence on the Earth nor its constant involvement with human affairs on an ongoing basis. The thing that scares me, however, is when I hear that 86 percent of those who believe in aliens say they think that aliens are friendly. Now that kind of blanket attitude really scares me. Go back and watch the old TV mini-series 'V,' and then think again.

The metaphor I like to use when speaking of aliens is our 'neighbors' and our 'neighborhood.' And just as in our local neighborhoods here on Earth, there are some neighbors who are friendly, there are some who are not. Do you get along with all your neighbors? Do you like everyone who lives around you? No. Are all of them honest and forthright? No. And that is the way it is in the Universe too. While we may be on one of the lowest rungs of galactic existence—it doesn't mean there aren't others who have some of the same problems we experience here on Earth. As one abductee said to me, the aliens don't all like each other, sometimes they just have to work together. That is the idea of a Federation of Planets ala the Federation in Star Trek. It is well known that Gene Roddenberry, the show's creator got many of his ideas from channeled material from a galactic group calling themselves 'The Nine.'

The book I am currently working on, "Where Were You Before the Tree of Life?", details this alien interaction with planet Earth which has helped both create and shape the problems we have are currently having, and have had here on Earth, since long before what we like to call 'recorded history.'

Like amateur voyeurs we like to peek at our neighbors and hypothesize about what it is they are doing and what their motives are instead of accepting our place in their community and going out and being a part of the communal planning meetings that so desperately affect us at this time and in this stage of our growth.

It's time for us to wake up folks and stop asking are they real? Stop listening to misinformation and work with those among us who are already in touch so that we may find out how we can educate ourselves, and take our rightful place in the larger galactic neighborhood to which we belong.

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Peter Farley is a metaphysical researcher who resides in Roswell, NM. He has recently been named as the fourth major speaker for this year's Roswell UFO Festival and Star trek convention to be held in Roswell, June 30 through July 7. His e-mail address is [peter6264@hotmail.com](mailto:peter6264@hotmail.com).

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Just a few of last week's most intriguing!

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- \* Thirty Years Of Alien Invasions - In The Movies
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- \* Of Casolaro, Murder, The Octopus, And The Island Of Dominca
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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 01:13:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 02:30:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 11:02:45 -0700  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 09:00:21 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egerman@psln.com](mailto:egerman@psln.com)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 10:10:07 -0800  
>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 16:54:31 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>>Excellent article! Folks on this list might also read the  
>>>McMinnville section of the Condon report (pgs 396-407) and view  
>>>the photos for themselves.

>><snip>  
>>Ed, Blair, List:

>>Are you aware that the author of the Condon investigation,  
>>above, William K. Hartmann, concluded that when he compared one  
>>photo to another which had been taken after the photographer had  
>>moved to another spot in the year [yard], he found that the size  
>>of the overhead phone wires has decreased 10%, although this  
>>value was somewhat uncertain, and the size of the object itself  
>>had decreased 8%.

>>This suggests that the object was at the same distance as the  
>>wires and might have been a small model suspended from the  
>>wires. ...

>This was examined very carefully by Bruce Maccabee, and he  
>showed the diagram that accompanied his research on this in his  
>talk yesterday in McMinnville, Oregon. I believe he has this  
>posted on a website.

>The lines of sight from Mr. Trent and his camera to the UFO in  
>the two photos intersected at a point well beyond the projection  
>of the overhead wires. This means that it couldn't have been a  
>model UFO hanging from the telephone wire, unless he or his wife  
>had had some string extending down to ground level tied to the  
>point of attachment of such a model, and had pulled on it after  
>the first photo to slide the point of attachment along the wire  
>several feet. Of course, no such string showed up in the  
>analysis of the negatives, nor any string that would have  
>supported a model UFO. Bruce's analysis on this allowed for the  
>uncertainty in diameter of the telephone wires.

>Bruce also discussed what various persons who had known or  
>interviewed the Trents had to say about their personalities and  
>honesty, and none thought they had any inclinations or  
>motivations whatsoever for having committed a UFO hoax.

Dear Jim,

Also, don't forget about the other photo of a similar object taken by a french pilot while flying over Rouen, France, in the summer of 1954, four years after Paul Trent took these photos!

cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 09:00:21 -0400 (EDT)  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 10:13:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 10:10:07 -0800  
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>>the photos for themselves.

<snip>

>Below is the conclusion on the analysis of McMinnville photos 1  
>& 2 from the Condon report:

>> "This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors  
>> investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical appear  
>> to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary  
>> flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of  
>> meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within  
>> sight of two witnesses. It cannot be said that the evidence  
>> positively rules out a fabrication, although there are some  
>> physical factors such as the accuracy of certain  
>> photometric measures of the original negatives which argue  
>> against fabrication."

>> 'The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects',  
>> Dr. Edward U. Condon; pg 407; 1968

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>above, William K. Hartmann, concluded that when he compared one  
>photo to another which had been taken after the photographer had  
>moved to another spot in the year, he found that the size of the  
>overhead phone wires has decreased 10%, although this value was  
>somewhat uncertain, and the size of the object itself had  
>decreased 8%.

The difference in size of the object is actually closer to 14%,  
not 10%.

My own computer analysis indicates a curious "coincidence" that  
also comes out to close to 14%. A distant object in level flight  
will not only decrease in angular size as it moves away, but  
also drop in angular elevation. If you compare photo 2 (smaller  
size object) with photo 1 (larger size object), you will notice  
that the object is indeed lower in angular elevation in the  
second photo.

There is a simple mathematical relationship between the angular  
elevations and the relative angular size of the object that is  
predicted from a distant object in level flight. If A is the  
angular elevation of the object in photo 1 and B is the angular  
elevation in photo 2, then:

relative angular size of the objects =  $\sin A / \sin B$

As it turns out, when angles A and B are measured, the ratio  $\sin A / \sin B$  is very close to the measured relative difference in size to within a few percent. The small discrepancy between the two ratios can easily be explained through a combination of measurement error and/or a slight departure from true level flight. E.g., if a distant object rose a few feet between photos 1 and 2, then the ratios would come out the same.

Another interesting factoid arises from analyzing the azimuthal change in angle between the two photos. It turns out this can be explained by an object flying due west. By "due west" I mean to within about 1 or 2 degrees of due west, which again would be well within my measurement error.

Then, of course, Trent the hoaxer would also have to get the relative lightness values of the top of object and the shaded bottom just right so that they were similar to the relative lightness values of distant objects, such as a house about a thousand feet away. That was a key part of Hartmann's photometric analysis of the photos that led him to conclude that the photos were of a distant object, and therefore genuine.

So "all" Trent had to do to hoax the photos was 1) suspend his "model" from the overhead wire (but leave no trace of the suspension thread on the negatives), then 2) swing his model in such a way that the elevation change in the model almost exactly matched the image size change expected for a distant object in level flight, 3) also exactly swing the model so that it also matched the course expected of a distant object flying due west, 4) get the relative luminances of the top and bottom just right so that it also matched what would be expected of a distant object, 5) do all this in just 2 successive snapshots, and 6) get his story to exactly match what is seen in the photos.

That poor dirt-farmer Trent had to be both the cleverest and luckiest hoaxer of all time.

>This suggests that the object was at the same distance as the  
>wires and might have been a small model suspended from the  
>wires. More on this can be found on Robert Sheaffer's webpage

Nope.

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m12-005.shtml>

>Sheaffer also points to what he says might be a bundle of wire  
>on the overhead line directly above the UFO image, which he  
>thinks could be a string holding up the putative model.

"Might?" How about "no way!?" I have searched in vain for Sheaffer's imaginary "bundle of wire." All I can see is what looks like a photo defect just above one of the wires in the first photo. If you look at the same spot on the second photo, the spot isn't there. Funny how Sheaffer forget to mention that point.

There are similar small specks of dirt or photo defects all over these pictures. One, e.g., can be seen just above the wires of a power pole about 150 feet away from where Trent took his photos. I suppose Trent tied another string there as well to stabilize his "model."

Ironically, it turns out the infamous overhead wire also helps to disprove another of Sheaffer's arguments against the authenticity of the photos. The Trents claimed that the photos were taken shortly before sunset, or when the sun was in the west. But there are rafter shadows on the east wall of the garage in the photos.

How can this be? Sheaffer claims that this proves that the photos were really taken in the morning in direct sunlight when the sun was in the east. If the Trents "lied" about this, then they must have lied about everything else as well.

Well, not really. Such anomalous shadows can also be cast by indirect sunlight scattered off of clouds to the east. I have even personally seen such shadows cast when there were no clouds in the east, and where direct sunlight was blocked by the setting sun by a dark cloud. The eastern sky, however, was lit

up by sunlight passing over the cloud and scattering off of atmospheric dust in the east.

If Sheaffer were right about the direct sunlight, the phone pole across the street in the first photo should show strong illumination on its eastern side and strong shadowing on its western side. But there is no such shadowing. Instead the pole is evenly illuminated. Strange how Sheaffer missed that obvious test of his theory.

But back to the infamous overhead wire. It turns out that in direct sunlight from the east, the wire should have cast a very distinct shadow on the garage wall and the oil tank in front of the wall. But there is no such shadow. Ergo another line of argument that the lighting had to be diffuse and Sheaffer is wrong.

>Clear skies,

Probably not, at least when the Trent photos were taken.

David Rudiak

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## Tonight On WBAI's 'UFO Desk'

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Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 00:15:44 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 09:18:47 -0400  
Subject: Tonight On WBAI's 'UFO Desk'

All,

I would like to invite all to listen to the next installment of 'UFO Desk', tonight/tomorrow morning at 01:00 a.m., New York [Eastern] time.

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Hope you can check it out. This is a story unlike any you've heard.

Paul Williams

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## Tracing Tracy Torme?

From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 12:55:56 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 09:25:07 -0400  
Subject: Tracing Tracy Torme?

Dear colleagues,

I just wondered if anyone could help me locate a snail mail address, e-mail address, or a fax number for Trace Torme.

If you could help, please contact me direct at:

[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle.

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## Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50S

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 1956 21:29:58 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 09:52:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50S

>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 1956 21:08:01 +0000  
>From: [clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de) (Josh Goldstein)  
>Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50S Tv Show  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Hi EBK and list-friends,

>I'm going to sound like a cynical jerk but, to me, this is  
>Hoagland really pulling on a short straw. While I support Mac  
>Tonnes' position with his quest, Richard Hoagland never ceases  
>to amaze me. Of course Stanley C. Clark must have been privy to  
>the inner sanctum secrets to have portrayed what he described in  
>his books. Of course we all know that the Martian canals were  
>also superhighways that predated and led to the interstate  
>highway system. And there are no speed limits on Mars.

<snip>

In my recent "humorous" and somewhat cynical post regarding  
Hoagland's recent escapade, I, of course meant Arthur C. Clark,  
not Stanley Clark, the musician. I was in between a sound check  
and our concert yesterday. My mind was drifting between UFOs and  
music. An interesting state.

Cynically speaking, I note that I use the particular human  
psychological trait that I used when I wrote Hoagland, not  
Richard Hoagland above. The trait is that when a person seems to  
be out to lunch they tend to get demoted to only a last name in  
my writing. I'm sorry, but I can only laugh at Hoagland's  
antics. His masterwork was his show before the National Press  
Club in Washington a few years ago. It convinced them about as  
much as if they had looked through a viewmaster.

Josh Goldstein  
An Earth alien

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>point.

Some people can look at smudges on Apollo photographs and see alien bases or moon clouds. Others can look at a dot on a photo and see a tangle of wires. It's interesting how the extremists on both sides of these questions come to resemble each other. Of course, "skeptics" would argue that it's not as credulous to see things that aren't there as long as they're prosaic things. But at least the "loonies" tend to latch on to much more interesting photographic defects than this dot on the Trent photo.

>Ironically, it turns out the infamous overhead wire also helps  
>to disprove another of Sheaffer's arguments against the  
>authenticity of the photos. The Trents claimed that the photos  
>were taken shortly before sunset, or when the sun was in the  
>west. But there are rafter shadows on the east wall of the  
>garage in the photos.

Having looked at these photos, I'm confused as to what people are claiming to be shadows of rafters. There is a dark

horizontal strip immediately under the eaves of the roof. That might be a shadow or it might just be the part of the wall where the paint color hasn't faded as much of the rest of the wall because it was protected from direct sunlight by the overhanging roof. The wall is mostly blocked by the water tank. The garage is cut off at the left edge in both images. Again, I'm not sure if these images have been cropped so I might be missing something.

I see three long dark streaks running horizontally near the top of the tank. There are three beams running along the top right edge of the roof, two of them sloping up toward the peak of the roof and the third attached horizontally to the wall of the building.

I think these streaks are most likely dirt or rust; there are several more similar but smaller streaks lower down on the tank, most of them also horizontal. The streaks are too irregular in brightness and shape to be shadows from the straight roof beams. Any shadows cast by those beams should be running mostly in the vertical direction across the tank. If the sun azimuth was perpendicular to the wall (i.e., east of the east-facing wall), there should have been no shadows at all from those beams on the tank.

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From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 20:15:04 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 14:31:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 18:07:02 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 02:05:30 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 23:16:34 -0700 (PDT)  
>>From: Mac Tonnie <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Fri, 12 May 2000 19:24:31 -0400  
>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
><<snip>

>>>>Fifty years ago, the most important event in human history  
>>>>happened in McMinnville when a local farm couple captured  
>>>>evidence of interplanetary visitors on film.

>>>Blair,  
>>>Don't forget about the photo of a similar object taken by a  
>>>French pilot near Rouen, France, four years later in 1954!  
>>>It's also interesting to remember that Phil Klass conclusively  
>>>'proved' the McMinnville photos were fakes, only to have his  
>>>'explanations' deflated by computer analysis many years later.

>>>Mac Tonnie  
>>><http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>Dear

>Mac,

>The photos were never "conclusively proven" to be fakes. Simply  
>that Phil Klass "noted" some discrepancies between Paul Trent's  
>testimony and his wife's, which Dr. Bruce Maccabee was already  
>aware of. These photos have survived every single attack, even  
>by people more qualified than Phil Klass.  
>Plus the fact that the photo taken by a French pilot while  
>flying over Rouen, France four years later, validates the TrentPhotos.

Michel & List:

The List members can view both of these photos here:

Condon:

<http://www.ncas.org/condon/pl-23-40.htm>

<http://www.ncas.org/condon/plate26b.htm>

Rouen:

<http://212.186.113.12/azb9152a/ufo.html>

[http://212.186.113.12/azb9152a/ufo\\_53.jpg](http://212.186.113.12/azb9152a/ufo_53.jpg)

It's to be noticed that the superstructure/antenna/tower, seen on top of both of the saucers (craft), appears to be off-center in both of the photos, and slightly "bended", or non-symmetrical structure, in the Trent photo - but not in the Rouen photo (but this can be due a different angle of view).

Overall, the two saucers seem somewhat different i construction, with the Rouen saucer a little bit slimmer/flatter in appearance.

Should these photos, one or both, be hoaxes, it's not impossible that both of these saucers are real, small saucers/plates, suspended in a horizontal, thin, strong wire (guitar string type) attached to the saucer in/through the top structure/antenna/tower, which again is attached to the "bottom" of the saucer (saucer/plate upside-down) through a hole in the saucer metal/china, using a screw/bolt, and with the wires/strings fastened to two trees/buildings in the vicinity, on both sides (left and right) of the photo, just outside the picture frame. (However, I don't know how thick such "guitar strings"/wires should be to sustain the weight of a saucer, and the weight of the long wire itself; it might be fairly thick though .....

But I really don't know why the superstructure/antenna/tower should be placed off-center on the bottom of a real, small plate/saucer, hanging upside- down, and why - at least - one of the "antennas" should be/appear non- symmetrical in design, looking slightly "bended". Locating the superstructure/ antenna just in the middle of a real plate/saucer should be fairly easy though.

But, in any case, this is just speculation.....

Regards,  
Asgeir

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## Tonight On 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Ted Phillips

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 16:57:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 16:57:07 -0400  
Subject: Tonight On 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Ted Phillips

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/// Ted Phillips  
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Our guest tonight is considered to be the world's leading expert on Physical Traces found at alleged UFO-landing sites. In the past 30 years, he has personally investigated over five hundred UFO reports. In 1975 he compiled 'The Physical Trace Catalog', published by the Centre For UFO Studies, and a revised edition published last year, contains over 2200 events from over five thousand cases, representing alleged UFO landings in 79 countries. He believes that after over thirty years of investigation, the data indicates a non-terrestrial origin to the UFO phenomena.

Ted has an interesting CV which contains, among other info:

- Director, The Centre for Physical Trace Research
- A Research Associate, J.Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies
- A staff member of The Mutual UFO Network
- Physical Trace Advisor, National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena [NICAP]
- Field Engineer, Minuteman Missile Project
- Participant, Vanguard Satellite Tracking Program
- Engineering Inspector
- And the author of numerous scientific papers and Physical Traces Associated with UFO Sightings.

Join Ted, and co-host Mike Woods and I, along with callers at 21:00 Eastern, as we discuss these Strange Days... Indeed on:

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and the Eureka Digital Broadcast System in Toronto.

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<http://cfrb.com/cfrb.asx>

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## Sightings: Special Guest Update - On The 3rd

From: Rense E-News <[jocelyn@dewittec.net](mailto:jocelyn@dewittec.net)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 10:34:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 17:01:49 -0400  
Subject: Sightings: Special Guest Update - On The 3rd

\* Tonight, Sunday May 14th - 8 pm Pacific \*

To discuss the Third Prophecy of Fatima 'revelation'  
by the Pope will be:

From Oz - Stan Deyo and  
author Kathleen Keating:  
'The Final Warning'

NOTE: Just as this was being released, Stan & Holly Deyo's  
newsletter on the upcoming show appearance was forwarded to  
us. It has been included below.

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Sightings Program Show Times  
Live Coast-To-Coast-now broadcast nationally  
over the Talk Radio Network a total of over  
200 hours a month.  
Monday-Friday  
7-10 pm Live  
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1-3 am First 2 hours of prior night's show  
Saturday  
9p-3 am Best Of Rense - 2 shows  
Sunday  
8-11 pm Live  
Call in Line:  
800 TRN 4123

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Judging by the number of emails pouring in from both lists, we  
see there is tremendous interest in the Fatima secret.

Someone forwarded to Jeff Rense of Sightings  
<http://www.sightings.com> our newsletter commentary on the Third  
Secret of Fatima. As you might remember, we mentioned Kathleen  
Keating's interesting information she presented in interviews.  
Jeff contacted Stan and Kathleen and both will be on Jeff's "End  
of the Line" radio program this Sunday.

If you are not within Jeff's live listening audience, you can  
listen on-line. Show time is Sunday 8pm-11pm Pacific.

Also, before the mailing this morning, I omitted one interesting  
fact about the Third Secret of Fatima which included in our  
on-line posting of the newsletters which is this:

During one of the interviews with Malachi Martin, Stan faxed  
into Art Bell a message stating what he had been told by the  
Jesuit about the secret and Malachi Martin confirmed its  
veracity on-air.

There was a bit of silence after that confirmation.

Last, our web site <http://www.millennium-ark.net> is fully  
functioning again. Please visit for latest updates and  
additions. Thank you Dan for all the hard work!

With affection,  
Holly and Stan  
Seismo and Taco

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AUSTRALIAN site: <http://www.ballarat.net.au/~standeyo/>  
AMERICAN sites: <http://www.millennium-ark.net>  
<http://buddyebesen.com/standeyo/>

Emergency Preparedness:  
[http://www.millennium-ark.net/News\\_Files/Hollys.html](http://www.millennium-ark.net/News_Files/Hollys.html)

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Michel,

I agree with you. I was being rather sarcastic about Klass' self-proclaimed expertise about everything ufological. To be fair, I guess you're right that he "noted," not claimed to have "proven," inconsistencies in the Trent photos. But given his completely unscientific position that "all UFO sightings can be explained prosaically," I interpret his observations as implied proofs.

I also think the French photograph counts as something like corroborating evidence. The Trent photos are, in my opinion, some of the most bullet-proof in the history of the phenomenon. I don't think they were hoaxed, and it's to ufology's credit that they have been subjected to analysis that had the potential to deflate their significance as evidence.

Mac Tonnies

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I don't think the Trent photos are fakes. I don't know enough  
about the French case to offer an opinion, other than that I  
agree that it looks a little sportier than the McMinnville  
saucer.

Perhaps the slightly "bent" mast on top of the Trent's UFO is  
not due to a manufacturing defect, but a gravitational field  
emanating from the craft (assuming it's the real thing).

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## Microwave Auditive Phenomenon

From: Joaquim Fernandes <[jfernan@esoterica.pt](mailto:jfernan@esoterica.pt)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 18:48:13 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 00:07:46 -0400  
Subject: Microwave Auditive Phenomenon

Dear list members,

I would like to know the "state of art" related to the so-called "microwave auditive phenomenon", which has been established among others by Dr. James C. Lin and associates at the Canadian Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, in the 80's.

According our research about the Fatima apparitions 197 and its effects from the original documents it could be possible to explain some features, as the "buzzing" sound noticed by the local witnesses, as a side effect of an external microwave source.

This could be replicated in the laboratories.

My question is: who has any information about theoretical and experimental aspects both in medicine, biology and physics of this phenomenon and their researchers?

Thank you for your help.

Joaquim Fernandes  
University Fernando Pessoa  
Porto  
Portugal

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Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 18:05:12 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 00:26:55 -0400  
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>the thickness of the wires.

Bruce Maccabee also did photometric measurements of the wires  
off the negatives, and as I recall got a size difference of  
around 6%.

Uncertainty is introduced in these relative size measurements  
because it is impossible to determine exactly where an edge  
is. E.g., in photo 2, the right trailing edge of the "saucer" is  
indistinct, which would be due to motion smear of an object  
moving to the left while the shutter was open. (Incidentally,  
that would also be completely consistent with the Trent's story  
that the object was moving rapidly to the left, or west, at the  
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>Some people can look at smudges on Apollo photographs and see  
>alien bases or moon clouds. Others can look at a dot on a photo  
>and see a tangle of wires. It's interesting how the extremists  
>on both sides of these questions come to resemble each other. Of  
>course, "skeptics" would argue that it's not as credulous to see  
>things that aren't there as long as they're prosaic things. But  
>at least the "loonies" tend to latch on to much more interesting  
>photographic defects than this dot on the Trent photo.

Agreed. The main point here is that the various "dots" are not  
reproducible between the two photos, proving that they are  
nothing more than random schmutz on the photos. But leave it to  
a debunker to take what is nothing more than an obvious photo  
defect and turn it into "evidence" of hoaxing.

>>Ironically, it turns out the infamous overhead wire also helps  
>>to disprove another of Sheaffer's arguments against the  
>>authenticity of the photos. The Trents claimed that the photos  
>>were taken shortly before sunset, or when the sun was in the  
>>west. But there are rafter shadows on the east wall of the  
>>garage in the photos.

>Having looked at these photos, I'm confused as to what people  
>are claiming to be shadows of rafters. There is a dark  
>horizontal strip immediately under the eaves of the roof. That  
>might be a shadow or it might just be the part of the wall where  
>the paint color hasn't faded as much of the rest of the wall  
>because it was protected from direct sunlight by the overhanging  
>roof. The wall is mostly blocked by the water tank. The garage  
>is cut off at the left edge in both images. Again, I'm not sure  
>if these images have been cropped so I might be missing  
>something.

The eave shadows are difficult to see in most reproductions of  
the Trent photos. (The indistinctness of the shadows is yet  
another indication that the shadows were not the result of  
bright direct sunlight, as Sheaffer claims). The horizontal  
strip you refer to I believe is a trim board just above the  
tank. The shadows in question are just to the left of the eaves  
and just below the roof edge (the roof's edge also casts a faint  
horizontal shadow). The lowermost extent of the eave shadows  
is just above the top of the horizontal strip you mention.

>I see three long dark streaks running horizontally near the top  
>of the tank. There are three beams running along the top right  
>edge of the roof, two of them sloping up toward the peak of the  
>roof and the third attached horizontally to the wall of the  
>building.

>I think these streaks are most likely dirt or rust; there are  
>several more similar but smaller streaks lower down on the tank,  
>most of them also horizontal. The streaks are too irregular in  
>brightness and shape to be shadows from the straight roof beams.  
>Any shadows cast by those beams should be running mostly in the  
>vertical direction across the tank. If the sun azimuth was  
>perpendicular to the wall (i.e., east of the east-facing wall),  
>there should have been no shadows at all from those beams on the  
>tank.

The streaks on the tank have nothing to do with the eave  
shadows.

Look above the tank and the horizontal strip at the top of the  
wall for the eave shadows.

Another interesting point I discovered when I modeled the scene  
in a computer ray tracing program is that the eave and roof  
shadows cannot be reproduced at any time of the morning on May  
11 (the day the Trents say the photos were taken). For the  
shadows to have been cast by direct morning sunlight (Sheaffer's  
hypothesis), one has to go back an entire month to around April  
10, plus or minus a few days.

When I checked weather records, I discovered that the Pacific Northwest, already notorious for its rainfall, was having record rainfall at that time. There would have been very little opportunity for Trent to have taken his photos around the April 10 window.

If Sheaffer's hypothesis was correct, not only would the Trents have had to lie about the time of day when the photos were taken, they would also have had to lie about the time of year. I honestly don't see why they would bother to do either. How would it contribute to the believability of a hoax?

Such arguments are pretty much academic anyway. Other physical evidence in the photos clearly points to the shadows being the result of indirect or scattered sunlight, not direct sunlight. There are no hard shadows anywhere in the photos (e.g., the power pole across the street which is evenly illuminated). The overhead wire does not cast a shadow on the oil tank and garage wall, as it should in direct sunlight. And Bruce Maccabee found the roofline and eave shadows to be much too diffuse to be the result of direct sunlight.

I have seen such anomalous, reverse shadowing a number of times now. The conditions under which this can occur are fairly common. In the case of the Trent photos, with the sun almost setting in the west, all that was needed was something like a small dark cloud in the west blocking direct sunlight. Light could still pass over the cloud and be scattered off of dust or clouds in the east.

This could create a fairly even ambient illumination for objects out in the open, such as the power pole in the photo. It shows no shadowing.

But the eastern garage wall would be shielded from any illumination from the west. Diffuse scattered light from the east would therefore generate weak eave and roofline shadows on the upper garage wall.

While Sheaffer's arguments about the eave shadows had some merit, they really don't stand up to scrutiny. Neither do any of his other objections to the Trent photos.

David Rudiak

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 21:26:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 00:44:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 13:16:18 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Regarding the McMinnville photos:

My paper published in the Center for UFO Studies 1976 symposium proceedings.

It is available at:

[www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com)

When you get to the front page click on Hotel Oregon (the location of th Trent 50th anniversary retrospective, May 11, 2000. Scroll down and you will see the Trent case mentioned with links to photos and technical data.

Soon... I hope - I will publish on that web site my paper 'The McMinnville Photos', originally published by the Center for UFO Studies in the Spectrum of UFO Research, 1989. This has not been "easy" to get ahold of. Furthermore, there will be updates to that paper. It discusses all the material not in the first paper including cloud shadows, weather, etc.

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## Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown'?

From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 14:51:26 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 00:58:48 -0400  
Subject: Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown'?

From: Barry Chamish

Hello,

Two days ago, May 12, I gave a two hour interview about my new book 'Return Of The Giants' on the Jeff Rense Sightings radio show. Jeff and I spoke as we reviewed the information on my web site at <http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael>.

Today, I checked the site. Here is what I received.

Forbidden

You don't have permission to access /~ufoisrael/ on this server.

Additionally, a 302 Found error was encountered while trying to use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

Folks, I've been shut down.

If you want to hear about my work, the only alternative right now is to visit my publisher's site at:  
[bookworldinc@earthlink.net](mailto:bookworldinc@earthlink.net)

and make inquiries.

An outrage has taken place.

Best,

Barry Chamish

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## Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 21:45:34 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 01:02:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s

>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 1956 21:08:01 +0000  
>From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
>Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s Tv Show  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>C'mon Richard, you can come up with a better act.  
>How about a tag team match with you, Mark Carlotto,  
>NASA and JPL?

Josh,

As far as good science goes, Carlotto's not even remotely in the same league as NASA/JPL and Hoagland. Of the three, Carlotto has proven consistent, nonsensational, honest and accessible. I think he's a model scientist. NASA, with its unofficially adopted policy of denying its own stated "positions", doesn't deserve someone with his integrity.

Mac Tonnies

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>

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## Air Force Had Plans to Nuke Moon

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 21:45:46 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 01:04:18 -0400  
Subject: Air Force Had Plans to Nuke Moon

Greetings list -

Even though it doesn't have anything to do with UFOs, I thought some of you would find this interesting.

From: [http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/nuke\\_moon\\_000514.html](http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/nuke_moon_000514.html)

Air Force Had Plans to Nuke Moon  
posted: 11:16 am ET  
14 May 2000

The U.S. Air Force developed a top-secret Cold War plan to detonate a nuclear bomb on the Moon in the 1950s.

In a letter to the journal Nature physicist Leonard Reiffel, leader of the effort which was called Project A119, wrote that the Air Force wanted to explore the effects of exploding a nuclear bomb on the Moon's face. The Air Force wanted the explosion to be clearly visible from Earth.

Reiffel wrote that the military leaders did not seem concerned with the loss to science that would have resulted from a large atomic explosion on the Moon's surface. Let alone what it may have done to the appearance of the "man in the moon."

Part of the team researching the hypothetical explosion was a young Carl Sagan, who was recruited to study how the mushroom cloud would expand and collapse under the Moon's lighter gravity. Sagan proposed that a legitimate scientific purpose for the explosion could have been examining the cloud for possible organic material.

Years later, Sagan apparently presented some of the results of his research on the project in an application for an academic fellowship. Reiffel believes that by doing so Sagan breached national security, as the primary secret of the project was its very existence. This breach of security was discussed in a recent biography of the astronomer, but was not detailed in that book.

Striking the Moon with one of the then-available ICBMs was entirely feasible, Reiffel wrote, to an accuracy within a couple of miles.

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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## Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 08:38:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 08:38:16 -0400  
Subject: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

Hi Errol, Hi All,

First, Nick has only received 15 responses/samples from the more than 30 original volunteers. We'll give the 'lazy bones' two more weeks to submit them so we can complete the analysis. Please, if you volunteered, submit your samples ASAP. Thank you.

Next: I've been electronically 'hustled!'

Fellow list members and especially website masters should pay close attention to the following. I'm sure many already know about this kind of thing, but it was 'new' to me and I figure maybe there are others on the list who may get caught with their knickers down if they are not aware of it.

My website has been, for all intents and purposes, 'ripped off' by the kind people over at the "SilverMoon" website! What they do is, they ask you if they can put up a "link" to your site. If you give your consent, your entire website then becomes a 'linked feature' (within) their (SilverMoon) website!

In other words, they don't 'send' visitors over to your website. Instead, they internally link to it and play it on their server - within their website. It is not your URLs that appear in the browser header at the top of your pages... it is theirs! They literally (and barefaced) capture your entire website wholesale and simply 'play it' for visitors on theirs.

21st Century "cattle rustling!" No more, no less. The worst part is, they don't tell you that that is what they are doing to you. These low life's simply survive by ripping off the hard work of others. The way they assure 'hits' for their own website is by (incorporating/corralling) existing popular sites and fixing it so that if anyone tries to bookmark one of your pages, they end up back at SilverMoon not the website you yourself sweated over and have to pay for out of pocket! It's not just a theft of your creative work, you're paying for the bandwidth that they are taking/using. Some cohones eh?

This is the URL for these jerks:

<http://www.SilverUFO.cjb.net>

I have demanded that they remove any and all links to A.I.C. If your website is listed with them, I strongly suggest that you look into this yourself and take whatever action you choose on your own behalf. At the least, as a webmaster, you should let them know what you think of such practices. You should check to make sure it hasn't already been done to you!

To the website masters at SilverMoon:

Hi Greg,

If you're going to rob me... you better be holding a gun to my head! Plagiarizing people is no way to make new friends and gain respect.

Lose the links to A.I.C. immediately!

Seriously pissed off at having been ripped off for my hard work and fooled.

Please, be sure to let these dolts know what you think. In the name of exposing crap like this so it doesn't happen to you or a friend, send all e-mail to: Greg White at SilverMoon.

[silvermoonufo@juno.com](mailto:silvermoonufo@juno.com)

Regards to All,

John Velez, Website master, A.I.C.

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A.I.C. - Abduction Information Center -  
[www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm](http://www.spacelab.net/~jvif/default.htm)  
[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)

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

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### Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 22:57:17 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 08:45:56 -0400  
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

Science Fiction and Possible Alien Artifacts on Mars:  
Richard Hoagland's Recent Claims Analyzed

by

Mac Tonnies

The latest 'conspiracy' to hit the Net concerning possible suppression of space-science knowledge is author Richard Hoagland's recent 'revelation' that a set of View-Master reels depicts a leaked agenda of Mars 'secrets'. Such a claim deserves to be looked at; given NASA's incomprehensible reticence to 'come clean' with their agenda re. the Mars Global Surveyor's mission objectives, it's not completely unreasonable to look for possible 'leaks'. Given the Kafkaesque circumstances, it's only natural to turn to sources other than NASA for confirmation of our suspicions.

However, Hoagland has looked in the wrong place. The reels he cites as evidence of a secret Cydonian indoctrination program are segments from a serialized science fiction adventure series from 1955--decades before the Viking mission discovered evidence for the anomalies under investigation. So it would appear Hoagland's claim is decidedly 'fringe' from the start; it's predicated on the assumption that NASA (or some other space agency) has not only been aware of the Cydonian enigma for much longer than history would allow, but is confident enough in its estimation of the mystery to begin a pop-cultural indoctrination, plugging specific ideas at the science fiction-reading demographic of 1955 in hopes of steering our psychosocial acceptance of artificial structures on Mars (and elsewhere).

Hoagland's reasoning is exquisitely absurd. In the View-Master slides he enthusiastically referred to at his recent fund-raiser, a team of plastic astronauts voyages to the Moon and discovers a pyramidal artifact containing a scale model of the planet Mars. Hoagland maintains that this is beyond coincidence, and that the symbolic references to Mars and pyramids (specifically tetrahedrons, which many argue are inferred by mathematical alignments at Cydonia) prove a hidden, behind-the-scenes knowledge of the features at Cydonia, as well as a roughly triangular crater on the Moon documented by Hoagland several years ago during his investigation of alleged "crystalline ruins" visited by the Apollo astronauts.

Alien artifacts on the Moon and Mars are nothing new in science fiction. It comes as no surprise to me that there once existed a series centered around the discovery of "Mars-like" artifacts on the Moon. Arthur C. Clarke's famous short story "The Sentinel" describes a very similar situation, complete with pyramidal overtones. It should be noted that Hoagland, in his increasingly desperate quest for evidence, completely overlooks 'The Sentinel'--and the movie based upon it, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

One wonders right away why Hoagland would devote any time at all to an obscure View-Master drama when "2001", with its lavish detail and illustrious cinematic history, is so near at hand. I

suspect ignoring "The Sentinel" as 'evidence' for Hoagland's pet theories is because citing a well-known movie would immediately make him look foolish. (After all, science fiction is generally based on science fact--even if loosely--rather than the other way around.) But the View-Master reels are just obscure enough that Hoagland can feel relatively comfortable "discovering" them, and in so doing creating the albeit tenuous illusion that he's 'onto something'.

A close look at the purported 'symbolic parallels' between the View-Master reels and the real mystery at Cydonia, however, makes it quite clear that Hoagland is onto nothing at all. The science fiction genre is littered with references to pyramids on other planets, a theme that achieves a certain romantic aura since we tend to think of the Pyramids of Egypt when we hear the word "ruin". Pyramids are the archetypal "ruin", and as such lend themselves nicely to stories of extraterrestrial discovery.

I personally own a copy of an obscure, long out-of-print paperback called--get this--"Puzzle of the Space Pyramids." Its cover features an astronaut wandering the sands of Mars with enormous pyramids looming in the background--a 'parallel' that outdoes any of the alleged symbolism in Hoagland's Martian odyssey. I have little doubt that, if faced with "Puzzle of the Space Pyramids" and some ancient View-Master reels about finding artifacts on the Moon, Hoagland would have sprung for the former to back up his fragile, nonsensical claims.

("Puzzle of the Space Pyramids" isn't the only story I can think of that features pyramids on Mars. Another well-known story is Stanley Weinbaum's "A Martian Odyssey." And as long as we're being paranoid, why not include Ray Bradbury's "The Martian Chronicles" as part of the conspiracy? After all, Bradbury's Martians built sprawling, glass cities suspiciously similar to the "highly geometric glass ruins" hyped to the point of inanity on Hoagland's "Enterprise Mission" website. But why stop there? Let's add "Total Recall," which featured an alien pyramid on Mars, any number of "Star Trek" episodes, all the Tatoine sequences from "Star Wars" that look vaguely Martian... Hoagland has created a "conspiracy" that knows no bounds, and threatens to constitute the whole of Space Age pop-culture if taken to its logical extreme.)

Michael Bara, writing on his Lunar Anomalies site, depicts Hoagland's delivery of the "View-Master Chronicles" as a mesmerizing and awe-inspiring event never to be forgotten, and goes on to challenge the skeptics to "explain this one!"

Not to pat myself on the back too hard, but I think I just have.

Mac Tonnies

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 09:41:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 19:50:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 21:48:05 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>Bruce also discussed what various persons who had known or  
>>interviewed the Trents had to say about their personalities and  
>>honesty, and none thought they had any inclinations or  
>>motivations whatsoever for having committed a UFO hoax.

>I appreciate that people may have opinions about the Trents'  
>honesty, good reputations, or whatever. But, knowing what we  
>all do about human nature, etc., and the history of the subject  
>of UFOs, how can we take seriously someone's opinion that  
>another person, whom they may have known only through an  
>interview, has had no motivations whatsoever for committing a  
>hoax?

>What does anyone really know about another's motivations?

Of more importance is the fact that everyone who knew the Trents  
told me that the idea of a hoax was beyond them... they just  
didn't have the mental capacity to think of anything outside  
their range of daily activities.

This will be expressed in more detail when my second large paper  
is published on the site:

[www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com)

where the first paper's already published in part.

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## UFO Sighting OZ File 00707 06.05.2000 WA

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Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 00:55:26 +1000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 19:54:58 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sighting OZ File 00707 06.05.2000 WA

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>To: [simonhw@webace.com.au](mailto:simonhw@webace.com.au)  
>Subject: 1800 Callin Code: 00707 06.05.2000 WA  
>Date: Saturday, May 06, 2000 9:55 PM

>1800 Callin Code: 00707 06.05.2000 WA

>Date: 6th.05.2000  
>Day: Saturday  
>Time Reported: 9.38pm  
>Location: Perth  
>Report given to nearest rep: Simon Harvey Wilson UFORUM WA  
>Tel: 08 9246

Followup by Simon Harvey Willson UFORUM  
Callin Code: 00707 06.05.2000 WA

Monday 15th May 2000

I phoned the man at the number below. He said that the UFO sighting he wished to report happened to his 35-year-old son in the week after the cyclone in Broome, WA, earlier this year. The son was driving towards Paraburdoo, which is just north of the Tropic of Capricorn and south of Karratha and Port Hedland in the Hamersley Range area of WA. He was driving at night and saw a red light ahead of him. The light paced his car no matter what speed he drove at. After some time he stopped because he felt the light was playing games with him, and because he realised he had bent his steering wheel by gripping it so hard. The light also stopped about 500 metres ahead of him. The witness then decided he had enough, so planted his foot and accelerated towards the light. The red light then rose into the air, changed into a white light and produced a spotlight beam down towards the road. It then went up further into a storm cloud which it seemed to illuminate from the inside for a while, and then it disappeared.

When the witness reached the next petrol station stop he asked a lady there if anyone else had seen anything similar. At first she seemed reluctant to comment but later opened up and said that other people had had several similar sightings in that area.

The father commented that the son was not worried about the sighting, but they were both interested to know about any similar ones.

Best wishes  
Simon Harvey-Wilson

Thank you Simon for this followup :>)

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Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia  
Co Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 11:27:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 19:55:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Has anyone noticed the similarity between these UFO photos and the new Pizza Hut logo?

Terry

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### Re: Air Force Had Plans to Nuke Moon

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 13:47:44 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 19:57:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Air Force Had Plans to Nuke Moon

>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 21:45:46 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
>Subject: Air Force Had Plans to Nuke Moon  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Greetings list -

>Even though it doesn't have anything to do with UFOs, I thought  
>some of you would find this interesting.

>From: [http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/nuke\\_moon\\_000514.html](http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/nuke_moon_000514.html)

>Air Force Had Plans to Nuke Moon  
>posted: 11:16 am ET  
>14 May 2000

>The U.S. Air Force developed a top-secret Cold War plan to  
>detonate a nuclear bomb on the Moon in the 1950s.

>In a letter to the journal Nature physicist Leonard Reiffel,  
>leader of the effort which was called Project A119, wrote that  
>the Air Force wanted to explore the effects of exploding a  
>nuclear bomb on the Moon's face. The Air Force wanted the  
>explosion to be clearly visible from Earth.

>Reiffel wrote that the military leaders did not seem concerned  
>with the loss to science that would have resulted from a large  
>atomic explosion on the Moon's surface. Let alone what it may  
>have done to the appearance of the "man in the moon."

>Part of the team researching the hypothetical explosion was a  
>young Carl Sagan, who was recruited to study how the mushroom  
>cloud would expand and collapse under the Moon's lighter  
>gravity. Sagan proposed that a legitimate scientific purpose for  
>the explosion could have been examining the cloud for possible  
>organic material.

>Years later, Sagan apparently presented some of the results of  
>his research on the project in an application for an academic  
>fellowship. Reiffel believes that by doing so Sagan breached  
>national security, as the primary secret of the project was its  
>very existence. This breach of security was discussed in a  
>recent biography of the astronomer, but was not detailed in that  
>book.

>Striking the Moon with one of the then-available ICBMs was  
>entirely feasible, Reiffel wrote, to an accuracy within a couple  
>of miles.

It is entirely within the parameters of governmental/military  
insanity to do. Not to do it would be shocking.

As far as Sagan in concerned, he was a consultant on the OAO  
spacecraft early on and having met him along with Henry Courten  
and other astronomers, was impressed with his political and  
business savvy. This was a man who even in the mid sixties, was  
headed to the stars without ever leaving this planet. It was  
something you felt in his presence.

Which brings to mind a question. What were his motives in what he did and said regarding life in the Universe, UFO's and other controversial issues?

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

From: **SMiles Lewis** <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 12:59:21 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 20:05:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 01:44:24 -0400  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny HuntDate: Mon, 15 May 2000 01:44:24 -0400  
>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hi Errol, Hi All,

Howdy John & all,

>First, Nick has only received 15 responses/samples from the more  
>than 30 original volunteers. We'll give the 'lazy bones' two  
>more weeks to submit them so we can complete the analysis.  
>Please, if you volunteered, submit your samples ASAP. Thank you.

So did Nick get mine yet? I sent it at least a month ago.

>Next: I've been electronically 'hustled!'

<snip>

>This is the URL for these jerks:

><http://www.SilverUFO.cjb.net>

>I have demanded that they remove any and all links to A.I.C.  
>If your website is listed with them, I strongly suggest that  
>you look into this yourself and take whatever action you choose  
>on your own behalf. At the least, as a webmaster, you should let  
>them know what you think of such practices. You should check to  
>make sure it hasn't already been done to you!

Umm...

Firstly, if they were doing this they have stopped; I just visited that URL via Netscape and Explorer and did not experience the phenomena you describe. The main page had links to everything from Fortean Times online to your site and back again. Each of these links I clicked on took me precisely to the specified URL, with no apparent hijacking at all. So either you intimidated them to revise the entire website in a keystroke or just witnessed the wrath of the internet's trickster side.

I know of a fellow New Yorker who has experienced "strange" browser problems involving being forced to surf the web thru a set of frames written in French tho' their browser preferences were not set to anything but English and it was an American website s/he was viewing.

This is not perhaps as negative or precisely devious as you assume; it obviously violates your moral compass and I can respect that. However, the technique you speak of (routing another website thru' their own) is not an uncommon practice thru' the use of html frames. As a website creator you are probably familiar with them and how anyone can use a link from

your own website to another one but have it displayed in a frameset which gives the impression the website is part of your own. This is a common technique to keep people from browsing off and away from your own site. (There are even more annoying techniques I dislike such as not allowing you to use the back feature on your browser - you have to go to your history menu to go back to the previous page. Or what about those annoying pop up porno ads which multiply as you try to back out of their site? Sheesh!)

While I appreciate your angst against this sort of alleged shameless attempt by Silver Moon, if what you described was accomplished with the use of html frames, then it is as easy for any general user of the Web to simply click or right-click your mouse button to cue the pop-up browser menu (on Mac and PC both Netscape and IE) and click on 'open frame in a new window' and watch as the actual URL is brought up in a new browser window from which you can then bookmark/mark a favorite for the actual URL.

Sincerely,

SMiles

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

From: Mike Bara <[mbara@uswest.net](mailto:mbara@uswest.net)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 14:47:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 20:34:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

[Non-subscriber Post --ebk]

>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 22:57:17 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed  
>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

In the years I have worked with Richard Hoagland, I have come across many harsh critiques of his work. Uniformly, I have found them to be baseless and ignorant. I addressed this issue in an article on my web site called "Where is the informed criticism of Richard Hoagland?" See:

<http://www.lunaranomalies.com/whereis.htm>

Over the years, I have developed a fairly thick skin for this nonsense. Despite the fact that Hoagland once admonished me for "suffering fools poorly" I have learned, especially since the Robert AM Stephens idiocy, to let most of this go without comment. That said, occasionally I get something across my desk that is so utterly fallacious that I cannot help but respond. A case in point is the recent "critique" by Mac Tonnies regarding the recent 'Tom Corbett' View Master reels presented by Richard Hoagland in Phoenix.

In the interest of fairness, I thought I would offer my response to this particular 'analysis'.

Tonnies starts out this way:

>However, Hoagland has looked in the wrong place. The reels he  
>cites as evidence of a secret Cydonian indoctrination program  
>are segments from a serialized science fiction adventure series  
>from 1955--decades before the Viking mission discovered evidence  
>for the anomalies under investigation. So it would appear  
>Hoagland's claim is decidedly 'fringe' from the start; it's  
>predicated on the assumption that NASA (or some other space  
>agency) has not only been aware of the Cydonian enigma for much  
>longer than history would allow, but is confident enough in its  
>estimation of the mystery to begin a pop-cultural  
>indoctrination, plugging specific ideas at the science  
>fiction-reading demographic of 1955 in hopes of steering our  
>psychosocial acceptance of artificial structures on Mars (and  
>elsewhere).

This is of course, exactly what we have been saying for some time, so it is difficult to ascertain just what he perceives the problem to be here. In the "Table of Coincidence":

[http://www.enterprisemission.com/table\\_of\\_coincidence.htm](http://www.enterprisemission.com/table_of_coincidence.htm)

for instance, we cite a case of these recurring ritual alignments around the imaging of Cydonia on 35A72. The implication from this is obvious: That NASA already knew there was something "down there" at Cydonia before they took the picture. As to the notion of "pop-cultural indoctrination", this is exactly what the 'Brooking's Report' at:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/brooking.html>



calls for. We are merely implying that this policy was already in place four years before it's inclusion in the official Brooking's document.

He goes on:

>Hoagland's reasoning is exquisitely absurd. In the View-Master  
>slides he enthusiastically referred to at his recent  
>fund-raiser, a team of plastic astronauts voyages to the Moon  
>and discovers a pyramidal artifact containing a scale model of  
>the planet Mars. Hoagland maintains that this is beyond  
>coincidence, and that the symbolic references to Mars and  
>pyramids (specifically tetrahedrons, which many argue are  
>inferred by mathematical alignments at Cydonia) prove a hidden,  
>behind-the-scenes knowledge of the features at Cydonia, as well  
>as a roughly triangular crater on the Moon documented by  
>Hoagland several years ago during his investigation of alleged  
>"crystalline ruins" visited by the Apollo astronauts.

>Alien artifacts on the Moon and Mars are nothing new in science  
>fiction. It comes as no surprise to me that there once existed a  
>series centered around the discovery of "Mars-like" artifacts on  
>the Moon. Arthur C. Clarke's famous short story "The Sentinel"  
>describes a very similar situation, complete with pyramidal  
>overtones. It should be noted that Hoagland, in his increasingly  
>desperate quest for evidence, completely overlooks 'The  
>Sentinel'--and the movie based upon it, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

>One wonders right away why Hoagland would devote any time at all  
>to an obscure View-Master drama when "2001", with its lavish  
>detail and illustrious cinematic history, is so near at hand. I  
>suspect ignoring "The Sentinel" as 'evidence' for Hoagland's pet  
>theories is because citing a well-known movie would immediately  
>make him look foolish. (After all, science fiction is generally  
>based on science fact--even if loosely--rather than the other  
>way around.) But the View-Master reels are just obscure enough  
>that Hoagland can feel relatively comfortable "discovering"  
>them, and in so doing creating the albeit tenuous illusion that  
>he's 'onto something'.

These next paragraphs are laughable. It is obvious that he has never read 'Monuments' or been to the Enterprise web site, or if he has, he conveniently has forgotten the relevant passages. Hoagland extensively discussed "The Sentinel" in Monuments, as well as other stories from Heinlein and others and has commented many times on the relevance of '2001' in his many appearances on the Art Bell program. In addition, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of 2001, he posted on his web site a page reinforcing the connections between Cydonia and '2001', including the statement from Clarke that the Monolith was originally going to be a black tetrahedron. See:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/arthur30.html>

It is obvious that this guy has not done even the most rudimentary amount of homework on this subject.

>A close look at the purported 'symbolic parallels' between the  
>View-Master reels and the real mystery at Cydonia, however,  
>makes it quite clear that Hoagland is onto nothing at all. The  
>science fiction genre is littered with references to pyramids on  
>other planets, a theme that achieves a certain romantic aura  
>since we tend to think of the Pyramids of Egypt when we hear the  
>word "ruin". Pyramids are the archetypal "ruin", and as such  
>lend themselves nicely to stories of extraterrestrial discovery.

Except that when people think of pyramids, they invariably think of the Giza type, like we see at Cydonia on the base of the Western Pyramid. See:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/images/mars/cas-comp.jpg>

The Pyramids depicted in the View Master reels are specifically tetrahedral, linking them with Hoagland's model of Cydonia. If these pyramids in the story were not tetrahedral, a type rarely seen, then it would not be quite such a big deal. Given the influence of the science advisors involved with making of these reels, which we will reveal in a new article to be posted tonight or tomorrow, it becomes obvious that this was no mistake or coincidence. The makers of these reels had a tetrahedral

message to send, whether Mr. Tonnies likes it or not.

>I personally own a copy of an obscure, long out-of-print  
>paperback called--get this--"Puzzle of the Space Pyramids." Its  
>cover features an astronaut wandering the sands of Mars with  
>enormous pyramids looming in the background--a 'parallel' that  
>outdoes any of the alleged symbolism in Hoagland's Martian  
>odyssey. I have little doubt that, if faced with "Puzzle of the  
>Space Pyramids" and some ancient View-Master reels about finding  
>artifacts on the Moon, Hoagland would have sprung for the former  
>to back up his fragile, nonsensical claims.

>("Puzzle of the Space Pyramids" isn't the only story I can think  
>of that features pyramids on Mars. Another well-known story is  
>Stanley Weinbaum's "A Martian Odyssey." And as long as we're  
>being paranoid, why not include Ray Bradbury's "The Martian  
>Chronicles" as part of the conspiracy? After all, Bradbury's  
>Martians built sprawling, glass cities suspiciously similar to  
>the "highly geometric glass ruins" hyped to the point of inanity  
>on Hoagland's "Enterprise Mission" website. But why stop there?  
>Let's add "Total Recall," which featured an alien pyramid on  
>Mars, any number of "Star Trek" episodes, all the Tatoine  
>sequences from "Star Wars" that look vaguely Martian... Hoagland  
>has created a "conspiracy" that knows no bounds, and threatens  
>to constitute the whole of Space Age pop-culture if taken to its  
>logical extreme.)

>Michael Bara, writing on his Lunar Anomalies site, depicts  
>Hoagland's delivery of the "View-Master Chronicles" as a  
>mesmerizing and awe-inspiring event never to be forgotten, and  
>goes on to challenge the skeptics to "explain this one!"

>Not to pat myself on the back too hard, but I think I just have.

Again, it is hard to understand what he bases this tirade on. We have kept our citations to these View Master reels and 2001, for the most part. These are not general citations of 'Pyramids', but only references to specifically "tetrahedral" examples. Every 'fact' upon which he bases his "analysis" of our presentation is based is demonstrably wrong.

The connections we have cited are not tenuous and do not require any sort of speculation on our part. The information in the View Master reels is neither general nor in need of interpretation. It shows flatly that there are artificial ruins on the Moon and Mars, that the key to figuring out those ruins is the tetrahedron, and that Tom Van Flandern's 'Exploded Planet Hypothesis' is accurate. Each of these is explicit, not implied, in the data we present.

Despite the fact that Tonnies analysis is at best badly flawed, factually incorrect, we invite him and all readers to check out our web site. Later this evening I will send an new article to Keith Rowland. If he is able to post it by tonight, it will expand upon the themes already presented and show some new evidence that this View Master Reel is anything but a "coincidence".

The question now before us is not whether or not this new data is valid. It's now down to "What did they know, and when did they know it?"

Mike Bara

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## Re: Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown'?

From: **Mike Beaver** <[yoda@foxinternet.net](mailto:yoda@foxinternet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 14:49:49 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 20:46:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown'?

>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 14:51:26 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown' ?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>From: Barry Chamish

>Hello,

>Two days ago, May 12, I gave a two hour interview about my new  
>book 'Return Of The Giants' on the Jeff Rense Sightings radio  
>show. Jeff and I spoke as we reviewed the information on my web  
>site at <http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael>.

>Today, I checked the site. Here is what I received.

>Forbidden

>You don't have permission to access /~ufoisrael/ on this server.

>Additionally, a 302 Found error was encountered while trying to  
>use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

>Folks, I've been shut down.

Dear Barry:

I'm not sure what's going on with your provider, but... there's nothing currently wrong with your site. I just came from there and it's working just fine.

The type of forbidden error you are getting is a typical problem on your side. I suggest that you clear your browser cache. This usually fixes that problem. I have had the same problem with mine and other pages. The first time I saw it was when I was trying to reach

[www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)

and got redirected to another web page. Typically this is caused by a javascript file in your browser's cache. These are files with a .js extension. Netscape normally uses two of these types of files in its normal operations. If you deleted those particular files they would be re-created when re-initializing the browser.

But, when you are browsing, just like other image files these are downloaded from pages you have visited.

In Netscape the cache folder is typically in C:\program files\netscape\users\your user name here (or the word default)\cache. In Internet Explorer it's typically in C:\windows\temporary internet files.

The easiest way to clear the cache in Netscape is to go into the netscape browser then on the top of the screen click edit/preferences/advanced/cache; then clear both the disk and memory caches. I'm not sure which of these clears that particular cache.

In Internet Explorer it's - at the top of the screen - view/internet options/delete files (in the Temporary Internet Files section of that box that pops up).

Try not to get paranoid about all of this. It's easy for any of us, including myself, to do.

It's a felony to mess with someone's web page. Yet I had someone delete my entire web site about 6 or 8 months or so ago. Fortunately I was able to bring it back on line in about 30 minutes.

Have a good one. And I hope this helps. Once again, there's nothing wrong with your web page.

Sincerely;

Mike Beaver  
[yoda@foxinternet.net](mailto:yoda@foxinternet.net)  
<http://web3.foxinternet.net/yoda/index.html>

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## Filer's Files #19 -- 2000

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 19:50:14 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 21:01:56 -0400  
Subject: Filer's Files #19 -- 2000

Filer's Files #19 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern  
May 15, 2000, [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com) (609) 654-0020  
Web Site at [www.filersfiles.com](http://www.filersfiles.com). - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

### MASSIVE CORONAL MASS EJECTION FROM SUN

A gigantic coronal mass ejection (CME) occurred on May 13, 2000. Probably the largest of the year was recorded by NASA. Every eleven years our sun goes through a period of solar storms and these storms have been with us for centuries of recorded history. Solar flares emit high-speed particles that cause the Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis. Radiation from the solar flares can give passengers in aircraft or UFOs a dose of radiation equivalent to a medical X-ray. Severe weather on Earth, volcanoes and earthquakes may be all tied to this activity on the sun. Satellites, communications, silicon circuitry, portable phones and alternating current outlets can all be effected. If your appliances start acting up it may be the result of these solar storms. Even severe headaches may be tied to the sun's activity. We are watching to see if the UFO activity is influenced by the sun's heavy solar activity and initial indications are that reports have slowed in recent weeks.

Pope John Paul's visit to Fatima, Portugal was punctuated by eruptions on the sun, marking the 83rd anniversary of miracle of Fatima that occurred on May 13, 1917. Witnesses at Fatima claimed to have seen the sun dance in the sky." Some claim this was an early UFO sighting, others claim it may have been unusual solar activity. The Vatican revealed the Third Secret that the Virgin Mary the mother of Christ is said to have told three children when she appeared at Fatima. The first two secrets foretold the end of World War I and the start of World War II along with the rise and fall of Communism. The Third Secret foretold the shooting of Pope John Paul II several years ago.

### ASTRONAUT'S DEKE SLAYTON UFO ENCOUNTER

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA -- Don K. "Deke Slayton in his book gives his account of seeing a UFO. Deke was conducting a maintenance test flight in an F-51. "I was up about the middle of one afternoon--a nice sunny day--- wringing out this particular 51. I had just come out of a spin at around ten thousand feet over the Mississippi River, near Prescott, where the Mississippi and the St. Croix meet, about twenty-five miles from the Twin Cities. I was heading back to Holman Field when all of a sudden I saw this white object at my altitude, at one o'clock. I didn't think anything about it. My first thought was that it looked like a kite. But logic said nobody's flying a kite at this altitude. So I started kind of watching it to see what it was.

I was closing on it, but I still didn't think too much about it. The closer I got, the more it like a weather balloon, and I'm thinking; that's what it's gotta be. Then I flew past it a little high, about a thousand feet off. It still looked like a three-foot diameter weather balloon to me. My guess on the dimensions couldn't have been too far off. I had plenty of gas, so I figured I'd make a pass on it. Burn some gas and have a

little fun. I pulled into a turn. But when I came out of the turn and headed straight at it, all of a sudden it didn't look like a balloon anymore. It looked like a disk on edge! I thought that's strange. Then I realized I wasn't closing on the son of a bitch. A F-51 at that time would cruise at 280 miles an hour. But this thing just kept going and climbing at the same time at about a forty-five degree climb. I kept trying to follow it, but he just left me behind and flat disappeared.

I wondered what that was, but I never saw it again. I turned around, headed back and landed, and didn't tell anybody about it for two days. I was afraid they'd think I'd lost my mind. A couple of evenings later I was over in the O-club with my boss, a full colonel, and after I had a couple of beers I thought I'd better tell him, and I did. He said, "Get you ass over to Intelligence in the morning and give them a briefing." So I did. They sat there and nodded and took notes. Then they told me: Just for your information, the day you saw this object a local company was flying-high-altitude research balloons. They had a light airplane tracking it, and a station wagon on the ground. Both observers were watching this balloon and had seen this object come up beside the balloon. The object appeared to hover, then it took off like hell. The guys on the ground tracked it with a theodolite, and they computed its speed at four thousand miles per hour. I guess they were trying to tell me I wasn't crazy. U.S. Manned Space From Mercury to the Shuttle Pages 49-50. Thanks to James Westwood.

#### ABDUCTEES REPORT SIMILAR AILMENTS

Robin writes, "I was reading about the New Jersey abductees and I want you to know that Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is well known with abductees as well as Fibromalgia." I suffer with Fibromalgia and many abductees do. When I was abducted I immediately came down with Epstein Barr virus associated with Mononucleosis. I was 14 yrs old at the time. I am 41 and still suffering, but with the Fibromalgia. It is painful to just move about at times and I get most discouraged. If it is related to EM I hope they soon find the answers. My body can't take much more. Fibromalgia is not fatal from what I have been told, but it makes you wish you were dead. Dr. Kavorkian was dismissed for helping a woman commit suicide who had Fibromalgia. I wonder if that was the correct move by the courts. Sometimes, I wish the pain would stop but death? I question that?. Thanks to Robin  
 Editor's Note: Abductees report they suffer from several similar ailments that usually involve severe fatigue and pain. Last week, we reported that Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and possibly Epstein Barr is helped by taking magnesium according to England's University of Southampton. Most of the diseases are relatively new and often called yuppie diseases. Admittedly, we have very sketchy evidence to date, but many of the abductee ailments point to weaker immune systems that seemed to first develop about 1950, the time of the first UFO waves. We do know that UFO propulsion systems develop massive electromagnetic effects that could cause weaknesses in the human immune system. Ufologists have little resources for research, but the relationship between various diseases and UFO encounters would be fascinating. I always recommend that a close encounter should be followed by a visit to your Doctor and blood tests. Perhaps its just another coincidence, but magnesium burns with a hot bright light, very similar to the hot bright lights reported on UFOs. We have a group of intelligent people who claim contact with UFOs, they have measurable medical and physiological effects that may help prove the existence of this phenomenon.

#### TENNESSEE FLYING TRIANGLE

PINEY FLATS -- Lady Morgan Moonstone writes, "I'd like to report a sighting: On May 9, 2000, at about 9:15 PM, in the Piney Flats Industrial Park, I observed a triangle shaped UFO hovering about 50 yards above the trees. It had a white light on each corner and an orange light in the middle of it." It made no sound and disappeared before I could pull over to take a picture. It appeared about the size of a bus at my distance from the object. Two weeks earlier, I saw an orange ball-shaped light at a very far distance and was able to take a picture of it but do not have it developed yet. (I will send a copy if it turns out.) Additionally, several friends of mine have spotted this triangle-shaped UFO and all of them have the same description. This particular area seems to be a "hot spot." Thanks to Morgan

Moonstone, @Morgan preferred.

#### ARKANSAS FLYING TRIANGLE

LITTLE ROCK -- My friend and I went outside at 10:50 PM to walk the dogs on May 1, 2000. I always look at the stars; I am an amateur astronomer and have had a keen interest in that subject for some time. As I looked to the Northeast, I saw what I believed to be a satellite moving to the Southeast. I pointed this out to my companion. As the object past over head at 90 degrees I saw there were actually three objects flying in formation, or one large object forming an isosceles triangle. It moved silently at a uniform speed with no change in intensity. The person with me was able to see two of the three points of light before they faded in the Southeast. The space between the triangle points was very large. I estimate you could place 3 full moons within that area. Movement of the object(s) was very fluid, no sound, the points of light making up the triangle remained fixed, not increasing or decreasing in distance. I observed no stars being blacked out as the object(s) passed over. Distance above the earth was very difficult to determine other than to say they appeared to be in low earth orbit at about 45 degrees above the horizon.

#### TEXAS DISC

Lamar James writes that Pat Carithers, a wire editor for the Arkansas Gazette newspaper, once confided in me that he encountered a UFO 45 while driving in west Texas. He said he was driving an old gas/oil guzzling Mercury across country accompanied by his wife and a noisy parakeet in a cage on the backseat. Pat said just before reaching some mountains, the radio died as did the car engine. The parakeet also shut up. A couple of hundred yards in front of them, a silvery saucer shape rose out of mountains, tilted at an angle and zipped out of sight within seconds. The car engine and radio started, but the parakeet remained silent. The sighting produced unexpected benefits. Pat swears his oil guzzler didn't burn another drop of oil and the parakeet never uttered another sound for the rest of the trip. By the way, I saw ball lightning during a storm when I was 11 years old, and it looked nothing like a UFO. It was like a soccer ball made of sparks which hit a fire hydrant and bounced down the sidewalk before disappearing. It was so incredible, I doubted what I had seen for a while. Thanks to Lamar James [ljames@uaex.edu](mailto:ljames@uaex.edu)

#### NORTHERN NEVADA DISC SEEN FROM AIRLINER

While traveling on United flight 739 from Denver to San Jose, in a window seat, I saw a round silvery object with a "hump" or rounded top pass below our plane on April 23, 2000. The rounded top heading east was identifiable by a shadow that was cast by the low setting sun at 1840 PDT. Assuming we were at about 30,000 feet, the craft was at about 25,000 feet, as it looked about a mile away, at the 7 o'clock position in reference to the planes forward motion. That means I saw it along the bottom of my window, as well as the window in front and behind the one next to me. I first caught a glimpse in the window in front of me, across the window next to me, and followed it through the window behind me until it disappeared underneath the wing. I was in row 10 on the left side of the plane, so I was looking down and to the South. It took about 10 to 12 seconds to cover that span of sight. Ten minutes later I saw another jet liner about three miles away, also going east and it took about 40 seconds to cross my view in just the window next to me -- hence the UFO was traveling at about five times faster than that airliner or roughly 3000 mph. I believe we were over northern Nevada at the time, just after clearing a very rugged mountain range. I estimate the object to be 55 feet in diameter based on the width of the occasional dirt road I could see on the desert floor. It was a very desolate area. I tried to seek out the pilot and crew after the flight, by waiting for them about 20 minutes to deplane, but they did not get off, so I went about my business. Some research of who piloted that flight should be able to identify the crew, and they may be willing to confirm the sighting. Thanks to Peter Davenport, Director NUFORC  
[www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)



## UPDATE ON SIGHTING IN NOVA SCOTIA

Eugene H. Frison MUFON's Nova Scotia Provincial Director writes that further investigation of a black triangular object observed by a local paperboy has revealed some additional facts. The witness decided to take a shortcut through a cemetery to get a paper to a customer who wanted his paper very early. Upon entering the cemetery, he immediately felt something was not right -- the wind was different and seemed to have a whining sound mixed in with it. After walking a considerable distance along the road into the cemetery, he felt a cold wind and noise come up behind him and, out of the corner of his eye; he watched a solid object pass about three feet away from his right elbow. He could feel the cold rush on his face as it passed. His scalp became hot as it went by. Once it had moved in front of him, he could discern its triangle shape and that it was cruising very fast just above the ground. He estimated the object was about nine feet tall and five feet along the base. It veered off sharply on a 45-degree angle after negotiating a near 90-degree change of direction in the cemetery road. The witness reported tiny raised blisters that burned and stung so much if picked that it brought tears to his eyes troubled his face and chest area. These began shortly after the sighting and lasted a couple of days. Thanks you for sending me Filer's Files. Thanks to Eugene H. Fresno, Nova Scotia Provincial Director (MUFON) [genefrison@auracom.com](mailto:genefrison@auracom.com)

## UFO SEEN IN ARGENTINA

TANDIL -- The "El Eco de Tandil" Newspaper of May 5, 2000, states, "Residents claim witnessing UFOs over the area." Once again, several people claim to have seen powerful beams of light whose characteristics do not match those of any machines known to man. One of these persons is Hugo Macias, 60, who works for La Capital newspaper in Mar del Plata for the past 37 years. He has delivered newspapers every morning traveling along a circuit made up of Balcarcel and Tandil, giving him perfect knowledge of National Highway 226. "On Tuesday at 5:00 AM, as always," he explained, "I left the newspaper at the National Gendarmerie at Planta Terrena, heading toward Mar del Plata. I traveled some 6000 meters and suddenly heard a very strange noise approaching me from behind, and I felt myself "contained" within a powerful bright light. I say, "contained" because the light covered a diameter of 50 meters, and penetrated all sides of my vehicle. It seemed to pierce the rooftop." How long did this last? "Seconds only, but they appeared to be rather long." There were no other vehicles on the road? "None whatsoever--during the remainder of the trip I may have passed two other cars. It was a light traffic day." So, what happened later? "Well, I returned to Tandil, discussed the event with a group of friends and with a gentleman who belongs to the Army Command and to whom I deliver the paper every day. When I returned to Mar del Plata, I headed to the Gendarme Station to see if the duty guard had seen anything that night. The guard had left but another one who told me that on five or six separate occasions similar strange things had been seen. The next day, Macias was shown a story appearing in the local evening paper a similar case thirty minutes later over Tandil. The gentleman from the Army Command also told me that the guards on duty had also witnessed a light in the sky, with a very strange shape.

"The Gendarmes don't discuss the matter because things can get complicated. If word of this should reach NASA, there would be disturbances and people looking into the subject." Did they tell you what they believed to have seen? "No. People just say what they saw but don't express opinions about it." Are these objects commonly seen here? "On my way from Tandil I made the comment with Sheriff Lopez of El Dorado (on Route 226), who's knowledgeable about UFOs, and he advised me on why the Gendarmerie avoids getting into the subject because it knows how NASA works: they can send an airplane with six scientists anywhere in the world and carry with them an all terrain vehicle in which they can visit locations in person. Many locals don't like strangers visiting them." My experience was lovely, because what began as fear, at first, is now the satisfaction of having been contacted by something that researchers in the field would like to have seen and never have," noted Hugo. "I am convinced that it was not from this world. The power of that beam of light is not a power produced by any luminous source that we have at this time. I felt nothing at all, physically then, but for the

past two days, I have felt headache, laryngitis, and many other symptoms. I'm just happy for the chance to have lived through a contact experience like this one." Thanks (c) 2000. Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU) for the translation.

#### IRELAND GREEN CYLINDRICAL UFO SIGHTED

DUBLIN -- On Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 10:52 PM, Gary Muga was listening to the radio at his home in Ballinteer, a suburb of Dublin, the capital of Ireland, when he spotted a strange glow in the sky. "I saw a light green glowing object, cylindrically shaped," Gary reported, "It passed over my house and paused momentarily. I was listening to my radio and it stopped. It took off at amazing speed over the mountains. There was no sound." Gary estimated that the UFO was "a green cylinder about 40 feet (12 meters) long" and "flew at about 50 miles per hour (80 kilometers per hour)" and took off at the speed of a supersonic jet. Afterward, he added, "I rang up a local radio talk show and told them about it." The radio station was 104.4 FM in Dublin. Thanks to UFO Roundup Vol. 5, # 19 May 11, 2000 Editor: Joseph Trainor

#### CARTER WHITE HOUSE PROBE INTO ET SUPPRESSED,

"EXOPOLITICS", a new book by former Stanford Research Institute (SRI) futurist Alfred Webre, claims that a 1977-78 White House study into Extraterrestrial communications during the Carter years was secretly suppressed at the behest of Pentagon officials, led by the SRI liaison with the Pentagon. The study was to have been undertaken jointly by the National Science Foundation and the Center for the Study of Social Policy at SRI where the author was a futurist and principal investigator of the study. According to EXOPOLITICS, the suppression of important Carter White House study is part of what he terms "Exopolitics" or the process of government and politics in the Universe. EXOPOLITICS asks: Is there intelligent life in the Universe? In fact, the truest conception of our human circumstance may be that we are on an isolated planet in the midst of a populated, evolving, highly organized inter-planetary, inter-galactic, universal society. Earth is isolated because we are in intentional quarantine by a structured, rational universe society. Exopolitics, the dynamics of politics and governance in inter-stellar society, is a key channel to transforming our human future. EXOPOLITICS politics' immediate goal seeks a decade of human education and community politics about the extraterrestrial initiative. Part One was released in March 2000; Part Two is scheduled for release in September 2000. Early reviews UniverseBooks' non-fiction eBook serial, are saying: "It is great!! You can access more information including a reader's excerpt at:  
<http://www.universebooks.com/exopoliticsexcerpt1.html>

#### JAMES J. ANGLETON, AMERICA'S MASTER SPY HUNTER-OR NOT?

Bill McDonald writes, in the annals of the CIA's secret history, no man's name stands better known than James Jesus Angleton, the legendary "Master Spy Hunter" who was as much a "Fundamentalist" institution within the CIA complex at Langley, Virginia, as J. Edgar Hoover was as the Director of the FBI, or Hyman Rickover was as the father of the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine fleet. Please see:

[http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins634/reports/bill\\_m\\_jja\\_masterspy\\_hunter.htm](http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins634/reports/bill_m_jja_masterspy_hunter.htm)

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 21:01:15 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 01:51:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Hello all, Bruce,

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 09:41:42 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 21:48:05 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>>Bruce also discussed what various persons who had known or  
>>>interviewed the Trents had to say about their personalities and  
>>>honesty, and none thought they had any inclinations or  
>>>motivations whatsoever for having committed a UFO hoax.

>>I appreciate that people may have opinions about the Trents'  
>>honesty, good reputations, or whatever. But, knowing what we  
>>all do about human nature, etc., and the history of the subject  
>>of UFOs, how can we take seriously someone's opinion that  
>>another person, whom they may have known only through an  
>>interview, has had no motivations whatsoever for committing a  
>>hoax?

>>What does anyone really know about another's motivations?

>Of more importance is the fact that everyone who knew the Trents  
>told me that the idea of a hoax was beyond them... they just  
>didn't have the mental capacity to think of anything outside  
>their range of daily activities.

Yes! Bruce! Coming from Pioneer stock, if you will, and knowing of the type of people who, as it were 'Old Oregon' types. The Trents typified the classic. Having been one who was on a year to year survival regime' as in Farming - one does not care if there are UFOs, one cares if you can make enough money to buy either shoes for the kids, or tires for the tractor. This kind of life style leaves little for hoaxing.

This is why I can easily see the Trents as authentic. I can't conceive how they could do it and not slip up somehow, let alone the Trents even thinking up such an elaborate Hoax.

Obviously, the money didn't flow in.

>This will be expressed in more detail when my second large paper  
>is published on the site:

>[www.mcmenamincs.com](http://www.mcmenamincs.com)

>where the first paper's already published in part.

Thanks, Bruce, the Sceptical, er, Skeptical community may say what they want. However, the key may just be the Photos taken by some simple farmer and his wife. Period.

GT McCoy

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## TMP News: Weekly Briefing 5.15.00

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 21:36:34 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 01:54:39 -0400  
Subject: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 5.15.00

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WEEKLY BRIEFING  
5.15.00

In the news this week, the Pope made headlines during his visit to Fatima, with the Vatican finally revealing the infamous 'Third Secret of Fatima', which is said to have been a prediction of the assassination attempt on the Pope in 1981. Is that all there is to it, or is there more, to be revealed soon, as various circulating reports suggest? Time will tell. Also, the new petition to have the Face and Cydonia region on Mars re-imaged again on May 7 gathered over 2900 signatures in just the one week it was online, with the vast majority of the signees having well educated and in many cases scientific backgrounds, showing that the issue is far from dead, as much as NASA would apparently like it to be (and we still don't know if the new images were even taken or not; given their track record, NASA may surprise us with them in the near future when and if they feel like releasing them). These new images (with a couple more opportunities in the coming months) are important, as the orbital and lighting conditions were optimum for the best, most high-resolution photos yet taken of these controversial landforms.

These and other reports below...

VATICAN REVEALS 'THIRD SECRET OF FATIMA'  
<http://www.cnn.com/2000/WORLD/europe/05/13/pope.fatima.02/>

PETITION TO RE-IMAGE CYDONIA GATHERS OVER 2900 SIGNATURES  
IN ONE WEEK  
<http://www.infosourceresearch.com/current/occupations.html>

AIR FORCE HAD PLANS TO NUKE MOON  
[http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/nuke\\_moon\\_000514.html](http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/nuke_moon_000514.html)

NASA CONSIDERS ANOTHER 'PATHFINDER' MISSION FOR MARS  
IN 2003  
[http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/missions/mars2003\\_000512.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/missions/mars2003_000512.html)

HUBBLE IMAGE SHEDS LIGHT ON DARKNESS WITHIN GALAXIES  
<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/05/11/hubble.galaxies/index.html>

BIOLOGICAL COMPONENTS REPORTED IDENTIFIED IN CHEMTRAIL  
SAMPLES  
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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 20:24:25 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 01:44:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 14:47:16 -0500  
>From: Mike Bara <[mbara@uswest.net](mailto:mbara@uswest.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>In the years I have worked with Richard Hoagland, I have come  
>across many harsh critiques of his work. Uniformly, I have  
>found them to be baseless and ignorant. I addressed this issue  
>in an article on my web site called "Where is the informed  
>criticism of Richard Hoagland?" See:

><http://www.lunaranomalies.com/whereis.htm>

>Over the years, I have developed a fairly thick skin for this  
>nonsense. Despite the fact that Hoagland once admonished me  
>for "suffering fools poorly" I have learned, especially since  
>the Robert AM Stephens idiocy, to let most of this go without  
>comment. That said, occasionally I get something across my  
>desk that is so utterly fallacious that I cannot help but  
>respond. A case in point is the recent "critique" by Mac  
>Tonnies regarding the recent 'Tom Corbett' View Master reels  
>presented by Richard Hoagland in Phoenix.

>In the interest of fairness, I thought I would offer >my  
response >to this particular 'analysis'.

>Tonnies starts out this way:

>>However, Hoagland has looked in the wrong place. The reels  
>>he cites as evidence of a secret Cydonian indoctrination  
>>program are segments from a serialized science fiction  
>>adventure series from 1955--decades before the Viking  
>>mission discovered evidence for the anomalies under  
>>investigation. So it would appear Hoagland's claim is  
>>decidedly 'fringe' from the start; it's predicated on the  
>>assumption that NASA (or some other space agency) has not  
>>only been aware of the Cydonian enigma for much longer than  
>>history would allow, but is confident enough in its  
>>estimation of the mystery to begin a pop-cultural  
>>indoctrination, plugging specific ideas at the science  
>>fiction-reading demographic of 1955 in hopes of steering our  
>>psychosocial acceptance of artificial structures on Mars  
>>(and elsewhere).

>This is of course, exactly what we have been saying for some  
>time,

<snip>

>The >implication from this is obvious: That NASA already knew  
>there was something "down there" at Cydonia before they took  
>the picture.

Yes, but how? The "Enterprise Mission" has always been a bit  
vague on this point, to the point of excluding even honest  
speculation.

>As to the notion of "pop-cultural >indoctrination", this is  
>exactly what the 'Brooking's Report' at:



><http://www.enterprisemission.com/brooking.html>

>calls for. We are merely implying that this policy was already  
>in place four years before it's inclusion in the official  
>Brooking's document.

Are we dealing with time travel or what, here? If you and Hoagland can propose how this information was obtained - or just give us something to go on that might help researching this angle - we'll all be well served.

<snip>

>These next paragraphs are laughable. It is obvious that he has  
>never read 'Monuments' or been to the Enterprise web site,

I consider 'Monuments' to be one of the best pieces of speculative science writing I've ever read. And I check 'Enterprise' daily, for what little it's worth...

>or if he has, he conveniently has forgotten the relevant  
>passages. Hoagland extensively discussed "The Sentinel" in  
>Monuments,

Yes, I remember his discussion quite well. It has no causal bearing on anything you're talking about.

>It is obvious that this guy has not done even the most  
>rudimentary amount of homework on this subject.

Yada, yada. The problem with Bara's position is not so much that the 'burden of proof' is on his side, but that he's obviously at a complete loss as to how any knowledge of Cydonia could exist in 1955.

He bashes me again and again like I'm some idiot who just doesn't 'get it'.

If he's asking me to blindly - and "blindly" is the key word here - accept that a secret and very well-developed space program has been investigating artifacts on Mars since at least the early fifties, then no, I suppose I don't get it.

Mac Tonnies

My essay can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/imperative5.html>

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Editorial:

Hello my friends,

We also would like to apologize our grammatical errors.

Well, in our second International Bulletin we show how a person can take advantage of others using the ufology.

That person called Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, and we will show what happened until he become the largest charlatan of the Brazilian ufology in every time.

That episode is unique in the world ufology, because for the first time ufologists, press and public joined to expose tricks, lies and promises.

We would like to thank A.J. Gevaerd, Editor of Revista UFO and all members of the EBE-ET, as always.

We hope you enjoy our bulletin.

Best regards,

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### PART I THE BEGINNING

Four years ago, a person named Urandir Fernades de Oliveira, appeared on the Brazilian ufologic scenario saying that he was able to contact with extraterrestrials beings, took a ride on board of the UFOs many times, and those beings had given to him paranormal powers. He never proof it.

It is inside of this scenario that the alleged contacted claims that he is friend of the aliens beings, included the strange and mythological Ashtar Sheran, whose story Urandir took from others that, since 40 years ago say the same. By the way, Urandir has been being worth of the experiences - many times real - from others people. The most flagrant case is of Mr. Lucio Barbosa, a former teacher in Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul State. Was Lucio the first one who Urandir looked for to learn more about UFO 4 years ago, when he came to Mato Grosso: "Since then, Urandir did not know nothing about UFOs, and claimed to me that never have had any experience with aliens beings", said Lucio to the Revista UFO (edition nr 56, January

1998) Lucio lived in a modest rural property about 100km Campo Grande city, in a place called Colônia Boa Sorte (Good Luck Colony); a small town composed exclusively by black people descendants of slaves. He taught in a small local school and alphabetized adults and children, taking a good life, for option, far away from the civilization.

Lucio already came making it for almost one decade, period in that had the chance to observe strange night lights in the beautiful skies of the area. By the way, he was not the only one.

One day, such facts attracted the onlookers' attention, among them Urandir, that went until the colony to know the teacher and to try to observe the ships that he affirmed to see. Well then, it was there that the "Urandir phenomenon" began. Most of all the stories that Urandir tells about his past of contacts is the copy of the histories that Lúcio lived and that it entrusted to the new friend, without imagining that that will assimilate everything so quickly. The Revista UFO magazine has been documenting the Lucio's histories more than five years, reproduced later on with some make-up by Urandir and boasted as belonging to him, that at least two years before Urandir to present them in the TV as being yours. That chosen has the audacity of describing as yours a contact history with aliens that Lucio had when he was 13 years old.

The idea to create more visuals phenomenons and to move forward in the filed of the cures, however, the contacted supposition acquired in the last three years. Knowing what afflicted people were looking for, specially the poorer, he proposed to come as possessor of the talent of the cure. To improve his image of miraculous healer, he makes magic tricks without connection with the situation, just shown to distract.

"My cures were already proven by the science", he insists. But he never proved anything.

He was the "star" of a TV Show called Brasil Verdade (True Brazil), where made magic tricks, claimed that he had powers to cure people, to make to appear crystals in his head, to transform metals in gold, to resurrect killed and to cure the AIDS.

Urandir learned a lot with Lúcio Barbosa. He read many books about UFOs and aliens and it improved his lying stories. PART II  
THE STORY

Since 1997 the magazine UFO comes informing the inexhaustible capacity of production of ufologic facts of the solemnity-denominated contacted Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira regularly, today the most notorious of all the characters that was already combated by the Brazilian ufologic community. The activities of the referred citizen, that is founder of the project Portal, were initiate about 7 years ago and can already be characterized as the most imaginative and badly servant ufologic repertoire set up in any part of the world to get personal benefits through the phenomenon UFO. Now, they turned case of police. Urandir was shackled and arrested in Porto Alegre, on March 26, 2000. His prison was decreed by a judge and executed by the police of the 17th District of the Police of that city.

Weigh against him countless accusations among them the one of faith healing and quackery, swindle and ideological falsehood. For not having fixed residence or defined profession, and for his displacement easiness and possibility of eventual escape, the judge understood that Urandir should be available to the Justice so that the pending facts are clear on him. The fuse of the prison was lit by the lawyer Nicolau Borges Lütz Netto that represents countless victims of Urandir that acquired of the unlikely contacted irregular lands in a property called "the city of the Ets".

Lütz Netto tried to negotiate in a friendly way with the prisoner, in the expectation of seeing it reimburse the people that bought the illegal lands, without writing nor any other form of appropriate legal documentation. Urandir ignored the solicitations, he mocked of the justice and, in subject of hours, he was arrested.

The referred citizen, as know all the readers of the magazine UFO, alleges openly and shamelessly to have special powers, gave to him by extraterrestrials beings, to attract ships and to do them to land in his property in Corguinho, municipal district at 70km of Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul state. It is there that his project works and where is located the imaginary city of the Ets. His allegations, however, do not find the minimum back in fact, since he would never have gotten really the fact before people that had capacity to distinguish the cash landing of an alien ship of maneuvers with pens laser and mile lights, instruments that him and his employees use to deceive the dozens of thousands of people that seek him. It is that work that Urandir uses to attract the his followers' attention and to animate them they acquire it the illegal lands. Many already made it.

Among the most absurd statements and lies of the supposed paranormal, that it comes if running out to submit to an analysis and rigid researches around his alleged powers, exists an entangled of lies to his followers, especially, and to Brazilian Ufologia in general. In popular programs like the infamous Brasil Verdade, already former-dyed, or the Programa do Ratinho, Urandir guaranteed to have the capacity to speak in languages of extra-terrestrial. He also affirmed to make trips the other worlds a hour in that well understood. Finally, completing yours manufactured repertoire, he insisted for the fact that himself would be an alien embodied in the Earth, whose mission would be to alert the Humanity and to save some of his members. Of course would survive mainly the inhabitants of his extraterrestrial city...

While his placements don't pass of subterfuges to bargain some points in the audience of those programs and even certain point is inoffensive for the Brazilian population, some of the declarations and acts that he developed after achieving the fame and the national knowledge they are concern reason and they constitute serious aggressions to the law and the morality, as now it was proven. Among such declarations, Urandir started to guarantee to his followers - and with that hr got still more followers - to be capable to cure any types of illnesses that have, until the most serious, as cancer, leukemia and even AIDS. He alleges the unlikely contacted to be possible that, just with the touch of his hands, he gets to extract people's cerebral tumors from people that thought would die.

Not satisfied with greats lies , Urandir published in his site in the Internet, removed of the air after the accusation that this author did in the program Paulo Lopes in the TV, of the Rede Bandeirantes television, on February 2nd 2000, to be able to resuscitate people, bringing them of what he calls fourth dimension. Urandir got out to announce such a fact in his countless courses in Brazil, as documented in video by the Revista UFO magazine. In certain events that made, such citizen explains how he is able of such feat and he alleges that received the power to revive people directly of his extraterrestrial friends, that saw in the more practice a chance of Urandir to complete yours mentioned mission in the Earth. His allegations and practices, as you see, are clearly excuses and highly reprobable. But nevertheless Urandir got to attract about 78.000 Brazilians, who pay his bills.

The quackery practice and faith healing is clearly seeing in the actions that Urandir accomplishes without punishment at least four years. In that period, thousands of people with the most several - and sometimes serious - illnesses to look for him innocently to relief for their suffering. Nobody was assisted free, and although paying - and well - for the faith healing, nobody was never cured of nothing some. There are cases, however, of people that were guided by Urandir to stop the use of medications after they have been treated by him, and that they had their problems worsened. The supposed paranormal sees that naturally. " To be cured, you have to have good energy and to be in harmony with the Martians ", said Urandir Maria das Graças, from the city of Novo Hamburgo, state of Rio Grande do Sul, that paid R\$ 300,00 for a consultation and she continues even today with terrible headaches.

The young Afonso C. N. was taken in the glue of his mother, with immense sacrifice, from his city in the north of Minas Gerais to the city of Corguinho. To the whole, to arrive to the

property of Urandir, the little sick boy with leukemia supported more than 50 hours of trip, and his mother invested almost R\$ 900,00 in bus expenses and lodging, besides R\$ 500,00 collected by Urandir to do the assume cure. " He was not nor two minutes with the boy and he already left the room saying that my son was cured ". But Afonso continues with his problem of health and now worsened. His family saw themselves in difficulties for having invested what could not in the hope that Urandir really went a chosen of ETs to cure people. Everything doesn't pass of an unforgivable blow against of good faith and despaired people by some encouragement that induces them better.

A former businessman from Rio de Janeiro also passed by a problem but, in his case, he had the cure illusion maintained by several months by Urandir, that always called him and asked if his health was good. To the end of each connection, Urandir feigned to do a telepathic transmission of energy and warranty that the lawyer would be quickly good. After that, he asked for a small payment for the treatment. " To the whole, Urandir took me more than R\$ 12.000,00, always with his chat that the money would be used in the construction of an health clinic for treatment of sick ", the lawyer said. " Actually, that he wanted is to pull up the maximum of money and he deceived me the whole " time. The lawyer broke up with his healer, but without before to try to recover his money, without success.

These three situations are among dozens hurried in the last two years. The victims' of Urandir depositions are maintained vast volume of evidences of his quackery activities close to, in our files. The people that they were hurted, as the suitable ones above, in spite of having guided for Revista UFO's direction they render it complaint to the official authorities, they didn't make it for fear of they suffer reprisals of Urandir and his vast body of employees, that guarantee that the robbery is very applied and stay unpunished. In hypothesis some such ones foot-sound they allowed that this publication identified them completely.

"One day, when I called to Urandir and said that would not give him any money and would still denounce him, he threatened me telling me that my life and of my family would be in risk if I made it", said the businessman to the Revista UFO.

The menaces are a constant in the activities of Urandir. Along his years of acts unlawfulls , whenever somebody discovered something on his maneuvers, such person was immediately expelled of the group and, still, terribly threatened. One of the most serious cases happened to a manager from São Paulo, that discovered in warehouses of the farm of Urandir, in Corguinho, motorcycles prepared to transit in rural areas and a paraphernalia composed by radios of communications type walkie-talkie, batteries, mile lights and varied instruments whose purpose she did not know. When seeing that such equipments could only be used to swindle the insistent lights in the hills of the area in turn of the property of Urandir, that everybody thinks to be flying disks, was asked what they are about.

Urandir was emphatic: "If you open your mouth, you will be sorry". He scared me and continued to do it even after my return to São Paulo to guarantee that I will not tell anything to anybody ", said the victim, counting more than 10 received calls from Urandir and his assistants, that are part of the outline and assure since the attainment of the tricks in the farm until the warranty that nobody will speak anything, in case that someone comes to discover. One of the Urandir's brother, Jurandir Fernandes of Oliveira, is military policeman in São Paulo and frequently absent of the work to work in the farm of Corguinho, where he takes charge, among other things, of the protection to his brother.

The atmosphere in that the never confirmed cures of Urandir happen are also subject of rejects. The people that were already in his property in Corguinho know about the terrible hygiene conditions and comfort that they are submitted - for the which pay discharges sums.

" The bathrooms get obstructed to the point of the dejections leave outside, invading the lodgings. The food is prepared with loamy water that comes from a dam done by the Projeto Portal,

where Mr. Urandir, without shame, takes a bath the people and asks to the skies to the people became good and be treated of his evils", described the retired stewardess Julieta Paraíso, one of the robbed by Urandir, that agreed in having his mentioned name. She add that although Urandir affirms that promised of cures the patient will only be granted if she has a lot of faith. "If the person has faith of minus, according to him, the charm will not work".

There is still the case of beautiful girls that look for the mentioned paranormais powers of cure of Urandir and end up knowing his intimacy in a way that they didn't imagine.

Célia B. S. H. is one to them, a beautiful woman born in the state of Curitiba that sought the aid of Urandir to cure pains in the backs and ended up receiving countless blockades.

"Urandir said that the cure would only come if he could change "energy" with me. In the beginning I didn't understand well what that was, but then, when he insisted on being alone with me in the brushwood, I noticed that was a blockade".

Célia describes that Urandir tries to deceive his victims - and she knew several of them later on - affirming that can could be his twin souls. But to discover if they do, such girls would have theirs "chakras" opened for the paranormal, evidently through sexual contact.

Blockade and promiscuity in the property of Urandir are common facts and they were already denounced to the Revista UFO by countless people. Recently, an adolescent's father that visited the Projeto Portal wrote to our office and said: "We spent R\$ 400,00 on the average real per person to be in a precarious and distant camp what we witnessed only an show of lights, with cannons of laser accomplished by Urandir and his followers.

"We did not see any Flying disks", said Fernando Gonçalves da Silva, from Santo André (SP). Among the facts that he noticed, it is the constant blockade that Urandir makes the adolescent youths, as his daughter.

"Urandir goes for a walk with young ladies, doing what I don't know ". Angry, Silva still alert for the fact that the Ministry of Finance would need to visit his property, because it is a mine of gold.

"Mr. Urandir abuses of lacking and ignorant people, and in his lectures, in São Paulo, he charge R\$ 60,00 of each one for sessions of pure lecture. His place is in the chain!", he completed. Seems that his desire was accomplished.

Faith healing is crime according to the Brazilian Penal Code, defined in the Article 284, according the jurist Celso Delmanto in Commented Penal Code [Publishing Freitas Bastos, 1986]: it is " crime against the public health to prescribe, teach or to apply any substance or do diagnoses without having medical knowledge, or still, to use gestures, words or any or any other way to deceive the victim. The subject assets of the crime is any person that doesn't have medical knowledge, being able to a doctor to be joint author when rendering aid to the healer ". According to the code, Urandir is able to be punished, foreseen as detention of six months to two years. Was not that, however, what took it to the chain. The law says although if the crime were practiced by means of remuneration on the part of the victims, the healer is also subject to the fine payment. As Urandir is bricklayer's servant, in spite of coming as civil engineer in several cities through where he gives courses, it is evident that he doesn't have any medical qualification and, with that, he is against the law.

It is difficult to esteem how much money Urandir already got to obtain from his victims through his faith healing practices, but it is not a few. So much that, since he became constantly denounced for almost unanimity of the Brazilian ufologists, focused strongly to the side of the cures, what demonstrates his economic viability in a clearer way than Ufology. "In fact, Urandir passed devoted more to the cures because he can get more money and is still free from the persecution of the ufologists ", told to the Revista UFO Alcione Giacomitti, one of the friends that Urandir had in his intimate circle of relationship and with which shared a lot of his tricks.

The volume of material resources that started to do part of the personal fortune of the referred citizen - evaluated in more than 10 million Reals - was fattened substantially with the practice of the quackery and of the faith healing. But there is still something so or more serious than that. Urandir recently discovered in the sale of illegal lands of such City of ETs an easier way pull up his followers' money. Was because of that he received voice of the prison of the policemen's of 17th Police Department of the city of Porto Alegre, where stayed imprisoned for almost one week, and later he was set free to answer the process in this condition. His complications with the Justice, however, they are just beginning.

Some months ago, Urandir started to announce to everybody that he intended to build the referred and imaginary city in his property. But, to have the privilege of living in the cosmic enterprise - and it doesn't lack people that wants -, the candidate should work with an awful illegal outline created by Urandir. Simply, he passed to send his property that he has been selling faintly to who can pay the R\$ 1.500,00 demanded. The value is high, but the promises are inviting: the City of ETs would be one of the few refuges of the Earth that would be safe, with abundance of victuals, solemnity subsistence and good astral, after the planet, according to Urandir, had his axis' rotation altered and the seas moved forward the continents. "There we will be safe and we will still receive visits from ours space-brothers, that will start to live together with us ", alleged Urandir in his courses, with the largest effrontery. The judge from Porto Alegre understood such promises in a quite different way.

To understand the sketch, it is important to know that Urandir enclosed to Projeto Portal's original property, which was of about 400 hectares, more than ten times that earth amount, spread by the area. Such acquisitions were and still are being enclosed to the fortune of Urandir in an informal way, done starting from the robbery of properties of other farmers of the area. In any case such purchases are registered legally and are at least completely paid. There is not also any land registration in the name of Urandir Fernandes of Oliveira or of the legal entity, the Projeto Portal, in the registry that coordinates the registration of lands in Corguinho. Nevertheless, sat down on what is not yours and without recognizing the pertinent legal ways of the case, Urandir shared property in lands of 800 m<sup>2</sup>, in unknown amount, without the description of the lands or the due authorization of the organs that govern such acts. And he truly has increased his fortune selling them to people that many times at least do not know where it is the project, but that are animated with the possibility of being in the company of Urandir when ETs comes to save those that the paranormal to designate that should be saved, since that is his mission...

"Urandir already sold more than a thousand lands, but most of the buyers at least has no idea where they are. And none of them is going to receive one day the writing of the lands", to the Revista UFO Márcio Uller, that worked in the project for more than one year and was dismissed without any payment or compensation. The representatives of Urandir through what he calls nucleus, spread out by the Brazil sell the lands. To activate the process, the suspicious paranormal ordered to print great amount of receipts, many of the which he simply signs in blank paper(according documentation that the Revista UFO have), distributing them to the thousands among the such nucleus. His representatives, have only to find people who pay for the land, when they fills the receipt and they supply copy to the eventual buyers. There is any kind of official control.

"I bought one of those lands here in the nucleus of São Paulo, but when I was to check them at the registry there was anything of legal in the affair", told to the Revista UFO, Maria S., from the city of São Paulo, that is also afraid of identifying. Maria, as more than thousand other buyers, who felt like idiots, since that the UFOs of Urandir are quite unlikely. She is among the victims that want his money back. And more: in the receipt that the representatives of Urandir passes to the buyers, he, that signs the document, affirms that: "...he commits to sell an area of 800 m<sup>2</sup>, retreat of a larger area of 1.000 hectares, of the rural property without division located in the district of Corguinho, registered under the number

1.687, book 2, on March 25, 1998, in the Office of Registrations of Properties of the District of Comarca das Bandeiras". Besides signing that term, Urandir stands out that the property is "...free and disentangled of any obligation, taxes, rates, etc".

This is just one of his lies, since who goes to the referred registry will discover that the property doesn't belong nor it never belonged to Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira. Besides, the buyer will find at the registry Mr. Aristides Borges de Esquivel, a helpful official of registers that guarantees to be arranged to thoroughly know the details of such business.

"I have no words to say to those people that calls or visit us asking for informations about the lands that they acquired", said Mr. Esquivel, when emitting a certificate that confirms that Urandir doesn't have any property registered in that registry. That documentation was taken to the knowledge of the gaúchas (people who was born in the state of Rio Grande do Sul) authorities, resulting in the swindle accusation against Urandir and, consequently, his provisory prison.

The property mentioned under referred registration number belongs actually to the San Valentim Agricultural. And even that the involved property belonged to Urandir, there is still the fact of the largest seriousness, that certain requirements were never executed and at least cogitated so that made the share of the area in subject. To consummate a sales, there is a series of legal providence to be taken, among the ones which the elaboration of a detailed map of the area to be shared and sold, with all the available geographical information. Nothing of that was ever made. According to some of his employees already discharged, Urandir nor knows how many lands for sure were sold, for who and where it is. The purpose of that disorganization is simple: there is not any interest in indeed sells or to populate the area in subject, but just in raise easy money.

The law says that, in if being about rural area, would be necessary that Urandir obtained authorization of the National Institute of Colonization and it Reforms Agrarian (Incra) to make the division to be shared and sold, besides the cancellation of his registration as rural area, to presents to the Registry of Registration of Properties responsible. That was never made! Besides those providence, Urandir should present an authorization of the Brazilian Institute of the Environment (Ibama) for the accomplishment of the such division, by means of offer to the organ called Report of Impact in the environment (RIMA), that should be joined to the other documents. That was also never made, especially because, among other misdemeanors, Urandir destroyed forests of the Bacia Hidrográfica of Paraná, deforested his property above the allowed, made illegal dams and dry rivers - acts that would be condemned immediately by the Ibama.

The lawyer Lütz Netto tried to discourage Urandir of acting illegally, before to lose his patience and to take the case to the authorities. "I was sought by the group of Urandir in October of 1997 to guide them on the defense against an eventual faith healing accusation and quackery, that didn't arrive consummating", said to the Revista UFO.

"Since then I attended several of his meetings of 'courses and energy' and I got to go to the Projeto Portal, in May of 1999. When Urandir begun the sell of the lands, in July of 1998, I sought him to notice for the fact that such enterprise was totally strange to the law, and I alerted of his total illegality". Lütz Netto got to offer his legal help gratuitously so that he regularized his dreamed enterprise. But he did not care, what woke up his suspicions. The result is that that the TV program called "Fantástico" showed to the whole country on March 26.

"I made the proposal of helping in the juridical aspects for knowing that humble people, that doesn't have health program, that doesn't have his own house, that doesn't have social security nor a regular job, was buying such lands without any warranty, without any valid documentation", laments Lütz Netto. Urandir got to make appointments with the lawyer, where juridical providences would be taken, doing with that Lütz Netto transferred professional commitments to assist him. But



simply, Urandir never allowed that any possible of the professional help was give and Urandir continued selling illegally lands. That characterizes sharply bad-faith.

"I concluded that there was not interest on behalf of Urandir and his employees in regularizing the enterprise, because he is not proprietor of the property that he is sharing. The resources that he is receiving for this are being applied in other purposes and the intention showed is hurting poor buyers. I was totally disappointed about his intentions and I left the group, declaring to everybody my deception ", affirmed lawyer Lütz Netto, that took providences. Not without before try, countless times, to solve the subject in a friendly way. Even so, Urandir was not interested in this option.

The lawyer was not the only one to get disappointed with the intentions of the alleged contacted. Dozens of people today seek his offices to ask his money back - most of which calmly. Other not so much.

"I already called countless times to Jurandir and to Urandir, and none of them assists my phone calls. I want my money back and they that keep his land", said Mrs. Doraci Alves Cunha, one of the deceived with the promise of the City of ETs. Through the process against Urandir, however, the lawyer hopes to recover all the customers' money back.

"I have been sought by several buyers to promote the nullity of the business accomplished ". Like him, other professionals are representing several victims of Urandir, that "dropped" in the most original blow than was created in the history of world Ufology.

When insisting with his secret shared and sell of lands, Urandir was engaged in the Law 6.766, of 1979, that regulates the subject. To disclose or to promote the sale, sale promise or reserves of lands, before all the necessary providences are taken, it is constituted in crime against the public administration and against the popular economy. The penalties for who that incurs in such crime go from the reclusion to the chain, from two to five years, with right shackle it in the moment of the prison. And the law was executed, therefore Urandir was taken of the hotel in what he was shackled by the policemen. The law still considers as aggravating element for the application of the feather if there is not area of lands registered on behalf of the sharer, what is exactly the case of Urandir. The crime is also know as swindle, with employment of the respective penalty, being considered as added difficulty that the sales were made by means of exploration of popular faith. After all that, you can see the big trouble in that Urandir is involved and his followers when the frustrated buyers of his lands in the City of ETs move actions more and more weighed against the gang that settled in Corguinho. Even having left the chain, his life certainly won't be the same any more.

Until then the Brazilian ufologists, that have in his hands vast material confirming the illicit intentions of Urandir Fernandes of Oliveira of obtain personal profits through the ufologic pretext, acted inside of that is his role: to denounce such acts to the Nation. Now, the competent authorities saw the problem and entered in the subject, to guarantee to those that were stole by the alleged paranormal the immediate replacement of his financial losses. The Brazilian UFO community, that looks for an acceptance and recognition every larger of the object of his dedication - that is the aliens' presence in our planet -, made his part in to point and to prove the lies of Urandir. Now, the Justice and judicial power of the nation will do his part.

### PART III

#### THE TESTEMONIES

A.J. Gevaerd, editor of the magazine UFO created a page in the Internet with the intuit to help and assistant the people who want to denounce the "thieves" that are using the ufology to take money from simple people. (<http://www.ufo.com.br/denuncia>)

Below we have some examples of people that had courage of denouncing the largest thief that already appeared in the world ufologia

#### Who Crosses the Arms

We have the habit, the Brazilian citizens, of protesting, to chide and to kick about, only when is too late. We, the Brazilian citizens, have the habit of crossing the arms, to silence, in the day by day, that is, in the moment in that rulers and authorities adopt absurd politics. For the which everybody will pay, in the future, the price. IMPUNITY: I am referring in what is happening in Mato Grosso do Sul. Exactly in the municipal district of Corguinho - Project Portal, maintained by Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira. Local that, according the referred gentleman, appearances of extraterrestrial ships happen, miracles, cures, contacts extractions of (chips) that supposedly have been placed by ETs, inside of our bodies! Lie! I was inside during one week of the supposition field of the miracles. Lived lacks of everything: food, water to drink.

The bathrooms clogged to the point of dejections come out outside, invading the lodgings; the food are prepared with loamy water that comes from a dam done by the Projeto Portal. In this dam Mr. Urandir bath the people and asks to the skies so that they are good and be treated of his evils. Always alerting that the cure will only happen if the blessed has a lot of faith. If the person have a few of faith the charm will not work, and he say that doesn't have anything with this, but... if the miracle makes himself there he is sacred. Do I ask where are the sanitary authorities of Mato Grosso do Sul? I think shameful that argues that we should not intervene, will be that nobody remembers the tragedy of Guyana, everybody forgot about Jim Jones? The Revista UFO magazine issue 54 exposed the very well tricks already proven. What the authorities are waiting for? Here it is going my alert one, Mr. Urandir is creating a true sect of fanatic.

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#### Project Portal and Brazilian Jim Jones

In the holiday of 12th October, 1999, I went to Corguinho, in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, to accompany my daughter in the such close encounters that some say to happen for there. We spent R\$ 400,00 per person to be in a precarious camp, and what we only witnessed was a show of lights, with laser canyons, accomplished by Urandir and its followers. Flying disks nor in a dream.

The "fools" followers, in ecstasy, screamed while his monitors - all very paid, it is obvious, - motivated such delirium. Jim Jones-Urandir promises to build, in February of the year 2.000, a flying disk and to evacuate from the Earth 1.500 people, in a ridiculous attitude that we everybody knows, it is utopian.

Urandir goes for a walk with young ladies, doing who knows.

The Ministry of Finance has to visit the municipal district of Corguinho, because there is a mine of make money. I warn, besides, the competent authorities on crime against the popular economy and quackery on the part of that gentleman, in the intuit of combating a sect as the one of Jim Jones, that took, years ago, 900 people to the suicide.

Mr. Urandir abuses of lacking and ignorant people, and in his lectures in São Paulo, he collects R\$ 60,00 of each one in sessions of pure foolish. His place is in the chain! His contacts are false and I could check!

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I was Deceived

My name is Daniela S., I am 28 years old and I am a teacher in Rio de Janeiro. Two years ago I have accompanied the works of

Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira and not always agreed with all his said "instructions", but after 4 days of conviviality with "Projeto Portal", I was sure that everything is a great fake! I don't know anything, I cannot prove anything, but my intuition accompanied of a good reflection of the facts that there happened, didn't leave doubts of that charlatan. I'm rebelled.

And stiller because I notice that let myself to believe in that allegations for so much time. And I have friends, that myself presented to Urandir that are completely involved. I can not believe that Urandir has the courage of being so liar, not only for using lights probably false, but for allowing that create such sect around him. I don't know if I can help in some way, but I know about your worry to alerting the people about the fact and if I could help you in some way, please enter in contact with me my house telephone it is (\*) 523-27 \* \*

From: Daniela S.  
State: Rio de Janeiro (RJ)

PART IV  
THE CHALLENGE

In January 1998, in the edition 56 of the Revista UFO magazine, A.J. Gevaerd made a public challenge to Mr. Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira. But as always he ran away.

Know the terms of the challenge made by the ufologist A. J. Gevaerd to the alleged paranormal Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, registered in the 4° Registry of Registration of Titles and Documents of Campo Grande, on February 08, 2.000.

1. The alleged paranormal Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira, founder and leader of the Projeto Portal, in his countless presentations in TV programs of several television nets, and through his hundreds of courses and lectures by the whole Brazil, has been making the most hallucinating and groundless statements. He guarantees that is capable to communicate with aliens any time he wants. He affirms to be carrier of special talents, gave to him by the aliens, that allow to do his miraculous cures, besides of cancer and AIDS. He says that already made countless trips the other planets on board UFOs and that can repeat them when he wants. He affirms although he is able to speak in extraterrestrial languages and says that was chosen by them, to who he calls friends, to develop in the Earth a plan of planetary evacuation.

2. Revista UFO's editor, Ademar José Gevaerd, affirms that Urandir lacks completely with the truth in his statements of UFO stamp and that all the things that he has been speaking openly in the TV, in his courses or lectures, are absolutely imaginative and groundless. Gevaerd guarantees that Urandir is completely unable of having any contact with ETs and that there really is any sign of true when he affirms that traveled the other planets. In March of 1997, with a team of the Educational TV of Campo Grande and another people, the ufologist Gevaerd taped Urandir using tricks produced with laser pens, influencing the presents and taking them to believe that were legitimate UFO phenomenons. In many other occasions, the tricks have been repeated in the Projeto Portal's headquarters, in Corguinho, where Urandir affirms to do his contacts with ETs, which don't have until the moment any confirmation.

3. So, to not be the words of one against the another, the ufologist Gevaerd is throwing a public challenge to the alleged paranormal Urandir. This gentleman is being challenged openly to show if he is really able to have contacts with aliens, of talking with them and of traveling in their ships. Urandir is invited to choose three dates that better they suit it, in places that he designate and under the conditions that he determine, to do three contact attempts with his supposed "extraterrestrial " friends. In those three attempts, all of them controlled by own Urandir in his taste and designs, the Revista UFO will accompany the contacted works of the mentioned and will make the adapted documentation of all the eventual phenomenons that happen. Urandir should be able to show his abilities of contactee, really making to appear an extraterrestrial ship or similar thing.

4. To the ufologist Gevaerd will fit the accompaniment of the facts, in the places and dates marked by Urandir, to evaluate

without interference of what will happen. Such analyses will be made by the own and for specialists invited by the Revista UFO, among experts in Brazilian UFO Community and foreigner, that can be accompanied by the guests of Urandir, without interference. The only condition imposed by the ufologist Gevaerd to Urandir is that he can take to each one of the three attempts that will be done, as his guests, members of the local and national Press, members of entities linked with the consumer rights and several police powers.

5. Revista UFO's editor sustains openly that doubts of your such mentioned experiences of Urandir, that don't pass of invention or production made with the purpose of extracting material benefits. And guarantees that anything, absolutely nothing, will happen in the opportunities that he will have to demonstrate the opposite, in case he comes to accept the invitation. But, in compensation, it also sustains that, is something comes to happen, that evidences the powers extrasensory of Urandir and his capacities to contact with aliens, will recognize openly that referred gentleman is a person with special talents that has true relationship with non terrestrial civilizations. Finally, in the case of that hypothesis to come confirming, the ufologist promises openly to come to insist in the popularization of the phenomenons of Urandir and in the recognition of his legitimacy.

6. This public challenge is the chance that the alleged paranormal will have to prove that his allegations are true. It is the chance that the truth is reestablished. So, it will be properly registered at registry, in the district of Campo Grande, so that his legal validity be recognized.

Campo Grande, February 03rd , 2.000

Ademar José Gevaerd, ID 3.040.127-1 SSP-PR CPF 442.581.949-72

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 00:51:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 02:10:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 09:41:42 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Oops

I wrote:

>This will be expressed in more detail when my second large paper  
>is published on the site:

>[www.mcmenamincs.com](http://www.mcmenamincs.com)

>where the first paper's already published in part.

should be:

[www.mcmenamincs.com](http://www.mcmenamincs.com)

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## Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 00:58:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 02:16:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 12:59:21 -0700  
>From: SMiles Lewis <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 01:44:24 -0400  
>>From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
>>Subject: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Hi Errol, Hi All,

>Howdy John & all,

>>First, Nick has only received 15 responses/samples from the more  
>>than 30 original volunteers. We'll give the 'lazy bones' two  
>>more weeks to submit them so we can complete the analysis.  
>>Please, if you volunteered, submit your samples ASAP. Thank you.

SMiles asked:

>So did Nick get mine yet? I sent it at least a month ago.

Hello, yes he did. Thank you for the timely submission. It is appreciated. :)

>>Next: I've been electronically 'hustled!'

><snip>

>Firstly, if they were doing this they have stopped; I just  
>visited that URL via Netscape and Explorer and did not  
>experience the phenomena you describe. The main page had links  
>to everything from Fortean Times online to your site and back  
>again. Each of these links I clicked on took me precisely to the  
>specified URL, with no apparent hijacking at all. So either you  
>intimidated them to revise the entire website in a keystroke or  
>just witnessed the wrath of the internet's trickster side.

There is nothing wrong with my browser at any other site I have visited. It's gone now, but when you clicked on their link to AIC, my website appeared in a window with the Silvermoon URL in the browser. If you attempted to bookmark any of my pages you would get their URL, not the ones for the AIC pages. I had posted a reciprocal link to their site. The difference is, that when you clicked on the link at AIC you were actually transferred over to their site. You were not shown a 'captured' version of it from within AIC. That is what they did to me. It's sleazy, and unethical. It's a rip off, plain and simple.

>This is not perhaps as negative or precisely devious as you  
>assume; it obviously violates your moral compass and I can  
>respect that. However, the technique you speak of (routing  
>another website thru' their own) is not an uncommon practice  
>thru' the use of html frames. As a website creator you are  
>probably familiar with them and how anyone can use a link from  
>your own website to another one but have it displayed in a  
>frameset which gives the impression the website is part of your

>own.

These are the kind of 'grey areas' that some folks operate in. It would be 'nice' if they'd inform people that visitors will not be able to bookmark any of the pages from your site.

>While I appreciate your angst against this sort of alleged >shameless attempt by Silver Moon, if what you described was >accomplished with the use of html frames, then it is as easy for >any general user of the Web to simply click or right-click your >mouse button to cue the pop-up browser menu (on Mac and PC both >Netscape and IE) and click on 'open frame in a new window' and >watch as the actual URL is brought up in a new browser window >from which you can then bookmark/mark a favorite for the actual >URL.

According to them, it was some "security software" that they have installed to keep people from learning their true URL!? I can see you sitting there with a crinkled brow wondering what the hell I'm talking about. You're not alone. I reacted with the same incredulity when I read it.

There is a 'response' to my post on their website now where I am being referred to as a "paranoid schizophrenic" that has had "one too many abductions". The brunt of their explanation and defense for what they do seems to rely heavily on attacking me personally. I've been called worse. I live in New York City for keerists sake. I've been ranked out more effectively by cabbies who have only just learned the language. Plus, the cabbies used "visual aids" to convey their true feelings. <lol> The kind people at SilverMoon can call me any damn thing they want to. The guy is crying baby shoes because he got busted and now they are scampering around trying to do some serious 'damage control'. All I care about is that they no longer "play" my webpages as a part of/within "their" website.

I worked long and hard to create the graphics, & pages and to compile the information that is available at AIC. I pay for out of pocket, the bandwidth used by the files that they were 'playing' as a part of their website. Had they informed me of their 'methods' and their "security software" I never would have consented to any links.

I don't take being ripped-off and fooled very well I suppose. Ah well, none of us are perfect eh! :)

Regards,

John Velez, Paranoid schizophrenic that has been abducted one too many times. :)

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From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 23:10:55 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:27:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 21:26:20 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 13:16:18 -0700 (PDT)  
>>From: Mac Tonnies <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Regarding the McMinnville photos:

>My paper published in the Center for UFO Studies 1976 symposium  
>proceedings.

>It is available at:

>[www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com)

<snip>

If any of you have trouble finding it, you can go more directly  
to:

<http://www.mcmenamins.com/McHO/trent/index.html>

Jim

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## Mars Sky Color - Better Surface Pictures

From: **Holger Isenberg** <[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:34:12 +0200 (CEST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:30:46 -0400  
Subject: Mars Sky Color - Better Surface Pictures

Hallo,

I read about your discussion on blue or red sky on Mars in the mailing-list archive. Some month ago I started to analyse original data from the Viking Landers and created some images from this.

The first surprise was, that you get very nice, almost true colors when using original data without any color-processing! And exactly for that the filters, the internal calibration lights and the every-day automatic calibration of the cameras were constructed.

The reason for this may be, that back in 1976, we had not that computer power for image processing, so the system was built to supply good images themself.

The colors are also confirmed by the color calibration charts fixed on the Viking landers, which have been "forgotten" for the Pathfinder mission...

Take a look at my articles about the color-story at:

<http://mars-news.de/color/blue.html> <http://mars-news.de/life/>

(and following pages)

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Holger Isenberg  
[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)  
<http://mars-news.de>

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## P-47: UFO Historical Issue #6

From: Jim Klotz <[jimklotz@FOXINTERNET.NET](mailto:jimklotz@FOXINTERNET.NET)>  
Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 11:43:31 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:51:41 -0400  
Subject: P-47: UFO Historical Issue #6

Issue No. 6, (March 2000) of Barry Greenwood's UFO Historical Review is now on-line.

go to:

<http://www.cufon.org>

and click the 'UFO Historical Review' button in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

Jim Klotz

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## 2001: A Mars Odyssey?

From: **Holger Isenberg** <[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:38:37 +0200 (CEST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 10:18:30 -0400  
Subject: 2001: A Mars Odyssey?

This might be of interest to you, as there were some mails about a similar topic:

Do you remember the scene in '2001' during the flight over the Moon, where Dr. Floyd is shown the moon-map of Tycho-Crater? On this map 45° S and 10° W is marked and 3 points around the crater are named. One of them is the excavation site around the monolith, the others are not mentioned in the movie.

One of the two other points is the simple coded geographic position of the Cydonia-Face on Mars to within less than 0.5 degrees!

Read the complete story with a comment from A.C.Clarke on

<http://mars-news.de/life/2001.html>

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Holger Isenberg

[H.Isenberg@ping.de](mailto:H.Isenberg@ping.de)  
<http://mars-news.de>

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## PRG Programming Announcement - 5/19

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 03:39:40 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 10:25:27 -0400  
Subject: PRG Programming Announcement - 5/19

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Program: Coast to Coast AM  
with Mike Siegel

Date: Friday/Saturday, May 19

Time: 10 pm, PST

Guest: Stephen Bassett  
Paradigm Research Group  
X-PPAC

Netcast at: [www.coasttocoastam.com/audio.html](http://www.coasttocoastam.com/audio.html)

Radio: 470 stations nationwide  
Washington, DC metro: WWRC AM 570

Topic: The Politics Of UFOs/Disclosure including:

- \* The status of all political disclosure initiatives.
- \* Future of the disclosure movement
- \* Some commentary on the future of UFOlogy itself  
and the power of a mutual admiration society
- \* Disclosure and the power of shame
- \* The status of X-PPAC
- \* The status of the Paradigm Clock
- \* Some powerful new websites which are now  
making their presence known.
- \* Assessment of Bush, Gore & McCain as regards disclosure
- \* Future of legal action as a tool to force disclosure
- \* The NASA dilemma and the 1958 Space Act
- \* In-Q-It, the CIA venture capital fund.
- \* More

Some links which may be referred to:

Paradigm Research Group: [www.paradigmclock.com](http://www.paradigmclock.com)

Extraterrestrial Phenomena PAC: [www.x-ppac.org](http://www.x-ppac.org)

Destination Space: [www.destinationspace.net](http://www.destinationspace.net)

Alien Zoo: [www.alienzoo.com](http://www.alienzoo.com)

Space.com: [www.space.com](http://www.space.com)  
UFOCommunity: [www.ufocommunity.com](http://www.ufocommunity.com)  
CAUS: [www.caus.org](http://www.caus.org)  
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## New Year's Sighting Puzzles Australian

From: Diane Harrison Director AUFORN <[tkbnetw@powerup.com.au](mailto:tkbnetw@powerup.com.au)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 21:57:07 +1000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 10:28:42 -0400  
Subject: New Year's Sighting Puzzles Australian

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[http://www.farshore.force9.co.uk/!x\\_eng5.htm](http://www.farshore.force9.co.uk/!x_eng5.htm)

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Jan 1 2000

My name is David Taylor and I am a school principal. I live in Roma in South West Queensland, Australia. My wife and I were at home on New Year's Eve watching the millennium fireworks on TV (no, we hadn't been drinking). At midnight we heard some locals letting off crackers and went into the front garden to have a look.

Because we live in the country the night skies are spectacular and we looked up because it was a very clear night. We both saw two red/orange lights travelling slowly from south to north almost directly overhead. It was hard to get any sense of scale, but they were very bright compared to the stars around and seemed much closer (i.e., visibly larger). They were travelling behind one another in a straight line and appeared to be at about light plane cruising height and speed. After watching them for about a minute, a third light appeared on exactly the same path as the first two.

We watched until they were out of sight (about five more minutes). The intensity of the light did not change, nor did they change course. As they got close to the edge of visibility they appeared to split up, with the first going up, the second slightly down and the third veering westwards.

It was a very quiet country night and there was no noise at all associated with the objects which ruled out aircraft or helicopters in my mind. It was a windless night, so I don't think that they can have been balloons, certainly not with the constant speed and direction they maintained.

The next morning I heard that others across NSW and Queensland had seen the same thing. Several people in Roma also concurred with our sighting. I phoned the bureau of meteorology who said that it was probably sunlight reflecting off satellites. There are 3 reasons why I cannot accept this view:

1. The objects were travelling in a group of three
2. They appeared to be too low and too bright for satellites.
3. I was exactly midnight and light could not have reflected for as long as it did without the earth's shadow getting in the way.

That's about it. It certainly wasn't the most exciting sighting, but it is the first time I have seen something I can't explain in the sky and has consequently intrigued me greatly.

I hope that this may be of some interest to your organisation. I would really like to hear if anyone else corroborates this story or any other developments.



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## Re: Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown'?

From: Roger Prokic <[rprokic@pobox.com](mailto:rprokic@pobox.com)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 07:54:00 -0600  
Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 10:31:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown'?

>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 14:51:26 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: Barry Chamish's Site 'Shutdown' ?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>From: Barry Chamish

>Hello,

>Two days ago, May 12, I gave a two hour interview about my new  
>book 'Return Of The Giants' on the Jeff Rense Sightings radio  
>show. Jeff and I spoke as we reviewed the information on my web  
>site at <http://members.tripod.com/~ufoisrael>.

>Today, I checked the site. Here is what I received.

>Forbidden

>You don't have permission to access /~ufoisrael/ on this server.

>Additionally, a 302 Found error was encountered while trying to  
>use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

>Folks, I've been shut down.

<snip>

Barry, have you paid your ISP bill? If so, Mossad may have you a  
marked man!

Roger Prokic  
Denver, Colorado USA  
--[ sent from a TRGpro palm computer & Multimap Pro v3.11C ]--

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## Paranormal Phenomena Newsletter - 5-15-2000

From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 12:26:19 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:52:36 -0400  
Subject: Paranormal Phenomena Newsletter - 5-15-2000

Source: [paranormal.guide@ABOUT.COM](mailto:paranormal.guide@ABOUT.COM)

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May 15, 2000 - Vol. 3, No. 19

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- Chupacabras Attack More Farms in Chile
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- The Great Pyramid and the Freemasons
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- Link of the Week: Understanding the Australian Yowie Phenomenon
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----- Hot Pick -----

### WEIRD SKELETONS IN MANKIND'S CLOSET

Giant skeletons... skulls with horns, way too many teeth and pointy heads... What are we to make of these amazingly unusual specimens?

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/weekly/aa051500a.htm>

(AOL users: scroll to the bottom of this newsletter for AOL-friendly, clickable links.)

----- In the News -----

### FATIMA'S "THIRD SECRET" REVEALED

Well, part of it anyway. The Vatican has given details for the first time of the so-called third secret of Fatima. It said the secret - revealed by the Virgin Mary to three young children in a series of visions - related to the failed 1981 assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II.

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blnews.htm>

### CHUPACABRAS ATTACK MORE FARMS IN CHILE

Last week saw another rash of Chupacabra attacks in Chile. Eyewitnesses also sighted two weird humanoid creatures, said to be Chupacabras. The new round of Chupacabra incidents began April 12 in the small town of Tucapel, in Bio Bio province just east of Concepcion. Witnesses reported that "a large bunch of dried brambles were crushed by a strange luminous phenomenon."

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blnews.htm>

----- The Latest Links -----

I found lots of great new links this week, including:

WHAT'S THE USE OF AN OBE?

Interview with Robert Peterson, author of Out of Body Experiences: How to Have Them and What to Expect, who answers common questions about OBEs.

<http://www.gsu.edu/~libbdp/inscrip/pipeterson.html>

#### THE GREAT PYRAMID AND THE FREEMASONS

Robert Bauval speculates on why the Egyptians abruptly cancelled the most dramatic ceremony of the millennium, when they were supposed to place a gold cap on the Giza pyramid.

<http://www.robertbauval.com/hermetictradition/article2.html>

#### WALK-INS

Usually, only one spirit is attached to a body, but in the case of what is termed a "walk-in," another spirit may come in and take over.

<http://www.occultlife.com/archives/channell/walkins.htm>

#### LINK OF THE WEEK: UNDERSTANDING THE AUSTRALIAN YOWIE PHENOMENON

This article describes various encounters with the Australian version of Bigfoot, from the early 1970s on.

<http://www.sightings.com/general/yowie.htm>

You'll find all the latest links at:

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blnewlinks.htm>

#### ----- HOW TO'S -----

In the coming weeks I'll be adding more and more practical how-to's. If there is one in particular you'd like to see, drop me a line and let me know.

#### ----- Poll Results -----

For the article "Test Your Psychic Ability," readers were polled with the question: "How often would you say you have a psychic or ESP experience?"

[http://paranormal.about.com/library/blpredict\\_poll.htm](http://paranormal.about.com/library/blpredict_poll.htm)

Here are the results:

Very often.....27%  
Once in a while.....52%  
Rarely.....13%  
Never..... 8%  
(611 total votes)

#### ----- You Talk Back -----

M. writes:

"When I was pregnant with my baby, I had her four months early so she had to stay in the hospital for a long time. When she did come home as an infant, she came on all kinds of monitors, but as we left the hospital to go home the nurses gave her an angel pin with her birthstone in it. The first night I put her in her basinet to sleep, she would cry and cry. I went to check on her and when I picked her up to rock her, I found another pin that I know they did not give her. It had a pink and white diamond on it and it said, "I'll always be with you and love you forever, your guardian angel." I wonder if she really does have a guardian angel, because whoever or whatever left it here for her sure did love and care for her. She is six now and still has the pin and wears it every day."

Have you had a weird experience? Write and let me know.

#### ----- Talk About It with Others -----

#### THE PARANORMAL BULLETIN BOARD:

This was recently posted on the Delphi Bulletin Board by

copperdryad: "Spirit attachment, as it is most widely called now, doesn't just up and happen. There usually is some kind of 'cosmic' handshake that allows it to happen. Usually it occurs when some kind of trauma leaves one emotionally wide open for troubled souls that have been through something similar to wreak havoc. And in most cases, it doesn't manifest in things like spinning heads and vomiting, it is more likely that it is manifest as chronic illness, 'mental illness,' emotional issues that continually go unresolved."

What do you think? Let everyone know at the Delphi bulletin board. You'll find many posts of strange experiences and queries! It's worth a look. Don't hesitate to post your own weird experiences and questions about the paranormal.

<http://paranormal.about.com/mpboards.htm>

#### THE PARANORMAL CHATROOM:

The chat room is ALWAYS open, but scheduled chats with me, your Paranormal Guide, are every Tuesday night, from 9 to 11 pm ET - although I stop in regularly on other evenings, too. Join us for interesting conversations.

<http://paranormal.about.com/mpchat.htm>

----- Regularly Updated Sections -----

#### PARANORMAL PHOTO GALLERY:

Interesting new photos include "Bird Cage Ghost" and "Halloween Ghoul." Many weird photos and sounds from readers. Go take a look. I welcome all submissions of ghost and weird photos, EVP recordings, video - whatever. Even if you have to send me the original photo prints, audio or video tape, I'll make copies for Web presentation and return the originals to you. I want your weird stuff!

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blgallery6.htm>

#### PARANORMAL STORY ARCHIVE:

Weird stories that readers swear are true. The MAY stories are now there! Send yours! But it must be TRUE!

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blstories.htm>

----- Elsewhere at About.com -----

#### SIZZLING SCI-FI SUMMER MOVIES

Nick Johnson, About.com Guide to Science Fiction Movies, says: "Time travel, aliens, space cowboys, cult films, Godzilla and a nutty professor all mean that the theaters will be packed with sci-fi treats this summer."

<http://scifimovies.about.com/library/weekly/aa042300a.htm>

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Until next week, keep an open mind... but not so open that your brains fall out.

Stephen Wagner  
About.com Guide to Paranormal Phenomena  
<http://paranormal.about.com>  
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Skeletons In Mankind'S Closet  
<http://paranormal.about.com/library/weekly/aa050800a.htm>

Fatima's 'Third Secret' Revealed And Chupacabras Attack More Farms In Chile  
<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blnews.htm>

What's The Use Of An Obe?  
<http://www.gsu.edu/~libbdp/inscrip/pipeterson.html>

The Great Pyramid And The Freemasons

<http://www.robertbauval.com/hermetictradition/article2.html>

Walk-Ins

<http://www.occultlife.com/archives/channell/walkins.htm>

Link Of The Week: Understanding The Australian Yowie Phenomenon

<http://www.sightings.com/general/yowie.htm>

The Latest Links

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blnewlinks.htm>

How To Test Your Psychic Ability With Zener Cards

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/howto/htzener.htm>

Poll Results (Psychic Ability)

[http://paranormal.about.com/library/blpredict\\_poll.htm](http://paranormal.about.com/library/blpredict_poll.htm)

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Paranormal Gallery

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blgallery6.htm>

Paranormal Story Archives

<http://paranormal.about.com/library/blstories.htm>

Sizzling Sci-Fi Summer Movies

<http://scifimovies.about.com/library/weekly/aa042300a.htm>

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:31:58 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:55:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sat, 13 May 2000 21:48:05 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

> <snip>

>>Bruce also discussed what various persons who had known or  
>>interviewed the Trents had to say about their personalities and  
>>honesty, and none thought they had any inclinations or  
>>motivations whatsoever for having committed a UFO hoax.

>I appreciate that people may have opinions about the Trents'  
>honesty, good reputations, or whatever. But, knowing what we  
>all do about human nature, etc., and the history of the subject  
>of UFOs, how can we take seriously someone's opinion that  
>another person, whom they may have known only through an  
>interview, has had no motivations whatsoever for committing a  
>hoax?

>What does anyone really know about another's motivations?

I have an educational and occupational background in law enforcement. I have had much educational and field experience with regard to interview and interrogation. By no means am I saying that I'm a human lie detector, however I have to say that there is no way the Trent's were lying to me. I deal with people lying to me all the time. For someone to keep up a lie for almost 50 years is remarkable in of itself. If they were lying, then they were both sociopaths or Kevin Spacey better give his Oscar up to the Trents. As for motive there are always the basic motives for crimes: money, money, and money.

When it comes down to UFO hoaxes, the bottom line in the majority of cases, in my experience, is money and/or fame. There is nothing that suggests the Trents were in it for the money or the fame. The sighting turned their world upside down and inside out. They reported to me that the negatives of their now famous (or infamous) UFO photos were used by some show in New York City they appeared on once and were never returned. How much money have the people who have utilized those negatives in books and television specials made? The only crime involving the Trents is that they were duped out of property that rightfully belonged to them. Did they pursue getting their negatives back? Did they threaten lawsuits? did they seek monetary compensation? No...

The Trents made no cash and both of them died broke. When I interviewed them Paul Trent was in need of an electrical cart to get around having suffered from chronic knee problems and he had an extreme hearing problem. The Trents were very reluctant to talk with me about their experience to begin with. The Trents, in my opinion, are the victims in this UFO case having suffered much ridicule and having their naivety taken advantage of.

Royce J. Myers III

eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."  
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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: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:39:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:00:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 14:47:16 -0500  
>From: Mike Bara <[mbara@uswest.net](mailto:mbara@uswest.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Hoagland Reveals Story Of Mars Secrets In '50s Tv Show  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>[Non-subscriber Post --ebk]

>>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 22:57:17 -0700 (PDT)  
>>From: Mac Tonnie <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
>>Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>across many harsh critiques of his work. Uniformly, I have found  
>them to be baseless and ignorant. I addressed this issue in an  
>article on my web site called "Where is the informed criticism  
>of Richard Hoagland?" See:

Why doesn't Hoagland come out and address these issues, why send  
a middle man?

It's be nice to see Richard Hoagland actually respond to the  
claims made against him involving plagiarism for once instead of  
side stepping and ignoring it. Anytime Hoagie gets hit with some  
criticism or is given a hard question requiring a yes or no  
answer it translates into a conspiracy to discredit him...

Royce J. Myers III

eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open  
Mind"... or your old View Master...strange things happen when  
you trip and hit your head...

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 15:53:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:05:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative: Hoagland's Claims Analyzed

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 14:47:16 -0500  
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>them to be baseless and ignorant. I addressed this issue in an  
>article on my web site called "Where is the informed criticism  
>of Richard Hoagland?"

Hi Mike, Mac, All,

I'm not going to jump into this discussion between Mac and yourself. I do however want to address the question you pose above regarding "informed criticism" of Hoagland. I'd like to respond by posing a question to you.

When Richard Hoagland runs around playing Nostradamus on National radio and making absolutely wild predictions about alien landings in Phoenix Arizona, etc. (and -trivializing- a potentially important case) he kind of 'soiled himself'. At that point, how "informed" does one have to be to "criticise" Richard Hoagland? The man has systematically turned himself into a three ring media circus. None, and I mean none of the ludicrous predictions he has made have happened. None of his theories or "findings" have been borne out in any way by any other authority. (Outside of his own associates and cronies. 'Carlotto' et al.)

Nope, you don't have to be "informed" about much, to be able to 'see' Mr. Hoagland for the travelling medicine show that he is. I have trouble figuring out which "hat" he is wearing now-a-days. The 'scientist' or the 'mystical psychic high priest.'

I was impressed with "Monuments" I have never been impressed with the man himself. He plays the fool in public and behaves like a side-show charlatan. How can any reasonable person take him or what comes from him, seriously?

Just one man's opinion. :)

John Velez

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## 2 Million Enrolled - SETI@HOME Reaches First

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 17:40:23 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:11:36 -0400  
Subject: 2 Million Enrolled - SETI@HOME Reaches First

Hi Everyone.

Below is a message from The Planetary Society which was forwarded to me by a colleague. Let us hope our SETI friends do not have to wait 50 years or more before they come up with their irrefutable proof that we have neighbours in our little spot of the universe.

Nick Balaskas

For Immediate Release: May 16, 2000

SETI@home Achieves 2 Million Mark by First Birthday

On May 17, 2000, SETI@home, co-sponsored by The Planetary Society and the University of California, Berkeley, achieves two milestones: its first anniversary and having just passed the 2 million participants mark. The largest distributed computing experiment ever undertaken, this innovative project in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) uses a computer program that analyzes scientific data while acting as a screen-saver on personal computers.

Developed at the University of California, Berkeley, SETI@home went on-line May 17, 1999 to wide acclaim and worldwide attention. For the first time, ordinary citizens anywhere could actually participate in the search for intelligent life elsewhere in our galaxy. Within the first three months alone, over 1 million inhabitants of Earth took up the challenge.

SETI@home harnesses the spare computing power of two million Internet-connected personal computers around the world to crunch data from the radio telescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico. To date, SETI@home is the largest distributed computing experiment ever undertaken, and participants have collectively logged 280 millennia worth of computing time.

"Although we knew SETI@home would fit exactly The Planetary Society's mission to involve the public in space exploration," said Charlene Anderson, Associate Director of the Society, "it took a leap of faith to invest in the program because no one had ever before tried to create a distributed computer network of such size, complexity and sophistication. We are amazed and delighted with the results."

The director of the SETI@home project is Dr. David Anderson, and its Chief Scientist is Dan Werthimer, who leads UC Berkeley's SERENDIP SETI program as well. The project was conceived by computer scientist David Gedye, along with Craig Kasnoff and astronomer Woody Sullivan.

The project's start-up funding came from The Planetary Society. Other sponsors include the University of California, Berkeley; Sun Microsystems; Fujifilm Computer Products; Quantum Corp.; and Paramount Pictures provided partial funding to The Planetary Society for this project.

As part of the one year anniversary celebration, SETI@home

participants can download a certificate of appreciation from The Planetary Society's website at

<http://planetary.org>.

SETI@home was designed to tap into the enormous power of hundreds of thousands of personal computers. Initial estimates for participation were pegged at 200,000 to 300,000 people. Sign-ups proved to be 10 times that number and are still rising, with an average of 2,000 new participants joining each day. SETI@home users represent a wide sector of the public, ranging in age from young students to retirees, and from professional engineers to newcomers to the Internet.

There are even numerous user groups "competing" for the top spot in the number of units of data processed. The top 100 groups include a virtual who's who listing of high tech companies as well as more unusual entries such as tenth place holder, The Knights Who Say Ni!, whose top contributor is Sir CADCAM of the Wooden Rabbit. Members of The Planetary Society can join their own user group -- over 1,100 strong -- that currently resides in 12th place.

Will we ever discover an alien signal with SETI@home -- who knows? The search itself is proving a grand experiment in distributed computing. And how many other screen-savers allow computer users the chance to change human history by possibly discovering that we are not alone in our universe. If a signal is found using the SETI@home program, the owner of the computer that analyzes that vital data will merit a place in the history books as one of the humans who opened the door to an incredible new view of the cosmos.

SETI@home is one of six projects in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence supported by The Planetary Society -- the world's largest space interest group, and longest running funder of SETI projects on Earth.

To sign-up or help with the search, participants should go to one of the following two web sites: The Society's at

<http://planetary.org>

or the SETI@home site at

<http://setiathome.berkeley.edu>.

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For more information about SETI@home, contact Susan Lendroth by telephone at (626)793-5100 ext 214 or by e-mail at [tps.sl@planetary.org](mailto:tps.sl@planetary.org).

Carl Sagan, Bruce Murray, and Louis Friedman founded the Society in 1980 to advance the exploration of the solar system and to continue the search for extraterrestrial life. With 100,000 members in more than 140 countries, the Society is the largest space interest group in the world.

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## "Open UFO Files" - Springfield Experiencers

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 14:57:46 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:22:20 -0400  
Subject: "Open UFO Files" - Springfield Experiencers

Greetings list -

The following page contains a videoclip of a Springfield, MO, NBC news report. Windows Media Player is required for viewing.

<http://www.msnbc.com/local/KYTV/137822.asp>

Believers want U.S. government to open UFO files

MAY 16 Some people believe that U.S. government officials know something about unidentified flying objects that they won't tell non-government citizens. UFO believers say military aircraft have taken UFO pictures that government officials don't want the public to see. For years, there's been much speculation about what the government knows about UFOs. Here's the story of one group's efforts to gather petitions to try to force a public vote to urge the federal government to tell all it knows.

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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## Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 18:46:23 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:24:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt

>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 12:59:21 -0700  
>From: SMiles Lewis <[elfis@austin.rr.com](mailto:elfis@austin.rr.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Cattle Rustler Alert/Dust Bunny Hunt  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>Howdy John & all,

>>First, Nick has only received 15 responses/samples from the more  
>>than 30 original volunteers. We'll give the 'lazy bones' two  
>>more weeks to submit them so we can complete the analysis.  
>>Please, if you volunteered, submit your samples ASAP. Thank you.

>So did Nick get mine yet? I sent it at least a month ago.

<snip>

Hi SMiles.

I notified John that a package with your dust bunny samples arrived, intact, on May 8. Once I get the go ahead from John, I will open all packages to begin our search (using a light microscope) for any unusual or common objects in all the samples sent to me.

Nick

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## Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:11:41 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:28:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 12 May 1999 23:30:22 EDT  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 07:09:10 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 11 May 1999 14:13:52 EDT  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 12 May 1999 14:45:06 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

>>What about the matter of the image of the overhead wire changing  
>>its size in the same proportion and the image change for the UFO  
>>model? It was suggested that this showed they were at the same  
>>approximate distance from the camera in the two shots taken from  
>>different places on the property?

>I recently triangulated the location of the overhead wires  
>directly above the UFO by remeasuring their horizontal parallax  
>(the shift in direction between the two photos) and conclusively  
>proved they are at a DIFFERENT DISTANCE than the APPARENT  
>triangulated distance of the UFO. There is no possibility of  
>significant error as I used transparencies of the two UFO photos  
>and exactly matched the unique patterns of kinks in the wires  
>that appear above the UFO. I had originally done this  
>measurement and calculation for the Society for Scientific  
>Exploration (SSE) Mini-Symposium of Sept 3, 1982, but wanted to  
>re-do it when I had better data, which I finally did in Feb  
>1999.

>The triangulation is made possible because Paul Trent stepped  
>about 5 feet to his right when he took the second photo, thus  
>creating a stereo pair out of now-famous two UFO photos.

>The wires are about 19 feet away but the UFO triangulation point  
>is at about 17 feet and that is ONLY when assuming that the UFO  
>is NOT MOVING, but is a stationary hoax model (I will comment on  
>this in depth in my long-delayed Trent Case Update, many  
>breakthrough developments are in the works). This comes from  
>the approximately 15.8-degree shift of the wires versus the  
>approximately 17.2-degree shift in position of the UFO -- a  
>1.4-degree difference in the parallax values.

Brad and List:

Could this shift, approximately the width of one's index finger  
at arm's length, be due to the difference in distance from the  
camera to a putative "model" UFO as compared to the camera to  
the higher, and more distant, wires? If the UFO was suspended  
from the wires it would be nearer to the photographer on the  
ground.

I have measured various points on the two pictures and have  
listed the distances as ratios for the two pictures in the table  
below. The first ratio number is for Condon plate #23, the first  
Trent pix, and the second number in the ratio is for plate #24,  
the second pix:

1) Distance between the wires directly above the UFO - 1:1.2

- 2) Horizontal length of image of UFO - 1:1.18
- 3) Distance between UFO "antenna" top and lower wire  
(length of hypothetical "string" suspending the UFO) - 1:1.18
- 4) Distance between two points on garage fuel tank - 1:1.09
- 5) Distance between two peaks at horizon - 1:1

The measurements were made on my 17" computer screen with a millimeter ruler and protractor. It seems that a suspended model hypothesis could explain the ratios. The UFO and the wires could have been at nearly the same distance from the camera; the garage fuel tank is more distance, and the distant horizon is too far for differences to be determined using this method.

>If the UFO is in fact moving horizontally as the Trents described,  
>then the shift in position photos is NOT a parallax at all and  
>cannot be used to triangulate a short 17-foot distance. However,  
>in July 1982 I discovered a vertical parallax of the UFO between  
>photos which completely refutes a close-in distance. Again,  
>more on this in my upcoming Update.

Brad, I would be very interested in seeing this.

Also, I measured the position of the shadow under the roof and the roof corner. In the first picture (#23) the angle is 12 degrees, and in the second picture the angle is 15 degrees. This 3 degree difference could have been caused by the rising \_morning\_ Sun if the pictures were taken about 15-20 minutes apart.

I wasn't able to determine what was casting the part of the shadow I measured, so was not able to estimate the time. There has been some question about the diffuse shadow and the question of a direct Morning Sun on the east side of the garage and tank. The wall, however, is vertical with the Sun somewhat above the horizontal. Thus the shadow would have a larger penumbra, and the edge would be more diffuse, than if the Sun shone horizontally on the wall.

My measurements seem to support Robert Sheaffer's hypothesis. An alternative hypothesis would be that the UFO was at a much greater distance, and just happened to have moved precisely in such a way that the UFO/lower wire distance was just the same as that of a putative "string" needed to support a model.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Elaborate? Two pictures taken by a guy of a pie pan on a  
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I agree. Whatever we think we can know about their motivations,  
intelligence, etc. The thing rests on the pictures.

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>This will be expressed in more detail when my second large paper  
>is published on the site:

>[www.mcmenamincs.com](http://www.mcmenamincs.com)

>where the first paper's already published in part.

What paper's that: "Stupid People I Have Known"?

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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Report on the Second Annual Intruders Foundation UFO  
Abduction Conference

2nd Annual IF Conference: Emerging Science & The UFO Phenomenon  
A Report by Harold Eglin

From S.P.A.C.E. Explorer Newsletter 5/2000, Vol I, No. 6

As in many learning experiences, reading between the lines generates  
even more knowledge, at times.

Such was the case, in part, at the UFO Abduction Conference,  
sponsored by the Intruders Foundation, the educational arm of Budd  
Hopkins' research, held on a hot May 6, 2000 at the New York Hall of  
Science, Flushing Meadows, Queens, site of the 1939-40 and 1965-65  
New York City World's Fairs.

Nick Pope - Man In The Loop

The morning began with the charming NICK POPE, former UFO  
reports civilian investigator for the British Ministry of  
Defense, and author of "Open Skies, Close Minds: For the First  
Time A Government UFO Expert Speaks Out" and "The Uninvited: An  
Expose of the Alien Abduction Phenomenon," as well as a new  
novel, "Operation Thunder Child" based on UFO reports,  
presenting a "What If" situation.

It was his third appearance in the States, the others being in  
Florida and New Hampshire MUFON.

How does a government handle craft that can run circles around  
the most advanced military planes? Why do airline pilots not let  
their voices be heard when they see something that defies  
aeronautical principles? These are basic questions that the  
British face, Pope said.

From 1991 to 1994 Pope was exposed to a lot of UFO reports,  
which led to his subsequent six years of private research. "The  
covert nature of aliens' activities seems to be their main  
defense," Pope says.

Based on his military knowledge as a top civil servant in the  
Defence Ministry, where he served as a cross between Fox Mulder  
of "The X-Files" and Captain Edward Ruppelt of "Project Blue  
Book," this very nice gentleman has used that resource in his  
novel to suppose the rules of engagement that governments may  
face when presented with a serious military situation with a  
UFO.

His key position gave him a hawk's eyeview perch in government,  
giving him a rare place to study the UFO mystery which he is  
able to share with the public.

### Anna Jamerson: Not By Choice

Pope was followed by the outspoken and frank abductee Anna Jamerson, co-author of "Connections" with Beth Collings about the experiences of two women, which journalist C.D. B. Bryan discussed in his book "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind" about the MIT UFO abduction conference.

Her anger, which she has every right to express, over being taken by "aliens" gives her the drive to talk about her unwanted experience, and in doing so, nobly from her viewpoint, help others deal with a perceived intrusion into people's lives. She does not want to be a "member of the UFO club."

I have a great admiration for the two women, who urge the scientific community to take UFOs and abductions seriously. Their case is very relevant, for there is an undoubted stealth intelligence on this planet which cries out for attention.

But I am equally greatly depressed about how they view their encounters, which frightens me. While they could be right--and I certainly find their human willpower remarkable, there is a disturbing undercurrent of pain and repulsion which makes me think of all that has gone wrong with and for humanity, wanting an overdue revolution in how humans perceive their role in the universe.

As very well documented and thought out is their nightmarish accounting, something is truly missing here, which I have chosen, out of respect for them, not to share here at this time.

### Dr. John Mack's Passion- A Visa To Truth

The ever-insightful and very thoughtful DR. JOHN MACK, Pulitzer Prize-winning Harvard University psychiatrist, author of "Abduction" & "Passport to the Cosmos," and founder of the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER) did a splendid job in presenting a case for openness in UFO study, calling for more respectfully sharing and less bickering and an end to divisiveness among researchers.

Explanations used by critics to dismiss, such as hallucinations and sleep paralysis are "foolishness," Mack said.

"A western materialistic worldview dominates" our culture, "voiding the universe of all other intelligence," placing humans, in their own minds, on top of all creation, Mack said, which "dis-ensouls the planet."

That arrogance leads scientists to say, when looking at the UFO abduction material, to say, "We have no place for this." They will remain, Mack said, "attached to this arrogant world view at all costs," and defend it.

It all goes back 300 years when science and religion laid-out their territories, separating the sacred and the material, he noted. Which are now re-merging, observers note.

The word "witness" is very crucial here, he said,. "Witnessed is a wonderful word. It has deep meaning. There's something sacred in the word...Witnesses are onto something profound."

But when a society does not believe reliable witnesses, not accepting their stories, then, Mack said, society "imposes the tyranny of belief," saying "this is not possible." That, he said, "is profoundly unethical," and we must deal with this matter of ethics and morals.

A poem was read by Mack, the words of an abductee, like the words you may see throughout our SPACE site, that the encounters serve as "an alarm clock....a wake-up call," offering "the keys to freedom" opening us "to unlimited possibilities." This is not dependent on the nonhuman's agendas, good, bad or indifferent, but "by the fact that they (the nonhumans) exist."

### Budd Hopkins: UFO Abduction Guardian

The kindly and steadfast abductionist Budd Hopkins, author of "Missing Time," "Intruders" and "Witnessed," discussed the patterns of abduction, from infancy, early and late childhood, puberty, exploring abductions in adulthood, and coping strategies later in life, doing his usual logical presentation, always superb in the manner he presents his case.

Hopkins, like Mack, is to be admired and cheered for his helpful guidance to people being piloted through their lives by unknown intelligent forces which both disrupts and enhances those lives, depending on perspectives.

The irony of Hopkins is that he, as a well-known artist, is fascinated by the guardians who stand at sacred places throughout human history, as depicted in art from diverse cultures, while he himself is like a guardian of the sacred, or mysterious special places where nonhuman forces interact with humans.

His artistic interest in "Sacred Spaces"--rather than being separate from his UFO research, is actually in a tandem dance with it. He is living, in a sense through his storied UFO research and support of abductees, what fascinates him in art.

In a way, that connection can be understood tangentially by reading a superbly thoughtful, insightful, and utterly fascinating non-UFO book, "Art & Physics: Parallel Visions in Space, Time & Light" by Leonard Shlain.

Bruce Maccabee, optical physicist for the U.S. Navy known for examining UFO photos, videos and film, was unable to come for his allotted speaking time. (He did arrive later, in the middle of an abductee and speakers panel.)

In his place, to fill in "the missing time," Hopkins and Mack spoke together, along with composer and music journalist Greg Sandow, and a gentle therapist who works with Hopkins. Shades of the Hopkins-Mack dialogue in Boston in April 1997!

"It's amazing how little we UFO researchers differ and how much we agree upon when we get together over dinner," said Hopkins, more or less, as he stood in the lunch line talking about an informal social gathering the evening before.

#### The Space In-Between

As usual, much more information emerged in-between the speakers, following from the presentations, all informative, insightful and spoken in their own right.

As Hopkins so-well documented the continuing emergence of patterns in his evermore fine-tuned research, to the call by Mack for looking at other ways beyond the material senses to gain more knowledge of the abduction experience, the conference presented a well trodden path of giving information to the public, most of the attendees somewhat familiar with the topic.

A marvelous moment came when a certified social worker and counselor spoke from the floor, with little knowledge of the UFO controversy, comparing her work with others 25 years ago on a once taboo area of psychiatric help, now accepted but ridiculed back then, with the position of Mack and Hopkins.

She told them to remain undaunted and move ahead despite the present barriers, for ufology will come into its own some day.

As he always does, Mack calls for a multi-disciplinary, cross-cultural approach to ufology, a basic premise of SPACE.

A well-known astrophysics professor, known for his Big Bang cosmology research, at Harvard holds discussions on the subject, but first met Mack in a parking lot, to avoid being seen together. He told Mack that if what Mack says is true, all these institutions and fields of studies, he said as he pointed to Harvard's buildings, would be threatened.

Dr. Mack injected a touch of humor in his talk which set off a healthy laugh fest in the auditorium when he presented a PEER staffers humourous 10 points on "knowing that you were abducted."

Among those points were "You went to bed in New York and woke up in Illinois" and "You suddenly realize that you've accumulated 300 billion frequent flier miles."

When a man, a yoga instructor, asked Hopkins and Mack how people could draw the UFO experience to them and have a more open relationship with "the aliens," with the work of Dr. Steven Greer, director of C-SETI, was cited, but as Mack said, that's not the way it works, folks.

I approached this man during a break, for his question is a fundamentally basic one that SPACE has explored extensively with dozens upon dozens of documented experiences, that could give him answers.

The man was unaware that this was, in fact, being done and when I attempted to explain what SPACE does, to help empower people through that interchange with that which interfaces with us, he seemed not to be listening.

While the actual exploration of this creating a common meeting ground does not produce landed spaceships and flights to Mars, it presents a far more subtle, complex and challenging area of living research by we who are the witnesses of this mysterious interface. I wish the man had listened as closely and carefully as we have to one another in SPACE have over the past eight years.

This all presents a question---why are not the questions and deeply intense experiences of SPACE included in such discussions such as IF so very well presented at the Hall of Science, a place where the UFO discussion belongs?

While we, who interface continually with the unknown, are not in the league, in terms of being known publically, with a Hopkins or a Mack or a Jacobs, all of whom I have the greatest respect for, we do have something more to contribute to this important, mutually shared learning process, making it more comprehensive, "extending the envelope."

Over dinner with Mack, he asked two questions: one about helplessness---Is it the helplessness of having not control over this experience, feeling victimized, or is the helplessness which cries out for a transformative growth from these encounters? And, most of all, what is our responsibility as experiencers?

For me, SPACE was born out of a profound crisis of helplessness and profound emptiness, of not being able to make a breakthrough that would move things forward and the sense of deep responsibility, to my own experience and for those of others, to create a witness-driven venue and a vehicle in which we can access the UFO challenge, integrate it into our lives, and to seek a fruitful outcome in playing a role within the context of those with whom we interface....

That was how SPACE began, I told Mack, not as a simple, "Hey, everybody, let's start a group" but out of a major life crisis, that could of had destructive results, and instead set forth a voyage of creative exploration, with rough waters at times, into uncharted areas of the close encounter experience.

We of SPACE, no matter what form our encounters take, are willing to explore them beyond what can be imagined, which we feel is our responsibility to ourselves and to others.

We have gone boldly from support to exploration, taking a journey through our experiences rarely attempted and discussed, opening up adventures...and we are willing to share our information with others...in the Halls of Knowledge, wherever they are.

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Audiotapes are available of the conference proceedings. Contact [IFConfer@aol.com](mailto:IFConfer@aol.com) or [ifcentral@aol.com](mailto:ifcentral@aol.com) or Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011-0112

Media coverage of the conference included the New York Press, Discovery Channel, a Staten Island UFO cable show, and the SPACE

EXPLORER, among others.

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>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
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The Magonia motto! Congratulations, John -- you've finally put  
it in words even this hick from the sticks can understand.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Sightings: Special Guest Update...

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Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 15:19:46 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:25:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Sightings: Special Guest Update...

>Date: Sun, 14 May 2000 10:34:11 -0500  
>From: Rense E-News <[jocelyn@dewittec.net](mailto:jocelyn@dewittec.net)>  
>Subject: Special Guest Update - On The 3rd Fatima Prophecy  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
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>  
> \* Tonight, Sunday May 14th - 8 pm Pacific \*  
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> To discuss the Third Prophecy of Fatima 'revelation'  
> by the Pope will be:  
>  
> From Oz - Stan Deyo and  
> author Kathleen Keating:  
> 'The Final Warning'  
>  
>  
>[http://www.millennium-ark.net/News\\_Files/Hollys.html](http://www.millennium-ark.net/News_Files/Hollys.html)

Dear list members,

We discovered a new source dated from 1914 - a Pope's life history - which described a similar episode with a "bishop dressed in white..." and the same dramatic circonstances.

Its amazing that Lucia could have read this narrative at the Carmelite monastery in Tuy, northern Spain to where she was sent by the religious authorities after 1917.

Please, wait for our future research and don't be too excited. We investigated the full original documents in the Fatima sanctuary and an hundred of primary witnesses, during a intense six-years historical and scientific investigation. See our "As Aparições de Fatima e o fenomeno OVNI", Lisbon, Editorial Estampa, 1995, 3th edition, revised and actualized. email: [estampa@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:estampa@mail.telepac.pt)

Sincerely,

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A photo a UFO does not make. Probably any photo could be hoaxed  
given enough time, knoweldge and money (for materials,  
processing, etc). The photo acts as an aid to the witness'  
memory. The photo could prove a hoax if some clear evidence of  
fakery is found. But if no such evidence is found..... it could  
still be a "perfect" hoax. No evidence of fakery found in the  
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model that just happened to have the characteristics that appear  
in the image in their photos. Would have been lucky to create  
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why read the paper at:

mcmenamins.com

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>Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:55:59 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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>When it comes down to UFO hoaxes, the bottom line in the  
>majority of cases, in my experience, is money and/or fame.

Royce, List:

How about an additional motivation of just playing a trick on your friends, or perhaps trying to prove that you have seen saucers? Mrs. Trent was quoted as saying that they had seen some before but people wouldn't believe them.

>There is nothing that suggests the Trents were in it for the  
>money or the fame. The sighting turned their world upside down  
>and inside out.

What if the original hoax, prank or whatever one might call it, just got out of hand when it was reported to the local paper? Perhaps that might explain why they never made an issue about the money. They knew the pictures were fakes and just wanted the thing to go away. Of course the fact that they traveled to New York to appear on a show does suggest that they weren't entirely bashful.

There were two versions of what happened. One told to a local radio station, and a slightly different version to the papers. Then they may have just decided to stick with one.

Royce, you may be absolutely right about them, but your certainty that you think that you know they are telling the truth suggests to me that you might be taken in a lot quicker than you think. Just a cautionary thought.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## RAI DUE and UFOs

From: **Giuliano Jimmy Marinkovicc - AGETI** <[9a4aq@clarc.org](mailto:9a4aq@clarc.org)>  
Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 12:13:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 01:11:10 -0400  
Subject: RAI DUE and UFOs

Hello dear UFO researchers.

Few weeks ago I have received this report from the member of my AGETI mailing list. It sounds very interesting and I would like to definetly hear more about it, because it seems this is some kind of new ufology data with documents that were recently released in Italy. Can anyone check this? Anyway, I am sedning you the translation of the report in english. The name of the the person who has sent this report is Dario Bernobicc (AGETI\_USENET\_OPERATOR) and he is located in city Rijeka, Croatia. He can be reached at [dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr](mailto:dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr)

Now here comes the translation.

If anyone has any update on this please send it to me.

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Message 2:

From: "Phaeton" <[dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr](mailto:dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr)>  
Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 22:59:53 +0200  
Subject: [AGETI] Short review of the UFO show broadcasted at RAI DUE

Hello

One week ago about noon, on Italian national TV station RAI DUE the show 'I fatti voostri', was broadcast. The show features many different guests who speak about different subjects. That day I have accidentally switched to that station and heard that them speaking about UFOs. I immediatly started to record, and now I have found some free time to write this short review for the list :)))

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On the show, the guests were 2 Italian ufologists, the editors of the magazine "UFO notizziaro" (UFO Messenger). The first subject of their chat was the connection between Fascist leader Benito Mussolini and UFOs.

Back in 1933, Mussolini gathered together a group of scientists headed of Gulielm Marconi and maybe formed the first world wide secret organization for exploration of UFO phenomena. The organization was active from 1933 to 1940 and they have gathered many documents and pictures.

The Ufologists brought 2 teletype telegrams from 1933 in which Mussolini ordered censorship of any information about possible appearance of craft of unknown origin or unknown phenomena. Especially they noted that Mussolini forbade the spreading of information about some kind of UFO landing near Milano (??).

Also during the show, Mussolini's 1941 speech from before the USA became involved in the war, in the era of tension between USA and Axis forces. In that speech Mussolini said that the USA

must care more about attack from extra-terrestrial civilization which could land at Earth in the craft that people have never seen, than from the Axis forces. At the time, the speech wasn't taken seriously.

In the show pictures, films and other documents were shown from the archives of project Blue Book. From the 12000 analysed cases, there was 701 unexplained. There were also some comments about the triangular UFO which was recorded at the beginning of the '90s, above Belgium, and it can't be explained as something from this Earth.

After that, there was analysis of amateur photo of a flying saucer in the form of hat from the 60s, also from the project Blue Book archives. The attention in the show was especially about frames where the UFO was clearly visible.

At the end, the ufologists mentioned that in Italy, a government organisation for the study UFOs exists, but that organizations never make any conclusion for the public, they only put cases in archives.

All in all, there were 20 interesting minutes about UFOs in the clear daylight and on a show which many people watch. Not bad!

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 10:43:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 06:41:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 13:37:02 +0100  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 09:41:42 -0400  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Of more importance is the fact that everyone who knew the Trents  
>>tioldme that the idea of a hoax was beyond them... they just  
>>didn't have the mental capacity to think of anything outside  
>>their range of daily activities. >

>This is about the most bloody patronising thing I've ever read!

>They were just a coupla thick hicks from the sticks, couldn't  
>possibly fool a guy like me with a college edoocashun. Is that  
>it?

>>This will be expressed in more detail when my second large paper  
>>is published on the site:

>>[www.mcmenamincs.com](http://www.mcmenamincs.com)

Ooops!

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>>where the first paper's already published in part.

>What paper's that: "Stupid People I Have Known"?

Is this intended to be an intelligent comment?

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## Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 15:06:03 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 06:44:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:11:41 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>I have measured various points on the two pictures and have  
>listed the distances as ratios for the two pictures in the table  
>below. The first ratio number is for Condon plate #23, the first  
>Trent pix, and the second number in the ratio is for plate #24,  
>the second pix:

- >1) Distance between the wires directly above the UFO - 1:1.2
- >2) Horizontal length of image of UFO - 1:1.18
- >3) Distance between UFO "antenna" top and lower wire  
(length of hypothetical "string" suspending the UFO) - 1:1.18
- >4) Distance between two points on garage fuel tank - 1:1.09
- >5) Distance between two peaks at horizon - 1:1

>The measurements were made on my 17" computer screen with  
>a millimeter ruler and protractor. It seems that a suspended  
>model hypothesis could explain the ratios. The UFO and the  
>>wires could have been at nearly the same distance from the  
>camera; the garage fuel tank is more distance, and the distant  
>horizon is too far for differences to be determined using this  
>method.

>Also, I measured the position of the shadow under the roof and  
>the roof corner. In the first picture (#23) the angle is 12  
>degrees, and in the second picture the angle is 15 degrees. This  
>3 degree difference could have been caused by the rising  
>\_morning\_ Sun if the pictures were taken about 15-20 minutes  
>apart.

>I wasn't able to determine what was casting the part of the  
>shadow I measured, so was not able to estimate the time. There  
>has been some question about the diffuse shadow and the question  
>of a direct Morning Sun on the east side of the garage and tank.  
>The wall, however, is verticle with the Sun somewhat above the  
>horizontal. Thus the shadow would have a larger penumbra, and  
>the edge would be more diffuse, than if the Sun shone  
>horizontally on the wall.>

>My measurements seem to support Robert Sheaffer's hypothesis. An  
>alternative hyposthesis would be that the UFO was at a much  
>greater distance, and just happened to have moved precisely in  
>such a way that the UFO/lower wire distance was just the same as  
that of a putative "string" needed to support a model.

Note to Trent photo analyzers: it is hazardous to base any  
conclusions on careful analysis of unscaled prints.

However it is valuable "training" to make such measurements and  
form logical deductions from them. A person so "trained" can

better appreciate the analyses which have been done based on the original negatives and scaled prints from the negatives.

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## Kecksburg, Pa. - 'The Other Roswell'?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 07:50:38 -0400  
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Subject: Kecksburg, Pa. - 'The Other Roswell'?

Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer

<http://www.phillynews.com/sunmag/0514/feature3.shtml>

FEATURE  
The Other Roswell

Visitors from outer space seem to love Kecksburg, Pa.

By Ralph Vigoda  
Inquirer Staff Writer

It was about 4:45 in the afternoon and Bill Bulebush was in his driveway, flat on his back under the dashboard of his Corvair, his head beneath the steering wheel, the tools he needed to install a CB radio in his hands, when he was startled by a strange, sizzling noise overhead. He craned his neck and looked through the windshield and saw a bright light speeding across the clouds so fast it seemed to set the sky on fire.

"I got out of the car and walked out toward the road where I could watch it," says Bulebush, 74, recalling the afternoon of Dec. 9, 1965.

"I went down over the hill toward the mountain, then I seen it coming back. It was like it couldn't make up its mind what it wanted to do. This thing floated and made a U-turn and headed into the ravine. I got in my car and took off over the back road."

That back road - a lightly traveled two-lane stretch then called Kuhn's Road and later rechristened Meteor Road - winds above the farmland and woods that make up Kecksburg, Pa., a crossroads community in Westmoreland County about 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Bulebush parked his car, got out and looked down into the valley to see where the thing had landed. The landscape was familiar. Bulebush had lived there his entire life.

He grabbed a flashlight and walked down the hill into the woods. The tops of trees had been sheared in the same direction as the fireball's path. He smelled sulfur. Then he came upon it: an acorn-shaped object about the size of a Volkswagen bug, burnt orange in color, with a raised ring around the back and markings that looked like backward letters.

Frightened, his heart pounding wildly, Bulebush stood behind a tree, staring, expecting something to jump out - although he couldn't see how anything could possibly exit the strange capsule.

"There was no doors, no seams, no nothing," he says. "It laid there and arced for a while, like it was cooling down. If I'd had my camera, that picture would be worth a million dollars."

When other people started to rush into the woods, Bulebush

decided to leave. He was afraid of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. "I didn't want to be running around with this light shining and get shot for no reason," he recalls.

In the early darkness he made his way back to his car, went home and told his wife what he had seen. "She asked me, Did I stop at the club? Was I drinking? I said, No, no, I wasn't drinking. She said, You better not say nothing to anybody."

Bulebush followed her advice for nearly 25 years. Until one day when out of the blue Bulebush got a phone call from a man who said he'd spent decades researching UFOs and the mystery of Kecksburg.

Plenty of books have been written about Roswell, N.M. Hollywood has made movies. There's even a television series about the spot where an alien spacecraft crashed in 1947. Pieces of spacecraft were recovered, bodies were found and for the past half-century the American government has been covering up the truth. That, of course, is the legend, but it's a legend that has spurred a healthy tourism industry in the desert town and fueled a generation of conspiracy theorists.

Kecksburg never gained the same notoriety as Roswell. But for people who believe the government is not telling all it knows about unidentified flying objects, what happened there ranks just behind Roswell in American lore. And whether or not a visit from outer space occurred, one thing is indisputable: What happened in Kecksburg changed the small community forever.

"A lot of people don't talk to each other anymore on account of it," Bulebush says. "There's two people I went to school with, they have nothing to do with me. But I don't care at all. I know what I seen, and I ain't going to change my mind."

"You can still get into a fistfight over it to this day," adds Gene Lisker, 55, a real estate agent who has lived in the area most of his life.

Kecksburg is impossibly rural, farming country. Its up-and-down terrain is quiet. It has no stoplights, no post office and only about 150 people. It began in the 1800s as Ridgeview. Then the Keck family arrived and in 1907 opened a bottling plant where 100 people found jobs making pop.

"They had Big Stick ginger ale in a green bottle," says Ed Myers, who has spent all of his 74 years in Kecksburg and whose dad worked the filters at the plant. "It was good ginger ale."

There are still some Keck descendants in the area, but the plant is no more. Pepsi took it over. Then Pepsi left and now the plant is occupied by a company that makes pop-up tent trailers.

Just about the only other spot to work in Kecksburg is the store at Hutter's Dairy Farm, where you can get a quart of milk and some lunch meat. For serious grocery shopping you've got to drive four miles to Mount Pleasant, or seven miles to Latrobe (pronounced LAY-trobe).

When the 25th anniversary of the Kecksburg incident rolled around in 1990, a crew from the television program Unsolved Mysteries arrived. It spent a week in town re-creating the events of that long-ago Dec. 9, complete with a model of the mysterious craft. Some would-be entrepreneurs took a shot at earning a little money off the publicity, but after a few T-shirts and hats were sold things got back to normal. Which in Kecksburg means not normal at all.

Ed Myers was the town fire chief in December 1965. His first cousin, Jim Mayes, was the assistant fire chief. Shortly after the incident, Mayes talked to the press about seeing blue lights in the woods and told people he escorted the military to the capsule. Myers says Mayes had no business talking to reporters or anybody else about what happened that evening. Actually, Myers says, he should have done the talking because he was the



fire chief. And here's what he would have said he saw: nothing.

Myers contends the whole crazy thing started when a woman called police to say her young sons might have seen a crash. There was a search. A couple of military guys from a nearby base arrived to help. No one found anything. End of story.

But, of course, it turned out to be just the beginning. The number of military men swarming into Kecksburg kept growing as the story got told and retold. People swore the soldiers were armed and that they threatened to shoot folks who got in their way. Some said they saw flashing lights and smoke in the woods. Some talked about a convoy of military vehicles and hushed meetings among officials. There were stories of men in space suits carrying boxes into the woods.

"I never saw anything," Myers declares. "And I was there all night. You had a few that know it didn't happen, and they talked anyway. See, I wouldn't go along with it."

To this day Myers believes people got so carried away that they started making up tales, thinking they'd get on television, hoping to cash in.

"I know one guy, he got \$300 just for driving his old car in the movie," he says, referring to the Unsolved Mysteries show. "We was a pretty close-knit area. But it's not anymore."

What happened on Dec. 9, 1965 changed lives. It made enemies of friends. It ruptured families. Jim Mayes died five years ago. By then he and Myers had long since stopped speaking to one another.

The debate has endured because some swear they saw something and want validation, and because an opposite camp disputes all accounts of alien arrivals, finding them embarrassing to the community. And because a man named Stan Gordon will not let it go.

Stan Gordon, 50, sells electronics - televisions, radios, video equipment - but that's just his job. His letterhead identifies him in this way: "Researching the Unexplained Since 1959."

The date points back to the year he got a radio as a birthday present. It was Halloween eve and he was 10, living in Greensburg, Pa., in a house around the corner from his home today. He tuned in a program about ghosts and goblins and was hooked. He dashed to the library, took notes on the mysteries of unexplained phenomena and started a scrapbook, embarking on a lifetime of exploring events that seem to defy reason.

Though fascinated by mysteries - everything from UFOs to Bigfoot - Gordon says he is not fanatical. He hunts for rational explanations, and that's why in 1981 he founded the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a clearinghouse for reports of strange encounters.

"The majority of the cases are found to have a natural or man-made source," Gordon says. But a percentage of cases can't be easily explained. "And that's what makes it so intriguing."

Kecksburg is his biggest research project yet and, he says, one of the most interesting because so many things remain unknown.

Skeptics, Gordon says, need to stop mocking and concentrate on the information he's gathered over the past 35 years: Hundreds of people from Canada to Pennsylvania reported a fireball in the sky. Airline pilots believed a plane was going down that wintry evening. Witnesses said they found an odd-shaped craft partially buried in the woods. A Soviet space probe fell out of orbit on the very same day. People claimed they were told by military personnel not to talk about what they saw.

And after considering all that, try, just try, Gordon says, to believe the government's "official" story that nothing of significance occurred.

"Something did happen that day in Kecksburg and we still don't know what it is," he insists.

For more than two decades Gordon collected dribs and drabs of information. He located witnesses, some who would talk, some who would not.

In the 1980s one of Gordon's associates obtained a copy of the Project Blue Book report on Kecksburg. Project Blue Book, which operated from 1947 to 1969, was headquartered at what is now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. It was an official arm of the Air Force charged with investigating UFOs. Spurred by sightings reported by military pilots, the investigations were taken seriously for the first few years. But by the early 1950s - the infancy of the Cold War - the Air Force decided that looking into every UFO report was taking too much time.

Nevertheless, during the project's 22 years, 12,750 sightings were investigated; 587 were marked "unidentified."

To those who believed the government was hiding something about Kecksburg, the inclusion in the Blue Book gave the Pennsylvania incident some legitimacy. But the Blue Book report discounted the entire thing. The records, now in the National Archives in College Park, Md., indicate that an investigation into the Kecksburg incident was performed, that a few military personnel assisted local authorities, and that what people saw was most likely a meteorite disintegrating as it fell toward Earth.

Gordon calls the Blue Book finding fiction.

"Blue Book said there were three Air Force personnel involved," Gordon says. "Well, we know there were more than three from all the eyewitness accounts. Blue Book said the search continued to 2 a.m. and nothing was found. People have told us there were military people down there the next day.

"The question is, where did these military people come from? You can't find any of the records for it. We've been searching for years."

In 1987 Gordon and some assistants set up a display about UFOs in a local shopping mall. One of those who passed the exhibit was Jim Romansky. He overheard a couple of people chatting, walked over and interrupted them.

"Excuse me," he said. "You're talking about Kecksburg, aren't you?"

That's right, he was told.

"Well," Romansky said, "I was there that night."

"I was just turning 18 and I was with the Lloydsville Volunteer Fire Department," Romansky, 54, says, retelling the story from his home in Derry, Pa. "I had seen something in the sky earlier that day and I thought in my mind, 'Wow, a meteorite.' But I didn't pay it no attention.

"Not long after that the fire whistle went off, so I run up there. We received a report it was a downed aircraft. Myself and four or five other guys jumped into a truck and took off to Kecksburg, about 18 miles away."

When Romansky and his crew arrived at the Kecksburg fire station on Water Street, dozens of other volunteers were already on the scene, he says. One man laid out a large grid map and assigned teams to search different areas. Romansky was driven out to a field.

"We was into our grid area and we heard on our walkie-talkies that another team found where the object was and it wasn't so far from where we were, so we hightailed it over into a hollow and came upon the object.

"There were eight, nine, 10 guys there, standing around looking at this thing. I stopped and looked and said, 'Whoa, this is no aircraft. What the hell is it?'

"It looked like a giant acorn. It was oblong and had a bumper around it and in back it was perfectly flat. I saw no doors, no

motor, no windows, no seams, no rivets.

"But there were two unique things: one was the color, a golden bronze. It was a weird color. And the other thing was on this bumper . . . it looked like ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. Rectangles, lines and circles."

Soon afterward, Romansky says, a couple of guys came and ordered everyone out. One carried a small device that Romansky thought was a Geiger counter. They were followed by a contingent of military men who announced the area was being quarantined. Romansky and the others went back to the Kecksburg fire station. There, he says, it was "wall-to-wall military."

By this time the roads were jammed with news media, onlookers and state police, Romansky says. But no one was allowed back into the woods.

"We just hung around, and then we saw this big flatbed truck go into the woods and it's there an hour, hour and a half. And then it comes out, hell-bent for leather, and on the back of that truck was the object, covered by a tarpaulin, maybe 15 foot long, eight to 10 foot in diameter, big enough for a man to stand in."

The next day, Dec. 10, the newspapers were filled with the story. "Unidentified Flying Object Falls Near Kecksburg" read the headline in the Greensburg Tribune-Review. The article told how a fiery object was seen streaking across the sky by people in Canada and seven American states. A pilot from Ohio watched a fireball. A reporter from Erie said it left a trail of smoke. Coast Guard officials reported the object over Detroit.

Officials, the paper said, searched a 15-square mile area. Capt. Joseph Dussia of the state police at Greensburg was quoted as saying the search "uncovered absolutely nothing." He attributed the story of a crash to the "imagination" of two young boys.

"About the only thing that wasn't reported during the excitement," Dussia added, was "little green men getting out of a spaceship."

A spokesman for the 662d Radar Squadron at Oakdale, Allegheny County, which was called into the investigation, said no object was found. And Don Hays, who was at his farmhouse and about as close as anyone to the area where the object was supposed to have come down, told the newspaper he saw nothing.

On Dec. 11, two days after the event, the investigation was officially closed. Scientists and astronomers opined that the object was a disintegrated meteor and that, because it fell at sunset, observers could have been fooled into thinking it was close by when it was likely hundreds of miles away.

That's one reason Jim Romansky, like Bulebush, decided to stop talking about it. "I felt if you came out and said something, they'd send for the white wagon and put you away," he says. "But I know something happened."

So he kept his mouth shut for almost 25 years. Until that day he decided to go to the mall.

The Unsolved Mysteries episode aired in September 1990, despite an attempt to stop the broadcast by about 50 local residents who signed a petition addressed to the network.

After the show Gordon got a lot of calls. A truck driver said he remembered numerous conversations with other truckers over CB radios about a large military convoy on the highway heading toward Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. And a man Gordon identifies only as Myron piped up with what is perhaps the most unusual tale.

Myron told Gordon he'd delivered a load of bricks to Wright-Patterson a few days after the incident, and while at the base had looked into a large building. Inside, he said, he saw an acorn-shaped object with unusual markings partially covered by a curtain. On a table nearby, covered by a sheet, was a body with a hand sticking out. He described its skin as

"lizard-like."

Myron said he was told to keep his mouth shut by a man he assumed to be from the military, and he did for more than 25 years. But because he suffers from a bad heart and other ailments, he told Gordon, he came forward so the story wouldn't die with him.

"Look," Gordon says, "you're dealing with different intellects, different backgrounds of people, and I'm sure that after all these years certain little details have been changed slightly or gotten mixed up.

"But when you talk to these people, most of whom don't know each other, they're pretty much staying with the same story. And they're pretty much in the same ballpark."

Bob Young says they're full of beans.

Young is an amateur astronomer who gives shows and lectures at the state planetarium in Harrisburg. He, too, saw the Unsolved Mysteries episode and afterward asked a colleague at the planetarium if he had heard of Kecksburg. The answer was no. Young decided to dig for answers. His conclusion:

"It's an urban rumor. If you isolate the stories of the people who actually say they saw objects on the ground and armed troops and an armed convoy, there are really only a handful. And the stories get better as time goes on."

Young talked to Von Del Chamberlain, who was working at Michigan State University when the fireball appeared and later became director of the Hansen Planetarium in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Chamberlain wrote an article about the Kecksburg event for the journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. He plotted the object's track and its speed - nearly 9 miles per second, much too fast for a man-made craft entering Earth's atmosphere - and speculated that its orbit suggested it had come from an asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

"It was clearly a meteorite event," says Chamberlain from Salt Lake City, where he's semiretired and teaching a college course in astronomy. "It's also a very typical event in many ways. The fireball, the trail that was left in the sky afterward, the sonic booms. And the confusion that results is also typical."

What happened in Kecksburg, he says, was this: People saw the fireball low in the sky, and the debris trail was lit up by the sunset, making everything appear extraordinarily bright and very close. The meteorite was traveling over Canada, to the east of Detroit, and its end point was somewhere over Lake Erie. "We're positive about that," Chamberlain says.

As for reports that people saw lights flashing in the woods, Bob Young says he has a statement from someone who was in high school at the time who says he ran through the woods with friends setting off a camera strobe light. Other flashes might have been made by news photographers.

And to those who say the object floated, slowed down or changed direction, there's this explanation: People were watching the bright vapor trail, which was likely buffeted by winds.

"But it's a good story," Young says.

Just a story?

Is it possible a craft really did fall out of the sky? Is it possible the military recovered it? Is it possible the government had a good reason to lie?

Yes, yes and yes.

On Dec. 9, 1965, Cosmos 96, a Soviet space probe headed toward Venus, failed. The U.S. Space Command said it crashed in Canada at 3:18 a.m. - nearly 14 hours before the Kecksburg incident. But this was in the middle of the Cold War, and it isn't farfetched to think the government might have recovered a piece

of Soviet space debris in Kecksburg and wanted to keep it under wraps.

That would explain the supposed secrecy and military presence. It could also explain the markings on the craft that Bulebush, Romansky and others claim to have seen: The Russian alphabet can look like hieroglyphics.

In 1991 in yet another revisiting of the Kecksburg incident, James Oberg, an author, expert on Soviet spacecraft and oft-quoted UFO skeptic, concluded that the probe could not have landed in Kecksburg. But two years later in an article for Omni magazine, he suggested that perhaps only the rocket booster landed in Canada, leaving the possibility that the probe could have come down elsewhere.

"In the 1960s," he wrote, "U.S. military intelligence agencies interested in enemy technology were eagerly collecting all the Soviet missile and space debris they could find. International law required that debris be returned to the country of origin. But hardware from Cosmos 96, with its special missile warhead shielding, would have been too valuable to give back."

He suggests the government might have encouraged belief in an extraterrestrial visit as a convenient cover-up for its operation.

"Had such a thing happened, I hope they would have lied about it," Oberg says from his home in Texas, "because analyzing the weight of the heat shield materials on this spacecraft would have been crucial in determining the power of their nuclear missiles."

Stan Gordon wrote to the Russian space agency in 1995. He says he received a reply denying any connection between Kecksburg and Cosmos 96.

"So what was it?" Gordon asks. "What would cause people to react so emotionally over this for all these years? Is there more to this than we understand? These people have been living with this for years. They deserve answers."

And the truth is, he's not sure they'll ever get them.

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## Mystery Light Flashes And Streaks In NASA Videos

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 16:48:59 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 07:53:05 -0400  
Subject: Mystery Light Flashes And Streaks In NASA Videos

Hi everyone,

UFO (UK) Magazine's recently released video, The Secret NASA Transmission: 'The Smoking Gun', contains references to light flashes seen in space by Space Shuttle astronauts and many images of light streaks which were also apparently recorded by NASA video cameras. Could these flashes and streaks, which are of very short duration in time, be related to the lights observed by the Apollo astronauts during their flights to and from the Moon?

According to an article in the March 8, 1974 issue of Science (Volume 183, Number 4128, pages 957-959), the authors attributed the frequent light flashes which were reported by the astronauts as cosmic ray nuclei which passed through the retina after penetrating the head from various directions. Fast moving charged particles passing through the retina at right angles would produce starlike flashes of light (similar to that of a camera flash going off at a distance) while particles moving tangentially to the retina would explain the streaks of light which were also observed. If NASA camera film or video tape responds in a similar way to these fast moving charged particles as the human retina does, then we may have identified the likely source for the mystery flashes of light in the 'The Smoking Gun' video.

The Earth's magnetic field deflects all moving charged particles (most of which originate from the Sun), including the heavier cosmic ray nuclei. Since moving charged particles travel (in spirals) along magnetic field lines, if we know the direction of the Earth's magnetic field lines relative to the Space Shuttle at the time the light streaks were recorded by the NASA video cameras, we may be able to determine if cosmic ray nuclei were responsible or not.\*

As for the many other different objects which appear to float or move around the Space Shuttle in the 'The Smoking Gun' video, I have different possible explanations for these.

If anyone else has had a chance to view 'The Smoking Gun' video, I for one would be very much interested in hearing your comments on what you observed.

Nick Balaskas

\*When the Space Shuttle is orbiting over the equator, the Earth's magnetic field lines would be parallel to the Earth's surface so we would expect that the light streaks to be roughly parallel to these magnetic field lines. When it is orbiting at mid-latitudes or latitudes further north, the magnetic field lines would become more vertical with respect to the surface so we would then expect the light streaks to be roughly vertical with respect to the Earth's surface.

Unfortunately, I do not think we have noted enough of these recorded light streaks on NASA videos to come to a conclusive answer at this time. Also, since these light streaks are present in single frames only, we cannot accurately determine the

relative speeds of the charged particles (since their direction of motion through the video camera is not known) or even their charge (although both positively and negatively charged particles travel along magnetic field lines, their directions are opposite, so from a single frame we could not tell if the charged particle was moving from left to right or from right to left).

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 07:54:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:25:54 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

There is now available the video which was shown at the Trent retrospective on May 11, 2000. This video contains a reconstruction (not at the original site, the house burned many years ago and trees have grown up blocking the view) of the event with actors and, most importantly, extensive interviews with Evelyn and Paul Trent, Philip Bladine (newspaper editor) and Bill Powell (photo editor of the newspaper; he got the negatives from the Trents). Terry Halstead will mail a copy anywhere in the USA for \$20.00 (tape plus postage).

Contact [halstead@pobox.com](mailto:halstead@pobox.com) for further information.

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:23:29 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 07:56:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 10:47:19 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:31:58 -0700  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:55:59 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>When it comes down to UFO hoaxes, the bottom line in the  
>majority of cases, in my experience, is money and/or fame.

>How about an additional motivation of just playing a trick on  
>your friends, or perhaps trying to prove that you have seen  
>saucers? Mrs. Trent was quoted as saying that they had seen  
>some before but people wouldn't believe them.

Wow. I guess you got 'em there, Bob.

>>There is nothing that suggests the Trents were in it for the  
>>money or the fame. The sighting turned their world upside down  
>>and inside out.

>What if the original hoax, prank or whatever one might call it,  
>just got out of hand when it was reported to the local paper?  
>Perhaps that might explain why they never made an issue about  
>the money. They knew the pictures were fakes and just wanted the  
>thing to go away. Of course the fact that they traveled to New  
>York to appear on a show does suggest that they weren't entirely  
>bashful.

Wow. These hicks from the sticks actually accepted an invitation  
to go, all expenses paid, to New York City. What more proof do  
you need that they were liars? Case closed.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:07:50 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 11:28:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 10:47:40 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

Hello, All, Bruce, Rodger.

>>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:25:54 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
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>>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 21:01:15 -0700  
>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 01:51:30 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

><snip>

>>>This is why I can easily see the Trents as authentic. I can't  
>>>conceive how they could do it and not slip up somehow, let  
>>>alone the Trents even thinking up such an elaborate Hoax.

>>Elaborate? Two pictures taken by a guy of a pie pan on a  
>>string?

>Photo analysis shows it was clearly more complicated than just  
>hanging a pie pan on a string.

><snip>

>>>However, the key may just be the Photos taken by  
>>>some simple farmer and his wife. Period.

>>I agree. Whatever we think we can know about their motivations,  
>>intelligence, etc. The thing rests on the pictures.

>A photo a UFO does not make. Probably any photo could be hoaxed  
>given enough time, knoweldge and money (for materials,  
>processing, etc). The photo acts as an aid to the witness'  
>memory. The photo could prove a hoax if some clear evidence of  
>fakery is found. But if no such evidence is found..... it could  
>still be a "perfect" hoax. No evidence of fakery found in the  
>Trent photos. But in principle they could have constructed a  
>model that just happened to have the characteristics that appear  
>in the image in their photos. Would have been lucky to create  
>same (hanging a pie pan would have been easier). To understand  
>why read the paper at:

>[mcmenamins.com](http://mcmenamins.com)

I have one Question - if the Trents suspended the "saucer" from  
the lines, that would have taken a lot of courage for the lines  
appear to be power, not phone lines, and I think even then,  
house service was at least 440 volts ?

GT McCoy

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Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 09:15:39 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 11:30:44 -0400  
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>Wow. These hicks from the sticks actually accepted an invitation  
>to go, all expenses paid, to New York City. What more proof do  
>you need that they were liars? Case closed.

Jerry, List:

I think the 'hicks from the sticks' thing is from somebody  
else's thread.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Re: RAI DUE and UFOs

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Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 15:58:30 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 13:34:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Re: RAI DUE and UFOs

>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 12:13:22 -0500  
>From: Giuliano Jimmy Marinkovicc - AGETI <[9a4ag@clarc.org](mailto:9a4ag@clarc.org)>  
>Subject: RAI DUE and UFOs  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hello dear UFO researchers.

>Few weeks ago I have received this report from the member of my  
>AGETI mailing list. It sounds very interesting and I would like  
>to definetly hear more about it, because it seems this is some  
>kind of new ufology data with documents that were recently  
>released in Italy. Can anyone check this? Anyway, I am sedning  
>you the translation of the report in english. The name of the  
>the person who has sent this report is Dario Bernobicc  
>(AGETI\_USENET\_OPERATOR) and he is located in city Rijeka,  
>Croatia. He can be reached at [dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr](mailto:dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr)

>Now here comes the translation.

>If anyone has any update on this please send it to me.

<snip>

Thanks to AGETI, Jimmy Marinkovicc and Phaeton

Best wishes from Italy!

I read yours comments about the Italian UFO files (since 1933)  
on the web! Thanks!

Study about the Mussolini UFO files is very interesting. This  
research goes on; according to these secret files, there were  
many UFO-sightings between 1933 and 1940 in Italy and a special  
secret Commission, during Facism, studied it.

It was founded by  
Mussolini (with pilot Italo Balbo and Galeazzo Ciano; headed by  
Guglielmo Marconi and senator Luigi Cozza and astronomer Gino  
Cecchini).

The first UFO-case was in 1931 near Venice; in 1933  
there was a UFO-landing in Lombardia, with UFO-recovery...

After this episode, Mussolini created the secret UFO-commission  
'Gabinetto RS/33' (Cabinet Research and Espionage/33); he  
believed UFOs were Allied secret weapons, but Marconi was for  
the ET-hypothesis.

We have three telegrams (there are four) about the UFO recovery  
near Milan in 1933, and a 'protocol' to the Prefect, for the  
Italian secret services and for newsspapers, to cover this news.

The Italian MJ-12 was with the Italian teachers (University La  
Sapienza, Rome) Vallauri, Pirotta, Crocco (founder Italian  
rockets society), Debbasi o De Blasi, Bottazzi, Giordani and a  
mysterious "Ruggero Costanti Cavazzani" (an alias).

Gabinetto RS investigated, between 1933 and 1940, many different  
Italian UFO sightings:

in a case, an Italian fighter plane intercepted an UFO between  
Ravenna and Rome; in August 1936 there was a multiple UFO  
sighting (ad Adamskyan-cygar and two UFOs like Saturn) over  
Mestre and Venice. I think the German V-7 were developed after  
this Italian research about UFOs; in fact Mussolini given all  
the documents, during war, to the German experts...

Best wishes

Alfredo Lissoni (with Pinotti one of two Italian UFO researchers  
of Mussolini's files...)

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Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 10:09:11 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 18:11:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Video

Terry Halstead has informed me that he will send a copy of his video reconstruction of the Trent sighting which includes extensive interviews with the Trents, the newspaper editor (Bladine) and the newspaper photograper (Powell). These interviews were recorded in 1995 (the Trents died in 1997 and 1998).

This is the only documentary ever made on the Trent case.

He will ship it anywhere in the USA for \$20. (price includes postage)

Contact:

[halstead@pobox.com](mailto:halstead@pobox.com)

Also, my second, large paper on the Trent case is posted (so far without illustrations) at [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com) click on Hotel Oregon and scroll down!

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TWO NEW CHUPACABRA  
ATTACKS IN CHILE

Two new Chupacabra attacks were reported last week in Chile. The attacks took place in farm areas near the city of Concepcion, located 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Santiago de Chile, the national capital.

"Four hens died a strange death in a section of Huertas Familiares in spite of the fact that the henhouse was closed and the birds were found in the backyard with mysterious incisions on their bodies."

"The Carabineros (Chile's national police--J.T.) have blamed wild dogs as the culprits in this case."

The dead hens were discovered by Sta. Emilia Parra Campos. "It was hardly the first time that animals had died in the farmyard at Huertas Familiares, in the vicinity of Coronel," a town 29 kilometers (12 miles) south of Concepcion, "where she has lived for 32 years. but the strange manner in which they were found by landowner Pedro Contreras--outside of the henhouse, scattered all over the backyard and with sharp incisions in their bodies--leads them to believe that something beyond the known was responsible."

"'Dogs rip their prey apart and pull the feathers off chickens,' said Emilia, still fearful and trying to explain that the henhouse door was locked and that the predator had attacked only the 'mottled' variety of hen, leaving the other six white hens alone."

"The penetration marks resembled those made by an icepick, one per lesion with a slight tearing of the capillaries..whatever animal that attacked must have been large because some of the attacked chickens showed (penetration) marks on both sides of the body. None of them were attacked in the throat, although there were marks on the wings, back and breast."

The attacks are believed to have taken place sometime during the early morning hours of Sunday, May 7, 2000.

"At around 9 a.m.," on Sunday, May 7, Pedro Contreras "went to the henhouse to feed his chickens, stumbling upon the nightmarish scene."

"'It was either the Chupacabra or another strange creature, because we have never had anything similar around here before,' he said."

"According to the Carabineros in the town of Coronel,



who visited the site to investigate these claims, said the culprits were wild dogs that prowl the farms adjacent to urban areas."

The Carabineros "took the hens to the cuartel (barracks) at Lagunillas."

"The police report--which is the same one used for all the animal deaths--was reinforced by a neighbor, Salome Salgado, who claimed to have seen a black dog at 7 a.m. on the roof of the henhouse."

(Editor's Comment: Sounds like the infamous "Black Dog of Lake Erie.")

"However, Emilia Parra expressed her misgivings that a dog could reach the top of the structure given the height involved and the lack of any means to climb up there."

The other attack took place on Thursday, May 4, 2000 at a farm in Quillacoya, a section of Hualqui, a suburb of Concepcion. Six sheep and one goat were killed in the mysterious attack.

"A claim received at the Third Criminal Court of Concepcion is a result of the strange death of seven animals in Quillacoya...to open what will be the first inquest into the controversy unleashed by the so-called Chupacabras."

"The investigation was initiated by Judge Flora Sepulveda, who immediately summoned the owner of the animals and ordered the Department of Pathology at the University of Concepcion to determine the cause of the mass deaths."

"According to a report issued by the Carabineros at the Quillacoya cuartel to the criminal court, Paula Rodriguez Toledo reported last Thursday \*May 4) that six sheep and a goat on her property were found exsanguinated (drained of blood--J.T.) after having been bitten by another animal. Rodriguez thinks the sheep and goat were attacked by wild dogs. The animals owners, however, are not so sure since the strange event took place during the early morning hours of May 4, when all members of the family were asleep."

"No one seems to have heard or seen anything," the Carabinero cuartel reported." (Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico, y tambien Gloria Coluchi para esas historias. See the newspapers Cronica of Concepcion for May 8, 200 and Diario El Sur of Concepcion for May 10, 2000.)

#### UFO AIMS BRIGHT LIGHT BEAM AT A MOTORIST IN ARGENTINA

"Once again, sightings of strange objects flying over the area have been in the news" in Tandil, Argentina.

Tandil is a mid-sized city located 110 kilometers (66 miles) northwest of Mar del Plata and 384 kilometers (230 miles) south of Buenos Aires, the national capital.

"Several people claim to have seen powerful beams of light last Tuesday," May 7, 2000, "with characteristics that do not match any machines known to man."

"One of those persons is Hugo Macias, 60, who works for La Capital newspaper in Mar del Plata for the past 37 years and delivers newspapers every morning, traveling between that community, Balcarcel and Tandil."

"On Tuesday (May 7) at 5 a.m., as always,' he explains, 'I left the newspaper at the Policia Nacional (station) at Planta Terrena, which is on the way to Puerta del Abra heading (east) toward Mar del Plata. I traveled another 6,000 meters (6 kilometers or about 4 miles--J.T.) and suddenly heard a very strange noise approaching me from behind, and I found myself 'contained' within a powerful bright light. I say 'contained' because the light covered a diameter of 50 meters (165 feet) and penetrated all sides of my vehicle. It seemed to pierce the rooftop."

"How long did this last? 'Seconds only, but it appeared to be rather long.'"

"Were there any other vehicles on the road? 'None whatsoever. During the remainder of the trip, I may have passed two other cars. It was a light traffic day.'"

The Argentinian newspaper El Eco de Tandil questioned Macias about the sighting.

Reporter: "So what happened later?"

Macias: "Well, I returned to Tandil and discussed the event with a group of friends and with a gentleman who belongs to the Army Command and to whom I bring the newspaper every

day. When I returned to Mar del Plata, I decided to stop at the police station and see if the duty guard had seen anything during the night. But he wasn't there. There was another one who told me that there were five or six separate witnesses who had seen the same thing."

"But the story doesn't end there," Macias added, "On the same day, with a half-hour (time) difference, a similar case had been reported over Tandil. The gentleman from the Army Command told me that there were guards on duty the very same night I had my experience who witnessed a light in the sky, with a very strange shape."

Reporter: "Are there objects commonly seen here?"

Macias: "On the way from Tandil, I made this comment to Officer Lopez of El Dorado (a town on Camino Nacional 226 near Tandil--J.T.) who is knowledgeable about UFOs, and he advised me as to why the (Argentinian) police avoid getting into the subject."

According to Macias, Officer Lopez made the astounding claim that "NASA can send an airplane with six scientists anywhere in the world and carry with them an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) in which they can visit locales in person. Many local residents don't like strange visitors there."

Macias: "My experience was lovely because what first began as fear is now satisfaction at having been contacted by something which researchers in the field would like to have seen but never have."

"The power of the beam of light is not a power produced by any luminous source that we now have," Macias added, "At the time I felt nothing at all, physically, but for the past five days I have felt a headache, laryngitis and other symptoms. Nothing like this has ever happened to me before. Nor did I ever think it could happen to me. I'm just happy for the chance to have lived through a spiritual experience like this one."

\*See the newspaper El Eco de Tandil for May 9, 2000.

Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, Gloria Coluchi y Mario Robini para esta histopria.)

#### POPE REVEALS THE THIRD SECRET OF FATIMA

"The Vatican Saturday (May 13, 2000) which for decades has kept this shring" at Cova da Iria, near Fatima, Portugal "at the center of conspiracy theories and doomsday cults, describing the secret as a vision of the 1981 assassination attempt on the pope."

"Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, explained that the one concealed part of the (1917) prophecies revealed to three Portuguese shepherd children by an apparition of the Virgin in 1917 was a vision of an attempt to kill a pope."

"'The bishop 'clothed in white' makes his way with great effort towards the cross amid the corpses of those who were martyred,' Soldan told 6,000 pilgrims gathered at the sanctuary where (Pope) John Paul II had just beatified two of the shepherd children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and thanked the Virgin for saving his life on May 13, 1981."

"'He, too, falls to the ground, apparently dead, under a burst of gunfire,' the cardinal said, describing the vision."

Francisco and Jacinta are now on the fast track to sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church. Two miracles must be attributed to them before they can change their title from Blessed to Saint.

"The announcement was an effort by the Vatican to put an end to the kind of fevered speculation that has at times overshadowed the shrine's spiritual importance to hundreds of millions of Catholics. Versions of the secret, broadcast on hundreds of Web sites (usually under headlines like 'Third Secret Revealed!') range from worldwide nuclear annihilation to deep rifts within the Roman Catholic Church that lead to rival papcies" to an invasion by aliens from space.

"Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who shot the pope in St. Peter's Square (in Rome) in 1981, told prosecutors at this trial in 1985 that his attempt was 'connected to the third secret of the Madonna at Fatima.'"

"Fatima fanatics have held hunger strikes--one even hijacked a plane--to try to force the Vatican to disclose the secret. During John Paul's visit to the shrine in 1982, on the first anniversary of the assassination attempt by

Agca, a knife-wielding Spanish priest tried to kill the pope but was wrestled to the ground by security officers."

"John Paul has always credited the Virgin of Fatima with saving his life in 1981, when the assassination fell on her feast day, May 13. After he first visited the shrine in 1982 to give thanks for his survival, a bullet extracted from his body was placed alongside diamonds in a gold crown worn by a statue of the Virgin."

"In 1991, on the tenth anniversary of the assassination attempt, he returned again to give thanks for his life and as well as the recent collapse of Communism, a fate that believers say the Virgin also predicted in 1917."

"On this solemn occasion of his visit to Fatima, his holiness has directed me to make an announcement to you," Sodano said, adding that the pope 'wishes his pilgrimage to be a renewed gesture of gratitude to Our Lady for her protection his papacy. This protection seems also to be linked to the so-called third part of the secret of Fatima.'"

"The cardinal said the secret in its entirety would soon be published by the Vatican 'after the preparation of an appropriate commentary.'"

(Editor's Comment: Here's where the Vatican and I come to a parting of the ways. I vividly remember the assassination attempt in 1981, and the circumstances do not fit the 1917 prophecy. The Fatima kids' prophetic vision of a pope forced to walk down a pathway with thousands of corpses on either side is ominously similar to Padre Pio Forginone's vision of 1970. Both visions refer to the "Good Pope" or "the Pope of the Last Days" who will be murdered by the Antichrist's one-world government in the future.)

"The pope Saturday referred to the prophecies, speaking of 'Fatima, where these times of tribulation were foretold,' but he made no mention of the 'third secret.' Instead, he once again gave thanks 'for the goodness of God towards me, when severely struck on May 13, 1981, I was rescued from death.'"

"The pope, who turns 80 on Saturday (May 20) met privately inside the basilica near the children's tombs with the third surviving witness to the apparitions, Lucia (Abobora) dos Santos, 93, a Carmelite nun, who believers say was the main recipient of prophecies from the Virgin about 20th Century debacles."

"But it is the third secret, which legend says was delivered to the Vatican in a sealed envelope in 1943 and has been kept secret by all the popes who have seen it, that has kept Fatima at the center of apocalyptic fears and controversy. Vatican officials did not say why the secret was not revealed sooner."

"The fact that the pope put the two dead witnesses to the Virgin's apparition on the path to sainthood Saturday was another sign of his devotion to the cult of Fatima. Francisco and Jacinta Marto are the first children ever beatified by the Roman Catholic Church who were not martyrs. Beatification is the penultimate step before sainthood."

Unfortunately, no longer alive to witness the ceremony is Francisco Marto's catechism teacher, Sister Maria Annunciata of Aljustrel, Portugal, also known as the "Accidental Seeress." Upon hearing of the apparitions back in 1917, and aware of the nine-year-old boy's penchant for mischief, she was very skeptical. "Francisco Marto--a saint!?" she said, with a laugh. "That will happen when they elect a Polack the pope." (Nice prediction, Sister. You're a regular Nostradamus--J.T.) (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for May 14, 2000, "Vatican Reveals 'Third Secret' of Fatima," page 10A. Also La Republica of Rome, Italy for May 14, 2000.)

#### TWO CROP CIRCLES APPEAR NEAR ZIERENBERG, GERMANY

Two crop circles appeared on May 1 and May 9 in fields of oilseed rape near the small town of Zoerenberg, near Kassel in Hessen state. Kassel is 150 kilometers (90 miles) southwest of Berlin.

"Germany's first crop circle of the year and the New Millennium appeared on Monday, May 1, 2000 in a field of oilseed rape at Aitenhasungen," near Zierenberg.

"Basically, it was a dumbbell shape and about 25

meters (83 feet) in length, with two different-sized circles, one with a standing centre surrounded by a curved or kinked pathm accompanied by two grapeshots, one showing a single standing stalk in its centre."

"The lay was nice, and no muddy footprints or crushing marks were present when the formation was found at about 6 a.m. Later visitors to the field caused much damage and left many muddy traces on the flattened crop due to a very humid (damp) soil."

"Since 1998, the area around Zierenberg, near Kassel, has become Germany's crop circle hotspot. Each May 1 (Beltane), a new formation has been found each year in this vicinity."

"Eight days later," on Tuesday, May 8, 2000, "Klaus Listmann discovered a single circle of about 10 meters (33 feet) in diameter in a field of oilseed rape at Gut Rangen, again near Zierenberg."

German cerealogist Wolfgang Ring "reported that it was nearly impossible to enter the field without causing a track by walking through the one-meter high rape that had grown into each other, creating a non-walkable 'jungle.' Nevertheless, the circle itself showed no entry tracks. Nor was it connected to any walkable path." (Vielen dank zum Andreas Mueller von International Crop Circle Archive for this report.)

#### HIGH-FLYING UFOs SPOTTED OVER DENVER, COLORADO

On Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 9:40 p.m., the witness, his wife and his brother-in-law "were standing our apartment" near the intersection of 72nd and Wadsworth Streets in Denver, the state capital of Colorado, "when I noticed a 'star' moving very rapidly across the sky in a northerly direction. While watching this, we saw it pass another circular object that was heding south. The second object disappeared over our apartment building."

"In a few minutes, another object reappeared in a northwesterly direction at first, but then changed to a northeasterly direction. There appeared to be stars that were moving. There were no trails, flashing lights or sounds of any kind. I personally have never seen anything that would explain what we saw."

"Because they were mere pinpoints of light, I have no reference to estimate the altitude, but my guess is that they were very high, far higher than commercial aircraft. But this is only a guess." (Many thanks to Cliff Capers of Skywatch International for this report.)

#### JESUS CHRIST APPEARS IN A KANSAS TOWN JUST BEFORE A BIG TORNADO

On Palm Sunday, April 16, 2000, an apparition of Jesus Christ materialized at the fairgrounds in Parsons (population 11,300), a small town in southeastern Kansas about 55 miles (88 kilometers) northwest of Joplin, Missouri.

Dozens of witnesses at a carnival (fun fair in UK--J.T.) saw the apparition, described as "a figure with his arms outstretched, wearing a long white robe."

A Polaroid photograph was taken, which shows the glowing figure standing in a darkened parking lot with carnival lights and amusement ride lights in the background. The photo was published on page one of the Parsons, Kans. Sun on Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

"Ann Charles, editor of the Parsons Sun, said the time-lapse photograph...was delivered to her office a few moments before the tornado struck."

"The people of this small Midwest town say Christ saved them from a killer tornado--and they claim this amazing photo proves they were granted a miracle."

"The twister (USA slang for tornado--J.T.) swept through Parsons, Kansas on Palm Sunday, just two hours after the picture was taken. More than 200 homes and buildings were flattene, but only a handful of minor injuries were reported, including a broken leg."

"Stunned survivors asked themselves, 'Why were our lives spared?'"

"Then their local paper ran the photo three days

later--and the mystery was solved."

"That's Jesus Christ," said Parsons resident Lanette Stice. "You can see the rays of light going across from the (carnival) rides, and then right smack in the middle of it is Christ."

"It means that God was there to protect us, and that Jesus had his hand on our town," she added.

"Mayor Tom McLarty says he has no doubt that the miraculous photo shows The Savior."

"It doesn't take much imagination to see the image with outstretched arms," he says, "And to think the carnival was wiped off the map just a few hours later." (See the Parsons, Kans. Sun for April 19, 2000. Also Sun: Unexplained Mysteries and Marvels for May 23, 2000, page 34.)

#### UN AND REBELS SLUG IT OUT IN SIERRA LEONE

Heavy fighting continued last week in the west African nation of Sierra Leone between United Nations peacekeepers, also known as the "Blue Helmets," and forces of the rebel Revolutionary United Front (RUF).

From Saturday, May 6, to Monday, May 8, 2000, RUF guerrillas and UN forces battled for control of Masiaka, a town 72 kilometers (45 miles) east of Freetown, the national capital.

"The (UN) peacekeepers withdrew from Masiaka, 45 miles east of Freetown, after exchanging gunfire with unknown attackers and running out of ammunition, UN spokesman David Winhurst said."

"Helicopter reconnaissance showed Masiaka was empty Tuesday afternoon (May 9, 2000), Winhurst said. He added, 'Freetown is not going to fall to the RUF.'

"Hundreds of refugees from the Masiaka area had reached the edge of Freetown by Tuesday afternoon, officials said."

Within the capital itself, rioting broke out on Monday around the residence of Gen. Foday Sankoh, leader of the RUF. When Blue Helmets failed to hold back the crowds of rock-throwing demonstrators, Sankoh's guards "opened fire on demonstrators. Thirteen civilians and six soldiers were killed."

"The United States has said that the U.S. Air Force is prepared to fly in a battalion of 700 to 800 peacekeepers from Bangladesh."

"Late Monday, the United Nations began evacuating some of its 266 non-essential civilian employees. An additional 55 were staying in Freetown, UN officials said."

French diplomat "Bernard Miyet, the head of UN peacekeeping operations, arrived in Freetown and was meeting UN soldiers and officials to assess the situation and 'to demonstrate to the world...that we've determined to put the peace process back on track,' Winhurst said."

Throughout the week, troops from UN member nations continued to reinforce the embattled United Nations Mission to Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL). A battalion from Jordan arrived on Wednesday, May 10, 2000. "The Jordanians' arrival increased the UN force to 9,000, although 500 remained hostages (P.O.W.s) of the rebels. More troops from Jordan, India and Bangladesh are expected eventually to bring the force to the total of 11,000 authorized by the Security Council.

But the RUF has been recruiting, as well. The number of rebel troops has now reached 15,000, up 50 percent from last week. The RUF is outfitting the newcomers with weapons, uniforms and equipment taken from its UN prisoners.

"Fred Eckhard, the spokesman for UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said there were reports that RUF troops were 'on the move' and UN personnel were undertaking 'an emergency mission' to determine how many civilians were fleeing towards Freetown."

Also on Wednesday, RUF soldiers "reportedly were in Waterloo, about 18 miles (29 kilometers) south of Freetown."

"Waterloo is now the front line," said Joseph Jalloh,, an army commander loyal to Sierra Leone's central government. "He said the government expected an attack there by forces of the rebel RUF."

"We hope it does not come to a pitched battle, but in effect we are preparing for one," said Eckhard."

On Thursday, May 11, RUF forces attacked Newtown, just east of the capital. Firefights were reported on the outskirts, and hundreds of civilians fled west.

Two permanent members of the Security Council, Britain and Russia, committed military forces to the fight.

"Secretary-General Kofi Annan, speaking at a late-night emergency meeting of the Security Council, welcome the deployment of about 800 British troops as well as the offers by West African countries to contribute extra forces-- including a possible rapid-reaction force that could take on a combat role in enforcing the peace accord."

"Russia is considering sending 100 peacekeepers to join the United Nations mission in Sierra Leone, if the plan is approved by President Vladimir Putin, the Defense Ministry said Thursday."

All week British Westland helicopters "moved UN troops to the front as they evacuated British citizens."

"On Thursday, Prime Minister Tony Blair said British troops would have no combat role. But he added that they might remain here for as long as a month to help the United Nations build up its force."

"At the United Nations," in New York City, "Annan said major nations with powerful militaries needed to live up to their responsibilities in Sierra Leone. 'The UN is as strong as its member states' he told reporters as he entered UN headquarters. 'I hope some of them will come to the assistance of those who are in there doing the bidding of the Security Council.'"

Many members of the USA Senate have criticized Annan's intervention in Sierra Leone. During hearings this week, Sen. Rod Grams (Republican of Minnesota) "called the UN force's performance in Sierra Leone 'a train wreck.' He said, 'Peacekeepers cannot maintain security for themselves, much less anybody else.'" (See USA Today for May 10, 2000, "Peacekeepers pull back after attack in Sierra Leone," page A10. Also the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for May 13, 2000, "U.N. chief wants more U.S. military help;" the St. Paul, Minn. Pioneer Press for May 13, 2000, "U.N. chief laments limited U.S. role in African peacekeeping efforts;" and "More troops arrive to protect Freetown against rebels." Also USA Today for May 11, 2000, "U.N. peacekeepers prepare for 'pitched battle," and for May 12, 2000, "100 Russian troops may join U.N. force in Sierra Leone.")

\*Editor's Comment: Lest we forget, this war began when the Security Council decided that it would no longer allow the sovereignty of the UN member states to stand in the way of its "humanitarian" military operations. Don't think the Security Council will limit itself to small countries like Sierra Leone and Gambia. Blue Helmets could just as easily occupy the USA's state of South Carolina, the UK's Derbyshire, Russia's Crimea or Mexico's Yucatan.)

from the UFO Files...

1988: LONESOME HIGHWAY

For want of a better term, this phenomenon could be called a Highway Space Warp (HSW) experience. There's a case now being investigated by ufologist Mike Harman which took place in West Texas back in 1988. (The names have been changed to protect the privacy of the witnesses--J.T.)

On December 22, 1998, Mark Hasbrouck, 30, a truck driver from Wilmington, North Carolina, stopped his Peterbilt rig at the USA/Mexico border in Nogales, Arizona.

"I was leaving Mexico with a load of broccoli, and I had waited all day to get shaved ice blown into the truck (trailer) in Nogales (Sonora state, Mexico). I went north (on Interstate Highway I-19) and picked up (Interstate Highway I-10 and began the easterly trek."

"I was stopped at the exit scale in Texas, as I had run out of hours. (In the USA, truck drivers can only stay on the road for a limited period of hours--J.T.) I was forced to shut down for eight hours. It was 3:20 or so p.m. I logged that I had left the road at 3:15 p.m. on December 22."

After pulling into a roadside truck stop, Mark let the engine idle while he had a shower. Then he went to the truck stop diner. Here he met a couple of eastbound gearjammers (USA slang for truck drivers--J.T.) Since they

were all headed east, they decided to travel together as a convoy.

The two drivers were Larry Greenwood, a man of African ancestry from South Carolina, who used the nickname of "Congaree" on the citizen's band (CB) radio. And 40-year-old Zeke Matlich, who used the CB call sign of "Zero."

One after the other, the eighteen-wheelers pulled out of the truck stop. With a roar, they headed east across the night-clad "brush country" desert of western Texas. Mesquite and sagebrush rolled away toward the black brooding mountains on the southern horizon.

About an hour later, Mark heard a static squeal on his CB radio. Larry's voice came through. "Break for that Jammer. Got your ears on, son?"

Mark plucked his microphone off the dashboard. "Surely do, good buddy. That's a big ten-four."

"Jammer, my baby's running a little rough. You want the cradle? Come back."

"The cradle" was the middle position in the three-truck convoy. "Affirmative, Congaree. If you get in any trouble, give us a holler. Come back."

"Hammer down, Jammer. See you in Fort Stockton. Ten-four."

Stepping down on the accelerator, Mark eased his Peterbilt rig ahead of Larry's Ajax Transportation truck. Once again, he pulled back into the lane between the two and resumed the drive eastward.

"I was about a half-mile behind the first truck," Mark recalled. He could see Zeke's red tail lights ahead of him, speeding down the deserted interstate highway. They were speeding across the desolate 22-mile stretch of desert between Sierra Blanca and Allamore. It was December 23, 1988, and it was precisely 1:10 a.m.

"Something strange happened to me. Zero went over a hill in front of me. And I saw some owls in the road. They were brown with large luminous eyes. I remember thinking, What a strange thing..."

No sooner had he lost sight of the first truck than Mark heard Zeke's voice on the CB radio. "Breaker! Breaker! Jammer! Where the hell are you!?"

Mark thumbed the microphone's transmit button. "Right here, good buddy. Come back."

"Jammer! What happened!? We've been trying to raise you for the past fifteen minutes."

"We?" Mark echoed.

"Me and Larry. We've been burning up the air waves, but you ain't been answering."

Frowning, Mark thumbed the mike again. "Congaree! You got your ears on?"

"Don't bother, Jammer," Zero said. "He's standing right here with me. At the Allamore exit!"

Stunned, Mark stared out the windshield. Somehow Larry had passed him on the highway. How could that be? How could he have passed him in a truck of that size and not been noticed?

Sure enough, Mark found the two truckers "both ahead of me on the side of the road. I pulled over when I got to them. They said it had been 30 minutes ago when I last talked on the CB. I looked at my watch and said that it was 1:16 a.m. And we checked (the dashboard clock on) my truck, which was the same as my watch. And we checked both of their watches and the clocks in their trucks, and they were the same."

The strain was too much for Larry, who had been looking out the windshield when he suddenly and inexplicably lost sight of Mark's Peterbilt rig ahead of him. "The big guy began screaming and crying, and he left in a hurry."

Mark and Zero drove on to Allamore, Texas. They stopped at a truck stop cafe "and talked about it for quite a while." Neither man could figure out the eerie time discrepancy.

Just then, Arla Seguin, the pretty dark-haired Latina waitress, stopped at their table. "Hola, camineros! Are you ready to order?"

Without even thinking about it, Mark blurted out, "Claro que si. Traigame un bistec con la salsa picante y las papas fritas, por favor. Tambien un Pepsi."

Arla instantly brightened. "Cuando estuve usted en San Luis Potosi, senor?"

Rapidly blinking in confusion, he replied, "I--I was never in San Luis Potosi."

Arla smiled impishly. "You really know how to fake the accent, then."

"I--I d-don't speak Spanish," Mark mumbled.

"Good buddy, what are you talking about?" Zero said.

"I just heard you chatting away with this here gal."

"I can't speak Spanish!" Mark gripped his friend's forearm. "Listen to me. I never took the class in Spanish in my life, so help me God! I don't know any Spanish-speaking people." His eyes widened in terror. "Lord, what happened to me out there!?" (Many thanks to Mike Harman for this feature story.)

Next Week: Utah's Mysterious Gadianton Canyon

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>>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:23:29 -0500  
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Bob,

>I think the 'hicks from the sticks' thing is from somebody  
>else's thread.

True, but the strange argument -- that the most innocuous behavior becomes full of sinister meaning when UFO witnesses engage in it -- is yours. People who have all manner of experiences, very few of them having to do with UFOs, go on television and talk about them all the time, without their motives and honesty being subjected to question. I imagine that the Trents thought a free, all-expenses paid trip to New York City sounded pretty tempting. There is not an iota of evidence that their decision had anything to do with the UFO photographs they took. I can't imagine why that trip should come up in any serious discussion of the photos' authenticity.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 15:19:55 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 18:49:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: RAI DUE and UFO

>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 12:13:22 -0500  
>From: Giuliano Jimmy Marinkovic - AGETI <[9a4ag@clarc.org](mailto:9a4ag@clarc.org)>  
>Subject: RAI DUE and UFOs  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Hello dear UFO researchers.

>Few weeks ago I have received this report from the member of my  
>AGETI mailing list. It sounds very interesting and I would like  
>to definetly hear more about it, because it seems this is some  
>kind of new ufology data with documents that were recently  
>released in Italy. Can anyone check this? Anyway, I am sedning  
>you the translation of the report in english. The name of the  
>the person who has sent this report is Dario Bernobic  
>(AGETI\_USENET\_OPERATOR) and he is located in city Rijeka,  
>Croatia. He can be reached at [dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr](mailto:dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr)

>Now here comes the translation.

>If anyone has any update on this please send it to me.

>=====  
>==TRANSLATED MAIL FROM CROATIAN LANGUAGE TO ENGLISH==  
>=====

>Message 2:  
>From: "Phaeton" <[dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr](mailto:dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr)>  
>Date: Wed, 26 Apr 2000 22:59:53 +0200  
>Subject: [AGETI] Short review of the UFO show broadcasted at RAI DUE

>Hello

>One week ago about noon, on Italian national TV station RAI DUE  
>the show 'I fatti voostri', was broadcast. The show features  
>many different guests who speak about different subjects. That  
>day I have accidentally switched to that station and heard that  
>them speaking about UFOs. I immediatly started to record, and  
>now I have found some free time to write this short review for  
>the list :)))

<snip>

Dear EBK and Listers, some gentle, some real tail twisters....

In response to the above, I must begin by saying that I am NOT  
Italian. I am Sicilian. Any Alt' Italian will agree with this.  
Also, any non-Sicilian will agree.

As is fairly well known, Sicilian people have been raped,  
pillaged and impregnated by virtually every known and virtually  
many unknown races, that we absolutely must assume, that we  
have been visited by Aliens too. Has to be. I mean, think about  
it.

There is a small country village in Palermo called (phonetically  
spelled here) "Medzu Yuzo." According to gramma, may she rest,  
it is a bastardization of Arabic and literally means, "In  
between downstairs!" Of course, in the analysis of this seeming  
gibberish, one can conclude that there is an Alien influence in

the logic of "in between downstairs..." in that it makes no other sense than my recalling flying up in the sky on a beam of light. Which is as ludicrous as "In between downstairs." Actually, the place is really in between the two lower levels of the Palermian landscape, and just north of where the Capo's thrive to this day, and harbor Michael Corlione EVEN AS WE SPEAK!

Have I made my point or does it still remain on the top of my head?

Now about this story of "Il Commanditore." The man is obviously an Alien Lizard. It's in the eyes. From my experiences with Aliens I must assume that this particular version of Alien Lizard is Beta Ridiculian... Ridiculousian... whatever.

And so in conclusion, how can anyone believe what an Alien Lizard has to say? Huh? So, on these grounds alone, we must discount the version of the story given above. You have my word on it. \_And\_ I am a Sicigliano ala primo classa. Buon Homme. Consigliaro. Capo di Tutti Capi. Una Principia. And good lookin.

I am also a presumed abductee. So there must needs be another, second conclusion drawn here. And that would be, you cannot believe a word I say. Reasearchers, it's a damned tough life in your business ain't it?

Giacomo Salvatore Migaeli Mortellaro,  
Shtoonadu, beto contente.

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From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 22:59:18 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 18:52:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:07:50 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 10:47:40 -0400  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Hello, All, Bruce, Rodger.

> >Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:25:54 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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>>>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 21:01:15 -0700  
>>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 01:51:30 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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>the lines, that would have taken a lot of courage for the lines  
>appear to be power, not phone lines, and I think even then,  
>house service was at least 440 volts ?

>GT McCoy

GT & List:

I guess the weight from a (light weight?) "model saucer" should  
also bend the phone/power lines a little bit. And, that's not  
clearly visible on the photos, just above the saucer, is it?

Further, I wonder if it's possible to detect that the  
trees/bushes shown on the 2 photos bent (slightly?) in the wind  
(gusts) emanating from the saucer, as reported by the Trents?  
Are the position of the plants/branches somewhat different in  
the 2 photos?

Further, do we know anything about the existence of any military  
and/or civilian airfields (installations) in the McMinnville  
area - in those days?

And, I think we shouldn't underestimate the possibilities for  
the Trents to make a hoax. Even though they were (seemingly)  
"simple peasants", they were surely clever enough to do this!

Regards,

Asgeir

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Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 18:40:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 03:00:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:07:50 -0700  
>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
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The power lines provided power for one or two light bulbs in the garage. Most probably 110-115 VAC.

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From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 15:46:37 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 03:08:01 -0400  
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>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
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>>Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:31:58 -0700  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:55:59 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

><snip>

>>When it comes down to UFO hoaxes, the bottom line in the  
>>majority of cases, in my experience, is money and/or fame.

>Royce, List:

>How about an additional motivation of just playing a trick on  
>your friends, or perhaps trying to prove that you have seen  
>saucers? Mrs. Trent was quoted as saying that they had seen  
>some before but people wouldn't believe them.

>>There is nothing that suggests the Trents were in it for the  
>>money or the fame. The sighting turned their world upside down  
>>and inside out.

>What if the original hoax, prank or whatever one might call it,  
>just got out of hand when it was reported to the local paper?  
>Perhaps that might explain why they never made an issue about  
>the money. They knew the pictures were fakes and just wanted the  
>thing to go away. Of course the fact that they traveled to New  
>York to appear on a show does suggest that they weren't entirely  
>bashful.

>There were two versions of what happened. One told to a local  
>radio station, and a slightly different version to the papers.  
>Then they may have just decided to stick with one.

>Royce, you may be absolutely right about them, but your  
>certainty that you think that you know they are telling the truth  
>suggests to me that you might be taken in a lot quicker than you  
>think. Just a cautionary thought.

Bob,

Your comment, "you might be taken in a lot quicker than you think," compels me to believe that you think you know who I am and what I think. I am by far one of the more skeptical UFOlogists out here. I question everyone and everything when it comes to UFOs. I especially question people who continue to debunk what is, in my opinion, one of the best UFO cases out there with nothing to back up that it is a hoax.

I'm currently in law enforcement and conduct criminal investigations. I deal with liars, thieves, druggies and more con artists that you can imagine or probably will ever deal with in your life. People lie to me on a daily basis. A case that was recently completed by me resulted in a 17 count Grand Jury

indictment and later multiple felony criminal conviction. My point? I don't just get "taken in," unlike a lot of people I actually do my homework and have the training in properly conducting a real investigation, unlike a lot of so-called UFO investigators. How many of the debunkers and skeptics went out and interviewed the Trents? How many actually visited the farm where the photos were taken? How many have actually done a comprehensive analysis of the photos and/or negatives? Not a lot, not to the degree that people such as Bruce Macabee have gone to in investigating this case. And Bruce is still investigating the case as much as it can be. So in your mind Bruce is wrong, the Condon Committee is wrong and so is every other qualified analyst that has supported the photos. I wonder how many sat at home on the toilet with a copy of the recent Oregonian convincing themselves they had single handedly solved the case and that it was nothing more than a model and some string or that the UFO was a cut and paste job...a lot, probably.

As for my "certainty" regarding whether or not the Trents are being truthful or deceptive, I clearly based this opinion on all the facts of the case that are available. I remember reading about the Trents sometime ago and when I was in Portland on other business, I decided to try and contact them. I was interested in the case but at no time formed an opinion as to the nature of the case until I had done some digging into it. Also, just because someone says they've seen UFOs before and then photographs one does not make them suspect especially when the photos stand on their own. We're not talking about Billie Meier here. As I said before, the Trents clearly stated they did not believe in UFOs or aliens and they thought what they had photographed was a secret military aircraft. People seem to be overlooking this small but crucial fact or simply ignoring it. So why play a UFO "prank" when you think it might be a secret military aircraft. Maybe it was a secret military aircraft.

While it is true the Trents took the trip to New York this proves nothing pertaining to motive, whether you're talking about financial gain or otherwise. You have to have a solid motive for an action unless you're dealing with a sociopath. I'm quite sure that the Trents didn't sit down, produce some of the best UFO photos ever with the motive of going to New York to appear on some show they'd never heard of. Of course, maybe I'm just being "taken in a lot quicker" than I think...

So instead of throwing around tiresome model theories and conjecture about pie pans and strings or dangling street lights, why not try to come up with something just a bit more substantial. Show me the money, or the string in this case. I will be the first to say congratulations if someone proves this to be a hoax and I will also be the first to admit that my opinion was wrong...unlike some people in this field. I also want to be clear that the Trent photos show a UFO, this does not translate into aliens or otherwise. To me, it simply means they photographed an extraordinary Unidentified Flying Object.

Again, prove your case or file it away. Present me with concrete facts and not some flimsy theory that has no basis for support. Put up and I'll gladly shut up. I'm more than willing to look at any evidence in this case just as are the other people looking at it. Thanks.

Warm Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
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Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 19:44:13 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 03:12:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: RAI DUE and UFOs

>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 15:58:30 +0200  
>From: Alfredo Lissoni <[alisson@tin.it](mailto:alisson@tin.it)>  
>Subject: Re: RAI DUE and UFOs  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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><snip>

>Thanks to AGETI, Jimmy Marinkovic and Phaeton

>Best wishes from Italy!

>I read yours comments about the Italian UFO files (since 1933)  
>on the web! Thanks!

>Study about the Mussolini UFO files is very interesting. This  
>research goes on; according to these secret files, there were  
>many UFO-sightings between 1933 and 1940 in Italy and a special  
>secret Commission, during Facism, studied it.

>It was founded by  
>Mussolini (with pilot Italo Balbo and Galeazzo Ciano; headed by  
>Guglielmo Marconi and senator Luigi Cozza and astronomer Gino  
>Cecchini).

Balbo-one of the greatest airmen, up there with  
Doolittle,Lindberg, Alcock and Brown, Nussinger, et. al.

Italo Balbo flew several SM -55's around the world in , I  
believe 1935. on of the SM-55's resides at the bottom of a lake  
in the southwest US,(They were rather advanced Twin Engine  
Flying Boats.) Oh, by the way Mussolini \_hated\_ Balbo partly  
because of his flying skill, (Il Duce thought himself a Sierra  
Hotel flying ace.) Partly he saw him as a threat-hence Balbo's  
dying under-well, mysterious circumstances, as I recall.

>The first UFO-case was in 1931 near Venice; in 1933  
>there was a UFO-landing in Lombardia, with UFO-recovery...

Prove it, or at least publish.

>After this episode, Mussolini created the secret UFO-commission  
>'Gabinetto RS/33' (Cabinet Research and Espionage/33); he  
>believed UFOs were Allied secret weapons, but Marconi was for  
>the ET-hypothesis.

Can any one enlighten me, I thought Marconi was for all  
purposes, a British Citizen? and not a fan of Il Duce?

>We have three telegrams (there are four) about the UFO recovery  
>near Milan in 1933, and a 'protocol' to the Prefect, for the  
>Italian secret services and for newsspapers, to cover this news.

>The Italian MJ-12 was with the Italian teachers (University La  
>Sapienza, Rome) Vallauri, Pirota, Crocco (founder Italian  
>rockets society), Debbasi o De Blasi, Bottazzi, Giordani and a  
>mysterious "Ruggero Costanti Cavazzani" (an alias).

None of them even a Corso or Marcel?

>Gabinetto RS investigated, between 1933 and 1940, many different  
>Italian UFO sightings:

>in a case, an Italian fighter plane intercepted an UFO betwenn  
>Ravenna and Rome; in August 1936 there was a multiple UFO  
>sighting (ad Adamskyan-cygar and two UFOs like Saturn) over  
>Mestre and Venice. I think the German V-7 were developped after  
>this Italian research about UFOs; in fact Mussolini given all  
>the documents, during war, to the German experts...

No Photos to debate, and as far as the vaunted V-7, no one who  
thinks of a fabric covered ,fixed gear, low aspect raitio  
testbed to be captured saucer tech is well, wrong. And as far as  
the vaunted German experts-why wasn't the 8th Airforce swept  
from the skies?

>Best wishes

>

>Alfredo Lissoni (with Pinotti one of two Italian UFO researchers  
>of Mussolini's files...)

Ok, I don't mean to belittle, but why hasn't this come forth  
until now? and while I greatly admire Italian aviation of that  
era, and the fact we all aren't going "SEig Heil, Seig Heil, in  
der Fhurer's Face!" (With apologies to Spike Jones.) despite all  
that tranferred Technolgy.

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>serious discussion of the photos' authenticity.

Hello, Jerry!

The same can be said about how "simple" the Trents SEEM to be. I can't imagine why that should come up in any serious discussion of the photos' authenticity, either. But, like the Gulf Breeze photos, Bruce seems to feel that his observations about the subjects' apparent inability to fake a photo somehow add to the validity of the image at hand. I see no connection at all. I have said this all along; if the people want to fake out Bruce, then they will carry the act to the final curtain. Why would they do otherwise? And if they are faking out other people that Bruce is talking to about the UFO, then his observations about their intent are not observations, at all; merely third party opinions.

A hoaxer is not going to act like they know squat. Playing dumb isn't so hard. And if you think that would be beyond the Trents' capabilities because they are "country folk", then you've never had to negotiate a deal with an old country farmer. I've yet to see a city slicker get the best of 'em.

Besides, as someone asked before: Just what does Bruce or anyone really know about someone else's intent?

Analyzing the photo is one thing. Reading someone's mind is a bit of a stretch....

later,

Roger Evans

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 00:23:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:03:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 22:59:18 +0200  
>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>I guess the weight from a (light weight?) "model saucer" should  
>also bend the phone/power lines a little bit. And, that's not  
>clearly visible on the photos, just above the saucer, is it?

No bending

>Further, I wonder if it's possible to detect that the  
>trees/bushes shown on the 2 photos bent (slightly?) in the wind  
>(gusts) emanating from the saucer, as reported by the Trents?  
>Are the position of the plants/branches somewhat different in  
>the 2 photos?

Can't see them well enough to know if they were bent at all by  
wind

>Further, do we know anything about the existence of any military  
>and/or civilian airfields (installations) in the McMinnville  
>area - in those days?

None

>And, I think we shouldn't underestimate the possibilities for  
>the Trents to make a hoax. Even though they were (seemingly)  
">simple peasants", they were surely clever enough to do this!

Not likely they would think of such a thing... not part of  
their normal daily routine or activities. Even if they did  
think of it they were too occupied with other activities to do  
it.

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 00:46:44 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:05:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 11:31:29 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 18:43:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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>the strange argument -- that the most innocuous  
>behavior becomes full of sinister meaning when UFO witnesses  
>engage in it -- is yours. People who have all manner of  
>experiences, very few of them having to do with UFOs, go on  
>television and talk about them all the time, without their  
>motives and honesty being subjected to question. I imagine that  
>the Trents thought a free, all-expenses paid trip to New York  
>City sounded pretty tempting. There is not an iota of evidence  
>that their decision had anything to do with the UFO photographs  
>they took. I can't imagine why that trip should come up in any  
>serious discussion of the photos' authenticity.

Jerry:

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 09:31:58 -0700  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:55:59 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>><snip>

>>When it comes down to UFO hoaxes, the bottom line in the  
>>majority of cases, in my experience, is money and/or fame.

Royce mentioned fame as part of the bottom line in a majority of UFO hoaxes. Maybe their motivation for an all expense paid trip to New York City was just the trip, or maybe they enjoyed the idea of getting on the air on a nation program. Who knows? They're dead, now, and I doubt that we'll probably ever know.

You may be right that fame never entered their minds. After all, the Trents' two obituaries made no mention at all of what had brought the World to their door.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 01:20:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:13:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:07:50 -0700  
>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 10:47:40 -0400  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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>>>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 21:01:15 -0700  
>>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 01:51:30 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>><snip>

>>>>This is why I can easily see the Trents as authentic. I can't  
>>>>conceive how they could do it and not slip up somehow, let  
>>>>alone the Trents even thinking up such an elaborate Hoax.

>>>Elaborate? Two pictures taken by a guy of a pie pan on a  
>>>string?

>>Photo analysis shows it was clearly more complicated than just  
>>hanging a pie pan on a string.

>><snip>

>>>>However, the key may just be the Photos taken by  
>>>>some simple farmer and his wife. Period.

>>>I agree. Whatever we think we can know about their motivations,  
>>>intelligence, etc. The thing rests on the pictures.

>  
>>A photo a UFO does not make. Probably any photo could be hoaxed  
>>given enough time, knoweldge and money (for materials,  
>>processing, etc).

<snip>

>I have one Question - if the Trents suspended the "saucer" from  
>the lines, that would have taken a lot of courage for the lines  
>appear to be power, not phone lines, and I think even then,  
>house service was at least 440 volts?

Hi GT:

The power line drop running to anyone's house is almost  
invariably 120V AC. Newer homes have 2 hotlines, 180 degrees out  
of phase and thus 240 volts apart (center line grounded so  
neither line gets further than 120 VAC from ground). 240 VAC is  
used for high-power electrical appliances; clothes dryers,

electric range etc. It wasn't all that common back then. I only wired up for 120/240 8 years ago, in this house built in 1937. For the first 55 years, it had two thin feed lines providing single phase 120 VAC service only. With a 30 amp main fuse, there was no lathe in the garage!

A rural farmhouse might have high tension lines leading to a transformer on a pole near the house. This can range from 1200 , 2400VAC or sometimes higher. These are the skinny wires on the highest part of the service pole.

Nobody in the US has 440 volt house service, although this is sometimes seen in factories.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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### Ohio UFO report - 3-5-2000

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 12:13:34 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:19:04 -0400  
Subject: Ohio UFO report - 3-5-2000

On Tuesday, May 9, 2000, an E-mail message informing of a May 5 UFO sighting in Hamilton County, Ohio was received.

The message, mutually arranged by one female and two male witnesses from Norwood, Ohio [whose names will be deleted for privacy purposes], states the following:

"At 10:04 p.m. a UFO was sighted hovering above the intersection of Mills Avenue and Carter Avenue in Norwood. We were in a car driving south on Carter, at about the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Carter Avenue. The object was a very large, multi-tiered object with many different colors of lights on each level. Blue, yellow, and orange were the primary colors of the lights all in symmetrical lines covering the entire surface of the visible side. The saucer was more round than disc shaped like two bowls on top of each other. It seemed to be located above the intersection of Williams and Carter Avenues. Only a few hundred feet above the ground. From our proximity the object was almost as wide as the street and almost as tall as wide. The object was stationary for about 4 seconds above the center of the road. Then it slowly moved to the East out of view. There were at least 100 lights on the aircraft and at no time did they seem to pulsate or move."

The witnesses, who added that there was no sound associated with the object, also told of making an attempt to follow the object, but said to be unable to locate it. After the sighting, routine airplanes and helicopters were later visible in the area.

#### Comment:

The three eyewitnesses included their names and E-mail addresses on the UFO report. Follow-up E-mail contact was made with each participant, including one telephone conversation with a witness. In the view of this researcher, the three witnesses are trustworthy people and are sincere about this event. They firmly believe to have observed an unidentified flying object.

#### Analysis:

A near-proximity/low-level sighting as described is very unusual, but not unprecedented. The description of such an object is quite dramatic. During a telephone discussion with one of the witnesses, he estimated the object hovering above an area near Stones Bowling Alley and railroad tracks separating Norwood from Evanston. This is a heavily populated and traveled region near Interstate 71, justifying [to this researcher] concern that the misidentification of a blimp flyover may have engendered the sighting report.

This investigator made the decision to purposefully ask a leading question to the witnesses by inquiring if the sighting might possibly be attributed to an advertising blimp. Categorically, the witnesses said: "no."

In a separate E-mail message, one witness added: "Perhaps in some cosmic way we were intended to make the objects existence known. Although there will be scrutiny and other repercussions for disclosing the story and our personal information, I suppose if we did not we could be usurping the purpose of the encounter."

From the comments regarding 'cosmic way' and 'purpose,' the objective analyst may conclude that this witness has escalated a visual observation into something more religious in nature, or at the very least, has arrived at the conclusion that the event cannot be addressed in rational terms, and has created a ideology to compensate for the event.

Investigation:

On Friday morning, May 19, a phone call was placed to the Cincinnati Reds general offices at 421-4510, and the inquiry about scheduling for advertising blimps was transferred to the marketing department.

The female receptionist in the marketing department informed that they do not schedule blimp fly-overs, that basically they [blimp companies] make their own arrangements.

When asked if there would be any record of a blimp in the area on May 5, 2000, the female marketing assistant informed: "There is no record of it, but there was a blimp in town because I saw it myself."

This female marketing assistant informed that the blimp conducted a fly-over for the St. Louis series which began Friday night. This was a big attraction as Ken Griffey Jr. and Mark McGwire were both playing. The blimp, she informed, traveled on from the Reds game to the Kentucky Derby [on Saturday] and returned to Cincinnati again on Sunday.

Conclusion:

The comments by the Cincinnati Reds marketing assistant seriously damages the prospect of the object reported by the three witnesses to be a UFO near Cincinnati, Ohio on May 5. Despite rejection of this explanation by the three participants, an honest visual misidentification of this blimp -which was operational in the very area- remains a rational explanation to account for the report.

Enclosed below is a newspaper article which also addresses the much celebrated activities in Cincinnati on Friday night, May 5, 2000.

The information that a blimp had, indeed, been in the area is to be considered key detail in consideration of a suspected UFO sighting from Friday night, May 5, 2000. Further, upon proximity of the sighting [near Interstate 71 and Downtown Cincinnati] and time of event, is is most likely that this explanation soundly addresses the suspected UFO sighting as reported by the three witnesses as first claimed on Tuesday, May 9, 2000.

Filed,  
Friday, May 19, 2000  
Kenny Young

Attached:  
relevant Newspaper article from Cincinnati Enquirer, May 5, 2000

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Headline: "Big events could crowd city streets"  
Source: The Cincinnati Enquirer  
Date: Friday, May 05, 2000

URL source verification:  
[http://enquirer.com/editions/2000/05/05/loc\\_big\\_events\\_could.html](http://enquirer.com/editions/2000/05/05/loc_big_events_could.html)

By Marie McCain  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Ken Griffey Jr., Mark McGwire and the Tyler Davidson Fountain. No, it's not the beginning of a bad joke, but it could be the beginning of a very bad weekend for motorists.

Those three will combine to draw tens of thousands to downtown Cincinnati over the next three days, starting at 7:05 tonight when Mr. McGwire and his division-leading St. Louis Cardinals come to Cinergy Field.

"It's hard to say how many people could come downtown," said City Traffic Engineer Steve Bailey. "But we are anticipating a

lot."

At about the same time, street closures begin in preparation for the two-day Fountain Restoration Celebration. From 7 tonight until 5 a.m. Monday, Fifth Street will shut down between Vine and Sycamore streets; Walnut and Main streets will close between Fourth and Sixth streets.

On Saturday, from 3 p.m. until midnight, Vine between Fourth and Sixth will close, as will Fifth between Race and Vine.

Metro bus service will be rerouted and meter parking will be prohibited on these streets at those times, officials said, adding that parking garages on those streets will be accessible.

Despite the expected kinetics of two of baseball's heaviest hitters, tickets for this weekend's series are still available, Reds officials said.

Conservative estimates predict more than 50,000 people will flood downtown each day - well beyond that on Saturday.

Ceremonies for Saturday's fountain dedication begin at 4 p.m. The unveiling is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Activities include fireworks, bands, dancers, face paintings and theatrical performances. The celebration will end 6 p.m. Sunday.

Drivers will have to deal with the latest phase of the Fort Washington Way construction project, which centers on Third Street.

ARTIMIS, the Greater Cincinnati's traffic monitoring agency; Metro and the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky are urging motorists to take public transportation downtown this weekend or either park in a garage and walk to the featured events.

They advise motorists who must drive to follow these routes into downtown this weekend:

- From Interstate 75 south, take the Seventh Street exit.
- From Interstate 471 north, take the exit for Sixth Street.
- From Columbia Parkway, exit at Sixth or Lytle and follow to Fourth.
- From Interstate 71 south, exit at Gilbert Avenue and head to Eighth Street.
- From I-75 north, take the new Fifth Street exit.

End of article

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Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:25:42 -0400  
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>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 15:46:37 -0700  
>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 10:47:19 -0400 (EDT)  
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>>>When it comes down to UFO hoaxes, the bottom line in the  
>>>majority of cases, in my experience, is money and/or fame.

>>Royce, List:

>>How about an additional motivation of just playing a trick on  
>>your friends, or perhaps trying to prove that you have seen  
>>saucers? Mrs. Trent was quoted as saying that they had seen  
>>some before but people wouldn't believe them.

>>>There is nothing that suggests the Trents were in it for the  
>>>money or the fame. The sighting turned their world upside down  
>>>and inside out.

<snip>

>Your comment, "you might be taken in a lot quicker than you  
>think," compels me to believe that you think you know who I am  
>and what I think. I am by far one of the more skeptical  
>UFOlogists out here. I question everyone and everything when it  
>comes to UFOs. I especially question people who continue to  
>debunk what is, in my opinion, one of the best UFO cases out  
>there with nothing to back up that it is a hoax.

>I'm currently in law enforcement and conduct criminal  
>investigations.

<snip>

>Again, prove your case or file it away. Present me with concrete  
>\_facts\_ and not some flimsy theory that has no basis for  
>support. Put up and I'll gladly shut up. I'm more than willing  
>to look at any evidence in this case just as are the other  
>people looking at it. Thanks.

Royce, I too have been in law enforcement, but only on an AP  
basis (Auxiliary Police). This, in the NYC 47th Pct. and as an  
armed, academy-trained NYSP/AP. I am a grunt, not an  
investigator and must admit to purely wannabee status. However,  
I am quite familiar with cops, investigations, et al, including  
the mind set.

Having said that, I am very curious as to your professional opinion regarding the issue of the value of witness testimony in UFO sighting and abduction cases. In such, there is often only the word of the witness. Often there is no evidence of the event, not even a photograph to malign. Cripes, with or without the photo, with or without any evidence other than witness testimony, there are no strings to find, no hub caps. Just a nutcase on the loose. Don't give that one a cap permit. Probably burn himself.

I ask this question because in the process of writing of my own experiences, I have interviewed large numbers of police officers. The results of these interviews shocked even me, not having ever before broached the subject with cops in 30 years. I was during those 30 years, still in the closet.

How about witness testimony in your experience and in general?

Jim Mortellaro

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Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 22:13:47 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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Roger,

>The same can be said about how "simple" the Trents SEEM to be. I  
>can't imagine why that should come up in any serious discussion  
>of the photos' authenticity, either. But, like the Gulf Breeze  
>photos, Bruce seems to feel that his observations about the  
>subjects' apparent inability to fake a photo somehow add to the  
>validity of the image at hand. I see no connection at all. I  
>have said this all along; if the people want to fake out Bruce,  
>then they will carry the act to the final curtain. Why would  
>they do otherwise? And if they are faking out other people that  
>Bruce is talking to about the UFO, then his observations about  
>their intent are not observations, at all; merely third party  
>opinions.

The problem with theories like this one is that they are utterly unfalsifiable. It makes a couple, whom everybody (not just Bruce Maccabee, by the way) who ever investigated their story or talked with neighbors and acquaintances about them concluded were simple, unsophisticated folk, fiendishly, diabolically clever, living their whole lives for one purpose: to fool others in the interest of perpetrating a hoax -- a hoax they never really promoted and from which they never profited. And whose subject, moreover, they downplayed, rejecting the idea that they'd photographed a spacecraft for the considerably more boring notion that they had snapped an experimental aircraft.

Everything about this case, including the Trents's personalities and behavioral history (though this is, in the larger context, just a small and, next to the technical analyses, relatively insignificant part of the story), is consistent with the hypothesis that they photographed a UFO and inconsistent with its opposite.

Jerry Clark



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## Re: Non-UFO Question

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 20:21:45 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 21:06:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 13:05:38 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: Non-UFO Question  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Dear All,

>This is a non-UFO question. Does anyone know how I might find  
>out who was the head of Disney in the early to mid 1980's ? If  
>you do know, could you contact me direct at:

>[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

Can anyone tell me how I can get other people to do all my  
research for me without paying them anything?

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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From: **Steven L. Wilson, Sr** <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 20:32:49 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 21:17:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Space Debris Rains Down On South Africa

Space debris rains down on South Africa

One of the pieces of space junk that landed in South Africa  
May 3, 2000  
Web posted at: 3:36 PM EDT (1936 GMT)

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (Reuters) -- Three pieces of a large U.S. rocket have crashed out of orbit onto South African soil in recent days, prompting a flurry of speculation that more could be on the way.

The three sections identified as being from the motor of a Delta 2 satellite launch rocket fell on farmland in a line stretching 200 kilometers (125 miles) east from Cape Town.

"They are definitely from a Delta II rocket," Cees Rijswijk at Cape Town's observatory told Reuters. "There could be more on the way, but the chances of anyone getting hit by one are rather less than of being run over by a bus."

"There are more than 8,000 pieces of debris in orbit above us, all of them being closely monitored. As most of the earth is covered with water, the chances are that most will not hit land when they fall," he added.

Rijswijk said he could not remember other items of space debris falling on South Africa, but could not rule out that it might have happened in some remote spots of the country.

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## O'Hare Controllers See Ghost Planes

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Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 16:49:31 -0400 (EDT)  
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05/20: O'Hare Controllers See Ghost Planes

CHICAGO (AP) - False radar images have been popping up on the screens of O'Hare International Airport's air traffic controllers, forcing pilots to take sudden turns unnecessarily, the Chicago Sun-Times reported in its Sunday editions.

At least a dozen "ghost planes" have been reported during the last few weeks, the newspaper said, citing documents from the Terminal Radar Approach Control center in Elgin, Ill., and interviews with controllers.

Controllers said that at least a few times, they have ordered pilots to take sudden turns to avoid what appeared to be planes on their radar, potentially putting passengers at risk.

"The ghosting is a complete terror for the air traffic controllers," said Charles Bunting, president of the Elgin local of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

False radar images can appear when a crane or construction tower is put up, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro. Planes from nearby airports also have appeared much closer to O'Hare than they actually were in recent weeks, controllers said.

Molinaro said there have been 13 ghost images in the last five weeks, rather than the eight or nine the FAA would usually expect in that time period, "meaning we still need to look into them."

But Mike Egan, vice president of the controllers union at Elgin, accused the FAA of playing down the problem. "Maybe 130, but not 13," Egan said Friday. "We had a couple of them today, as a matter of fact. ... They know there's a problem."

O'Hare controllers have also recently complained about the FAA's plans to speed air traffic at O'Hare by stacking arriving planes vertically around O'Hare's air space rather than having them line up single-file.

Bunting said the radar situation raises questions about the safety of the procedure.

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 22:04:50 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 22:37:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 01:20:51 -0700  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 00:07:50 -0700  
>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 10:47:40 -0400  
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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>>>>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>>>>>Date: Mon, 15 May 2000 21:01:15 -0700  
>>>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 16 May 2000 01:51:30 -0400  
>>>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>><snip>

>>>>>This is why I can easily see the Trents as authentic. I can't  
>>>>>conceive how they could do it and not slip up somehow, let  
>>>>>alone the Trents even thinking up such an elaborate Hoax.

>Snip

>>>A photo a UFO does not make. Probably any photo could be hoaxed  
>>>given enough time, knoweldge and money (for materials,  
>>>processing, etc).

><snip>

>>I have one Question - if the Trents suspended the "saucer" from  
>>the lines, that would have taken a lot of courage for the lines  
>>appear to be power, not phone lines, and I think even then,  
>>house service was at least 440 volts?

>The power line drop running to anyone's house is almost  
>invariably 120V AC. Newer homes have 2 hotlines, 180 degrees out  
>of phase and thus 240 volts apart (center line grounded so  
>neither line gets further than 120 VAC from ground). 240 VAC is  
>used for high-power electrical appliances; clothes dryers,  
>electric range etc. It wasn't all that common back then. I only  
>wired up for 120/240 8 years ago, in this house built in 1937.  
>For the first 55 years, it had two thin feed lines providing  
>single phase 120 VAC service only. With a 30 amp main fuse,  
>there was no lathe in the garage!

>A rural farmhouse might have high tension lines leading to a  
>transformer on a pole near the house. This can range from 1200,  
>2400VAC or sometimes higher. These are the skinny wires on the  
>highest part of the service pole.

>Nobody in the US has 440 volt house service, although this is  
>sometimes seen in factories.

Dear Larry, GT, EBK and Listers,

Indeed, Larry is quite correct. I am an electronics engineer and I learned all that in escuela. In fact, 440 VAC is in wide use in factories, and your opinions regarding 120 and 240 VAC is right on the money. 240 VAC in the fifties or even sixties, in the average home, was quite uncommon.

I would like to point out, however, that the Canal Street Gripple Plant in Manhattan, is the only place on the planet which utilizes what we like to call, VinPower. We are able to generate our own steam, electrical energy at about 186 VDC and some nuclear waste as well, as a result of our processing methods. The government would like very much to shut us down, however the Aliens will not allow it, as part of the Alien/Gripple/USGovernment treaty of 1948, which stipulates, "The United States Government shall not infringe the right of Gripple to be used in regenerating power in order to save the factory from the clutches of Con Edison!"

All our people also have Federal Carry Permits as well. The Government agreed to this after an inebriated Lizard attempted to mount a Government official. The official was saved by the brave J. Jaime Gesundt, who was carrying illegally. Of course, the president has always been grateful to Gesundt.

The rest of the story is that it was under the influence of Gripple, when Slick Willie succumbed to it's seduction and got him in that trouble with what's her name, Moonica, whose name really is "Moonica" as she is from there. (She's really a lizard).

And now you know the "Rest ... of ... the ... story!"

As for them farmers, may they two rest in peace, the discussion I have witnessed in the past few days on this thread has contributed about as much as the above dissertation on Gripple and power generation. But then, I am not surprised. My simple request for a straight answer regarding who or what started the freakin car was about as rich in answers. And so, when I complete my masterpiece, I shall reveal (and I might add, finally), the truth about cars shutting down and restarting during UFO encounters of the numerical kind. Fortunately, it shall be my truth, which all I am qualified to repeat.

Of course, know one will believe me. But that's OK. After all, I am not a researcher. Just a simple farmer... uh, sorry, perceived abductee. What the hell do I know anyway?

Jim Mortellaro

Dr. J. Jaime Gesundt

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Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 07:25:23 -0400  
Subject: Eight Objects Orbiting Distant Stars

Astronomers Find Evidence Of Eight Objects Orbiting Distant Stars

May 9, 2000  
Web posted at: 11:18 AM EDT (1518 GMT)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- European astronomers say they have found evidence of eight planet-like objects orbiting distant stars, bringing to 43 the number of extra-solar system planets that have been found.

An astronomy team from the Geneva Observatory reported finding six planet-sized objects and two more massive objects orbiting stars up to 140 light years away from Earth.

The planets range in size from a mass slightly less than Saturn, to about 15 times more massive than Jupiter.

Jupiter is about 317 times more massive than the Earth and Saturn is about 95 times more massive.

Two of the new extra solar system objects are large enough to be classified as brown dwarfs. Brown dwarfs are thought to be "failed stars," bodies that are bigger than planets but without the mass needed to start burning like a star.

Extra solar system planets are discovered by measuring the motion of the host stars. The gravitational tug of a companion object causes a central star to wobble slightly. By measuring this motion, astronomers can determine the mass of a planet-like body and its distance from the central star.

A light year is the distance light travels in a year in space, about 6 trillion miles ( 10 trillion kilometers).

The first extra solar system planet, or exoplanet, was found in 1995, and astronomers at centers in Europe and in the United States have been steadily adding new discoveries ever since.

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 22:10:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 07:33:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:43:31 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 21:03:49 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 22:13:47 -0500  
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>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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Previously, I wrote:

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Jerry responded:

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>Maccabee, by the way) who ever investigated their story or  
>talked with neighbors and acquaintances about them concluded  
>were simple, unsophisticated folk, fiendishly, diabolically  
>clever, living their whole lives for one purpose: to fool others  
>in the interest of perpetrating a hoax -- a hoax they never  
>really promoted and from which they never profited. And whose  
>subject, moreover, they downplayed, rejecting the idea that  
>they'd photographed a spacecraft for the considerably more  
>boring notion that they had snapped an experimental aircraft.

Hello, Jerry...

First, I am not promoting the theory that the Trents lied or  
hoaxed the photos in question. What I am saying is that Bruce is  
a good technical investigator, but not a psychologist or FBI  
trained " profiler". For him to make general observations about  
the "intent" of the Trents as a form of support for his  
technical analysis out of place.

Also, as our debate on the Gulf Breeze photos revealed, Bruce  
has made his determinations based on what he thinks the subjects  
are NOT capable of rather than what they MIGHT be capable of but  
keep to themselves. There is nothing wrong with this approach as  
long as any investigator admits the possibility of fraud;  
something that Bruce feels doesn't exist with a certainty that  
can't be supported by any provable fact.

And finally, like the Gulf Breeze photos, there is a sense that  
Bruce feels the subject is "too dumb" to promote or perform a  
hoax because of the unnecessarily high sophistication of

technique Bruce feels is required to create the photo in question. I saw nothing in the Gulf Breeze photos that could not be created with off the shelf Polaroid equipment and applied common sense. Likewise, I see no reason why the disk in the Trent photos should be more than a hubcap or the such lobbed in the air for the shot.

Of course, without even knowing the Trents, I'll concede that it could be real. Likewise, without knowing the Trents, my common sense tells me that any idiot could throw a hubcap or milk can lid in the air and get the same results. Why raise the level of difficulty artificially? As I've said before, it doesn't have to be complicated to look believable. But it does have to appear complicated if you want the subject to appear dim witted by comparison.

I see no need for this.

Let the imagery stand or fall on its own merits without making assumptions about the abilities or intentions of the subjects. After all, if the imagery can't be proved one way or the other with hands-on technical analysis, then anecdotal stories about the subjects' intentions prove even less.

Later,

Roger Evans

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 23:25:12 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 07:35:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 15:46:37 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 03:08:01 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

<snip>

>So instead of throwing around tiresome model theories and  
>conjecture about pie pans and strings or dangling street lights,

Royce:

I didn't mention anything about dangling street lights.

<snip>

>Again, prove your case or file it away. Present me with concrete  
>\_facts\_ and not some flimsy theory that has no basis for  
>support. Put up and I'll gladly shut up. I'm more than willing  
>to look at any evidence in this case just as are the other  
>people looking at it. Thanks.

Please see my May 17 post regarding my analysis of the two May  
11, 1950, Trent pictures:

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:11:41 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:28:11 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Non-UFO Question

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 04:45:58 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 07:37:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 20:21:45 +0100  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Can anyone tell me how I can get other people to do all my  
>>research for me without paying them anything?

And so it was ufology died..... such a price.

Roy..

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Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 23:47:50 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 07:40:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ohio UFO report - 5-5-2000

>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 12:13:34 -0400  
>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>Subject: Ohio UFO report - 3-5-2000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>On Tuesday, May 9, 2000, an E-mail message informing of a May 5  
>UFO sighting in Hamilton County, Ohio was received.

>The message, mutually arranged by one female and two male  
>witnesses from Norwood, Ohio [whose names will be deleted for  
>privacy purposes], states the following:

>"At 10:04 p.m. a UFO was sighted hovering above the intersection  
>of Mills Avenue and Carter Avenue in Norwood. We were in a car  
>driving south on Carter, at about the intersection of Cleveland  
>Avenue and Carter Avenue. The object was a very large,  
>multi-tiered object with many different colors of lights on each  
>level. Blue, yellow, and orange were the primary colors of the  
>lights all in symmetrical lines covering the entire surface of  
>the visible side. The saucer was more round than disc shaped  
>like two bowls on top of each other. It seemed to be located  
>above the intersection of Williams and Carter Avenues. Only a  
>few hundred feet above the ground. From our proximity the object  
>was almost as wide as the street and almost as tall as wide. The  
>>ere at least 100 lights on the aircraft and at no time did they  
>seem to pulsate or move."

You have pointed out that there could have been a blimp in the  
area Internally lighted advertising blimps have caused a number  
of UFO sightings and videos since the early 1990.

Check:

[www.lightships.com](http://www.lightships.com)

for examples of such blimps. They can look very weird at night!

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Hi All,

Very interesting subject this, I have had two ghost cases given two me whilst carrying out research on some local UFO reports. One was of a German plane, the other being a Spitfire. In both cases pilots were seen at the controls of the planes?

If any wants the reports please e-mail me.

Regards,

Roy..

Keep Smiling..

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>Everything about this case, including the Trent's personalities  
>and behavioral history (though this is, in the larger context,  
>just a small and, next to the technical analyses, relatively  
>insignificant part of the story), is consistent with the  
>hypothesis that they photographed a UFO and inconsistent with  
>its opposite.

>Jerry Clark

Dear Jerry, EBK, Listers and researchers...

At last, you've saved us from a moment of insanity. Make that



numerous moments by the number of posts on this thread. I admire your common sense. But you are among the "John the Baptists" in this bizzness. A voice crying in the wilderness.

See, in UFO research, and in my opinion, the voice of reasearch is in direct conflict with the voice of the witness. Even with nice, neat little pictures an' stuff. Wow, what a business. How many times must an abductee shout? The answer is blowin' in the windbags.

Appreciatively,

Jim Mortellaro

PS: Your books are still too freakin' heavy!

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 03:51:23 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 08:00:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 22:59:18 +0200  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 18:52:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>I guess the weight from a (light weight?) "model saucer" should  
>also bend the phone/power lines a little bit. And, that's not  
>clearly visible on the photos, just above the saucer, is it?

Although I am currently a proponent of the Trent photos, I don't think the absence of a bend in the power lines directly above a "model saucer" is necessarily in favor of the authenticity of the photos. Most people don't appreciate just how small such a model would have had to be. At Trent's distance from the power lines, a model would have been only about 4 inches or 10 cm across.

I guess the Trents ate very small pies or used miniscule garbage cans. 8-)

>Further, I wonder if it's possible to detect that the  
>trees/bushes shown on the 2 photos bent (slightly?) in the wind  
>(gusts) emanating from the saucer, as reported by the Trents?  
>Are the position of the plants/branches somewhat different in  
>the 2 photos?

Very difficult to tell.

>Further, do we know anything about the existence of any military  
>and/or civilian airfields (installations) in the McMinnville  
>area - in those days?

Civilian -- sure -- as close as McMinnville, or bigger ones at nearby Portland and Salem.

Military, particularly test military facilities, no, unless you want to count Boeing Field in Seattle 200 miles away. (Maybe there was one closer, but I don't know of any.)

A secret, experimental military craft would be tested exclusively over some isolated test range like Edwards AFB, not out in the open. I also find it difficult to believe that a 50-year old experimental project like this of some conventional aircraft could disappear without leaving a trace.

Unless somebody can come up with a craft, civilian or military, that has the same profile as the object in the Trent photos, then such speculation is pointless.

In addition, such an experimental craft would also have to be capable of hovering without making any noise. That's an interesting proposition. If the craft was real, then it was clearly unconventional.

>And, I think we shouldn't underestimate the possibilities for  
>the Trents to make a hoax. Even though they were (seemingly)  
>"simple peasants", they were surely clever enough to do this

No, not by a long shot. They would have had to be

extraordinarily lucky.

Careful analysis over three decades has revealed a number of subtle details in these photos that you just can't reproduce in any straightforward hoax hypothesis. And that's a point that skepti-bunkers seem to deliberately ignore.

Instead we get treated to such nonsense as a nonexistent "knot" on the power line where Trent supposedly tied his model, or Mrs. Trent being a "repeater." We're supposed to respond to such "arguments" as if they were "showstoppers."

The counter-arguments to the Trent photos are generally feeble and ignore the myriad of details within the photos that strongly suggest authenticity.

David Rudiak

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## Religious Experiences

From: Joaquim Fernandes <[jfernan@esoterica.pt](mailto:jfernan@esoterica.pt)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 12:39:55 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 08:22:01 -0400  
Subject: Religious Experiences

Dear List Members,

I am comparing some physical effects observed during the Fatima apparitions 1917, considering the vast amount of original documents we got here from the sanctuary files.

I am very curious to know if anyone have some data of physical and physiological effects - buzzing or humming sounds, temperature changes or images/words inside the head - registered during and after the "contact" with a "vision" or "entity" of any kind of religious culture outside the catholic background, i.e. the 'Marianism' (from the Virgin Mary devotion).

We are promoting a scientific preview before design an International Conference to discuss all the objective aspects and dimensions of the so-called "marian apparitions".

Thank you for your co-operation.

Joaquim Fernandes  
University Fernando Pessoa  
Porto  
Portugal

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## 'The UFO-FBI Connection' - #6 On Amazon

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 00:04:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 08:30:18 -0400  
Subject: 'The UFO-FBI Connection' - #6 On Amazon

Make it #1.

'The UFO-FBI Connection'

Although only "out" for a couple of weeks is already #6 on the  
amazon ufo bestseller list

Select "books" and search for UFO. Then scroll down a little and  
select Sort By Bestselling.

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## Foreign UFO Theorists Supported - US Repressed

From: Ignatius Graffeo <[Ufoseek@aol.com](mailto:Ufoseek@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 10:45:05 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 11:40:26 -0400  
Subject: Foreign UFO Theorists Supported - US Repressed

Source: The Boston Globe

<http://www.boston.com>  
:80/dailyglobe2/142/focus/UFO\_theorists\_gain\_support\_abroad\_but\_repression\_at\_home+.shtml

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UFO theorists gain support abroad, but repression at home

Study by French officials, routine unexplained sightings, US military safety aspects combine to boost believers

By Leslie Kean, 5/21/2000

Last month's release of the first detailed satellite images of Area 51, the top-secret US Air Force test site in Nevada, prompted a Web site meltdown as people from across the nation logged on in search of clues about unidentified flying objects.

"The interest has been really phenomenal," said David Mountain, marketing director for Aerial Images Inc., which posted the high-resolution photographs of Area 51 on the Internet.

But those hoping to see signs that captured UFOs are stored at the site (as some aficionados have suggested) were destined to be disappointed. Most of Area 51's operations occur underground, making photos meaningless.

Anyone looking for fresh information on UFOs would have better luck trying a new, but less publicized, source: a study by the French military, just translated into an approved English edition.

High-level officials - including retired generals from the French Institute of Higher Studies for National Defense, a government-financed strategic planning agency - recently took a giant step in openly challenging skepticism about UFOs.

In a report based on a three-year study, they concluded that "numerous manifestations observed by reliable witnesses could be the work of craft of extraterrestrial origin" and that, in fact, the best explanation is "the extraterrestrial hypothesis." Although not categorically proven, "strong presumptions exist in its favor and if it is correct, it is loaded with significant consequences."

The French group reached that conclusion after examining nearly 500 international aeronautical sightings and radar/

visual cases, and previously undisclosed pilots' reports. They drew on data from official sources, government authorities, and the air forces of other countries. The findings are contained in a 90-page report titled "UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For?"

"The number of sightings, which are completely unexplained despite the abundance and quality of data from them, is growing throughout the world," the team declared.

The authors note that about 5 percent of sightings on which there is solid documentation cannot be easily attributed to earthly sources, such as secret military exercises. This 5 percent seem "to be completely unknown flying machines with exceptional performances that are guided by a natural or artificial intelligence," they say. Science has developed plausible models for travel from another solar system and for technology that could be used to propel the vehicles, the report points out.

It assures readers that UFOs have demonstrated no hostile acts, "although intimidation maneuvers have been confirmed."

Given the widespread skepticism about UFOs, many will quickly dismiss the generals' "extraterrestrial hypothesis." But it is less easy to do so once the authors' credentials are considered. The study's originators are four-star General Bernard Norlain, former commander of the French Tactical Air Force and military counselor to the prime minister; General Denis Letty, an air force fighter pilot; and Andre Lebeau, former head of the National Center for Space Studies, the French equivalent of NASA.

They formed a 12-member "Committee for In-depth Studies," abbreviated as COMETA, which authored the report. Other contributors included a three-star admiral, the national chief of police, and the head of a government agency studying the subject, as well as scientists and weapons engineers.

Not only does the group stand by its findings, it is urging international action. The writers recommend that France establish "sectorial cooperation agreements with interested European and foreign countries" on the matter of UFOs. They suggest that the European Union undertake diplomatic action with the United States "exerting useful pressure to clarify this crucial issue which must fall within the scope of political and strategic alliances."

Why might the United States be interested - albeit, privately - in a subject often met with ridicule, or considered the domain of the irrational?

For one thing, declassified US government documents show that unexplained objects with extraordinary technical capabilities pose challenges to military activity around the globe. For example, US fighter jets have attempted to pursue UFOs, according to North American Aerospace Defense Command logs and Air Force documents. Iranian and Peruvian air force planes attempted to shoot down unidentified craft in 1976 and 1980. Belgium F-16s armed with missiles pursued a UFO in 1990.

Further, the French report says that there have been "visits above secret installations and missile bases" and "military aircraft shadowed" in the United States.

Edgar Mitchell, the Apollo 14 astronaut who was the sixth man to walk on the moon, is one of many supporters of international cooperation on UFOs. Of the French report, he says, "It's significant that individuals of some standing in the government, military, and intelligence community in France came forth with this."

Mitchell, who holds a doctorate from MIT in aeronautics and astronautics, is convinced "at a confidence level above 90 percent, that there is reality to all of this." He says, "People have been digging through the files and investigating for years now. The files are quite convincing. The only thing that's lacking is the official stamp."

Mitchell joins five-star Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, the former head of the British Ministry of Defense, in calling for congressional fact-finding hearings into the UFO question.

Although Congress seems disinclined to pursue the matter, the public's interest in UFOs is undiminished. A ballot initiative underway in Missouri, certified by the secretary of state in March, urges Congress to convene hearings. The initiative states that "the Federal Government's handling of the UFO issue has contributed to the public cynicism toward, and general mistrust of, government."

US Naval Reserve Commander Willard H. Miller has long been communicating this same concern to high level federal officials. With over 30 years in Navy and joint interagency operations with the Defense Department, Miller has participated in a series of previously undisclosed briefings for Pentagon brass about military policy regarding UFOs.

Like many, Miller says he worries that the military's lack of preparation for encounters with unexplained craft could provoke dangerous confrontation when, and if, such an encounter occurs; "precipitous military decisions," he warns, "may lead to unnecessary confusion, misapplication of forces, or possible catastrophic consequences."

And he says he is not alone in his concerns. "There are those in high places in the government who share a growing interest in this subject," Miller reports.

If the US military is concerned about UFOs, it is not saying so publicly. Indeed, the French report chastises the United States for what it calls an "impressive repressive arsenal" on the subject, including a policy of disinformation and military regulations prohibiting public disclosure of UFO sightings.

Air Force Regulation 200-2, "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting," for example, prohibits the release to the public and the media of any data about "those objects which are not explainable." An even more restrictive procedure is outlined in the Joint Army Navy Air Force Publication 146, which threatens to prosecute anyone under its jurisdiction - including pilots, civilian agencies, merchant marine captains, and even some fishing vessels - for disclosing reports of sightings relevant to US security.

Although researchers have been able to obtain some information through the Freedom of Information Act, many UFO documents remain classified.

In earlier decades, issues that remain pertinent today were openly discussed. In 1960, for example, US Representative Leonard G. Wolf of Iowa entered an "urgent warning" from R.E. Hillenkoetter, a former CIA director and Navy vice admiral, into the Congressional Record that "certain dangers are linked with unidentified flying objects." Wolf cited General L.M. Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Service, warning that "If we persist in refusing to recognize the existence of the UFOs, we will end up, one fine day, by mistaking them for the guided missiles of an enemy - and the worst will be upon us."

These concerns were taken seriously enough to be incorporated into the 1971 US-Soviet "Agreement on Measures to Reduce the Outbreak of Nuclear War."

The French report may open the door for nations to be more forthcoming once again. Chile, for example, is openly addressing its own concerns about air safety and UFOs. The now retired chief of the Chilean Air Force has formed a committee with civil aviation specialists to study recent near-collisions of UFOs and civilian airliners.

As the international conversation about UFOs unfolds, sightings continue, as they have for decades. Perhaps the most notable recent USSighting took place in March 1997. Hundreds of people across Arizona reported seeing huge triangular objects, hovering silently in the night sky - a sighting that, as the state's US Senator John McCain noted recently, has "never been fully explained."

As recently as Jan. 5, four policemen at different locations in St. Claire County, Illinois, witnessed a huge, brightly lighted, triangular craft flying and hovering at 1,000 feet. One officer reported witnessing extreme rapid motion by the craft that cannot be explained in conventional terms. Nearby Scott Air Force base and the Federal Aviation Administration purport to know nothing.

The Defense Department maintains it can find no information acknowledging the existence of the triangular objects. In response to a suit by curious Arizonans, it provided details of its search to US District Court Judge Stephen M. McNamee of Phoenix. On March 30, McNamee concluded that "a reasonable



search was conducted" even though no information was obtained, and he dismissed the case.

There is one government agency in the country that has taken steps to prepare for a UFO encounter. The Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control, second edition - used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and taught at the seven universities offering degrees in fire science - warns of "UFO hazards," such as electrical fields that cause blackouts, force fields, and physiological effects.

"Do not stand under a UFO that is hovering at low altitudes," the book warns. "Do not touch or attempt to touch a UFO that has landed."

The text leaves little room for skepticism. John E. Mack, professor of psychiatry at Harvard University and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, stopped being skeptical a long time ago.

"No culture from the beginning of time, no culture from anywhere on the planet, has ever voided the idea of all other intelligent life other than ourselves," he told a UFO conference at the New York Hall of Science two weeks ago. "That's arrogance."

Leslie Kean is a freelance journalist in the San Francisco Bay area.

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## Re: Ohio UFO report - 5-5-2000

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 11:00:11 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 14:07:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ohio UFO report - 5-5-2000

>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 23:47:50 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Ohio UFO report - 5-5-2000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 12:13:34 -0400  
>>From: Kenny Young <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
>>Subject: Ohio UFO report - 3-5-2000  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>On Tuesday, May 9, 2000, an E-mail message informing of a May 5  
>>UFO sighting in Hamilton County, Ohio was received.

<snip>

>You have pointed out that there could have been a blimp in the  
>area Internally lighted advertising blimps have caused a number  
>of UFO sightings and videos since the early 1990.

>Check:

>[www.lightships.com](http://www.lightships.com)

>for examples of such blimps. They can look very weird at night!

I have seen 2 or 3 of them in recent months. One seen at midnite  
was spectacular, and I expected to hear UFO reports since  
thousands must have seen it.

Apparently, everyone shrugged it off, and rightly so. I have to  
wonder what would have happened if the same blimp were to test  
its lights while crossing over some place out in the sticks, in  
transit between engagements. It certainly caught my attention.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Non-UFO Question

From: **Jean-Luc Rivera** <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 17:54:57 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:13:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 20:21:45 +0100  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 13:05:38 +0000  
>>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>Subject: Non-UFO Question  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Dear All,

>>This is a non-UFO question. Does anyone know how I might find  
>>out who was the head of Disney in the early to mid 1980's ? If  
>>you do know, could you contact me direct at:

>>[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

>Can anyone tell me how I can get other people to do all my  
>research for me without paying them anything?

Hi John and list members,

Maybe you could ask Philip Mantle for some expert advice:-))))))

Best,

Jean-Luc Rivera

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## 2 Million Download SETI Screen Saver

From: **Steven L. Wilson** <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 17:59:50 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:16:05 -0400  
Subject: 2 Million Download SETI Screen Saver

2 million download SETI screen saver

May 18, 2000  
Web posted at: 5:44 p.m. EDT (2144 GMT)

More than 2 million home computers have been enlisted in a search for extraterrestrial intelligence, using a screen saving program that crunches astronomical data from the Internet, according to organizers of the undertaking.

Celebrating the first anniversary of the project on Thursday, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) organization called the it "the largest distributed computing experiment ever."

The innovative application uses spare computer power of personal computers to analyze scientific data from the radio telescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Participants have logged 280,000 years worth of computing time, said the Planetary Society, which co-sponsors the SETI@home project with the University of California, Berkeley.

Should a SETI@home computer ever detect an alien signal, its user will "merit a place in the history books as one of the humans who opened the door to an incredible new view of the cosmos," the society said.

Those wanting to join in the search should go to one of the following Web sites:

<http://planetary.org> or <http://setiathome.berkeley.edu>

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 01:42:28 +0200  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:26:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 00:23:33 -0400  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:03:28 -0400

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>No bending

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>None

>>And, I think we shouldn't underestimate the possibilities for  
>>the Trents to make a hoax. Even though they were (seemingly)  
>>"simple peasants", they were surely clever enough to do this!

>Not likely they would think of such a thing... not part of  
>their normal daily routine or activities. Even if they did  
>think of it they were too occupied with other activities to do it.

Bruce & List:

Referring to the following URLs:

1. <http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/500511.htm>
2. <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m14-014.shtml>  
(one of my prior emails, dated 14 May; I did measure the relative locations/positions of some of the bush/tree "branches" of the tree/bush as seen at the house to the left on the two photos, and I found no indications of any wind gusts from the saucer had exposed these branches; they were in the same horizontal/vertical positions when the object shows it's bottom towards the camera.)

My conclusions based upon all of the emails in this thread by

now, is therefore that:

1(a). The object is a "model saucer" suspended from a thin, but relatively long, strong, steel string (thin enough to not being seen on the photos), attached to the object's superstructure/antenna - being close to the photographer - and it IS a hoax.

1(b). The object is a "model saucer" thrown into the air - two times after each other (of course, they could have practiced many times before taking the two photos) - and without any rotation (you don't need to throw it like a frisbee) - by a person standing behind the house to the left (or even standing at a higher point, throwing/dropping it down) - and it IS a hoax. (The camera's shutter speed could be held relatively high; @ 1/250?).

3. The object is a real aircraft (most likely experimental), civilian or military, american or foreign, piloted on-board, or remotely piloted (maybe the explanation for the off-centered "antenna"?) - and it's NOT a hoax. (Though a military/civilian - apparently - noiseless, disc shaped aircraft from 1950 seems "highly unlikely" - even experimental.)

4. The object is a real UFO (remotely piloted or not.....) - and it's NOT a hoax.

These 4 possible explanations are ranked according to my personal, subjective judgement. (Explanation no. 4 should have about the same occurrence probability as a person being bitten by a small meteorite or some space junk, I believe, or maybe 10, 100 or more times less than that....)

Regards,

Asgeir

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John,

Why, questions like who was head of Disney are the smaller  
research trifles when you consider the bigger question of a book  
about AA. :)

What I want to know is how difficult is it to email or call  
Disney public affairs (or the whatever they call it) and ask  
them?

Cheers,

Robert

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However, the "better the pictures", that is, the lower the  
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If no evidence of fakery is found, then one can still ask "How  
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To intentionally pick a very fine thread might not take much  
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background would take some "thinking ahead" ("They are going  
to examine these photos carefully for a thread so I'd better  
take a precaution to be sure it can't be detected..... aha...  
I'll pick a color that matches the background.")

In the Trent case there is no evidence of a thread (despite  
Sheaffer's suggestion that a film flaw in one photo is a "tangle  
of threads"). There is no evidence of bending or sagging of the  
wire. All this means is that it could be a very lightweight  
something that was suspended. The different orientations of the  
object and the different sighting lines mean that it wasn't a  
"zero level" hoax... "take a pie pan and hang it from a  
string and take two photos and say it flew away before you got  
another photo" There was some "thought" in this hoax... "I'll  
take pictures from different directions and hope that the people  
who look at the photos think that the object moved."

Or... slide the suspension along the wire and then take the  
picture from two directions.... this will synthesize motion of  
the object (cleverer than two photos from a single direction but



not as clever as simply sliding it between photos and taking both photos from the same location... why not as clever, you ask? Because now you have to explain why you moved as you did; In the Trent case he has to explain why he backed up rather than running forward... added complexity for the hoax)

I guess the point is that the technical analysis determines the technical difficulty of the photos.

Then one must analyze the people to determine whether or not they might have such ability (and equipment, time, money if necessary and desire to carry this off: create photos and a story and maintain consistency through days, weeks, months, YEARS... of questioning))

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>Trents as a form of support for his technical analysis out of  
>place.

It is not out of place to make a comment about ability. I can offer my opinion on (a) the technical difficulty and, after talking with one of the witnesses many more hours than most interviewers over many years, I can certainly offer my opinion on (b) whether these people could have met the technical difficulties... or would have had the equipment, time, ability, etc. to produce such a fake. This isn't the same as making an observation about "intent". However, I can certainly offer my opinion on whether or not it seems likely that they would have had a "desire" to fake photos for some reason.

>Also, as our debate on the Gulf Breeze photos revealed, Bruce  
>has made his determinations based on what he thinks the subjects  
>are NOT capable of rather than what they MIGHT be capable of but  
>keep to themselves. There is nothing wrong with this approach as  
>long as any investigator admits the possibility of fraud;  
>something that Bruce feels doesn't exist with a certainty that  
>can't be supported by any provable fact.

Nor can the fakery of the Trents be supported with any fact... And, all the circumstantial evidence points against it. In fact, the only argument for a hoax is "flying saucers don't exist... there is no evidence that they exist.... therefore the Trents faked their pictures"

As for the Gulf Breeze photos, without trying to branch off into a large dispute over them, let me just say that there were a number for which the technical difficulty exceeded that of most photographers (and when it came to the stereo photos perhaps it exceeded the knowledge or all photographers... simply because they had never thought about faking such photos... at least you couldn't read about stereo faking in a book)

>And finally, like the Gulf Breeze photos, there is a sense that  
>Bruce feels the subject is "too dumb" to promote or perform a  
>hoax because of the unnecessarily high sophistication of  
>technique Bruce feels is required to create the photo in  
t>question. I saw nothing in the Gulf Breeze photos that could not  
>be created with off the shelf Polaroid equipment and applied  
>common sense.

The stereo photos required "uncommon sense" and certain others required technical ability you might find in Hollywood.

> Likewise, I see no reason why the disk in the Trent photos  
>should be more than a hubcap or the such lobbed in the air for  
>the shot.

If this is true, then you don't understand the analysis presented by Hartmann in the Condon Report, nor do you understand what I have written.

>Of course, without even knowing the Trents, I'll concede that it  
>could be real. Likewise, without knowing the Trents, my common  
>sense tells me that any idiot could throw a hubcap or milk can  
>lid in the air and get the same results. Why raise the level of  
>difficulty artificially? As I've said before, it doesn't have to  
>be complicated to look believable. But it does have to appear  
>complicated if you want the subject to appear dim witted by  
>comparison.

Not artificially raising the difficulty. The difficulty is real. Go

ahead, Try it. I'm assuming you consider yourself "above" being just "any idiot". Remember, there is more to creating a UFO sighting than just throwing a pie pan into the air. and taking a picture.

As for dimwitted... In the Trent case it isn't the photo difficulty that makes them seem "dimwitted..."

>I see no need for this.

>Let the imagery stand or fall on its own merits without making  
>assumptions about the abilities or intentions of the subjects.  
>After all, if the imagery can't be proved one way or the other  
>with hands-on technical analysis, then anecdotal stories about  
>the subjects' intentions prove even less.

Well, if you read about the analysis of the distance estimate based on the photometric analysis of the brightness of the bottom of the object, then you will see where a key "difficulty" or "luck" comes into play. But if the photos prove nothing (because no evidence of a hoax is found) this does NOT mean that the "anecdotal stories" are worthless... which seems to be your suggestion in this paragraph. Had they not taken photos their story of the sighting would still be interesting... but of course, it would then be just one of zillions. It is the photos which are clear enough to be either or hoax or the real thing... no halfway point... which make this case stand high above others.

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From: Gordon German <[gordon.german@scientist.com](mailto:gordon.german@scientist.com)>  
Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 21:57:12 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:46:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 03:51:23 -0400 (EDT)  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 08:00:08 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 22:59:18 +0200  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 18:52:07 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>And, I think we shouldn't underestimate the possibilities for  
>>the Trents to make a hoax. Even though they were (seemingly)  
>>"simple peasants", they were surely clever enough to do this

>No, not by a long shot. They would have had to be  
>extraordinarily lucky.

>Careful analysis over three decades has revealed a number of  
>subtle details in these photos that you just can't reproduce in  
>any straightforward hoax hypothesis. And that's a point that  
>skepti-bunkers seem to deliberately ignore.

I've had some professional experience in image analysis, although usually from satellite or aerial sources, so I wouldn't claim to be an expert in this sort of photography. Still, I've downloaded the Condon Report photos and even with a just a cursory glance, a couple of things don't seem quite right. Maybe those who have had a chance to view the originals (or negatives, or have access to better versions etc) could clear this up for me:

1. I can't see how one can 'triangulate' the distance to the object. These are not stereoscopic photos and the object has moved significantly between shots. To estimate the distance, one has to make an assumption on the object's velocity, or vice-versa. A computer analysis could give you an estimated depth/pixel-density correlation, but again, you have to make assumptions on the reflective index etc of the object. In short, I can't see how anyone can make a judgement on the distance/size without first assuming what it is.

2. Even with such assumptions, I can't get any triangulation that would account for both the movement of the object and the displacement of the pole near the shed in the lower left corner. Something seems fishy.....

I'm reminded of a prank we played on our neighbours when I was quite small and wonder if this is not a more obvious explanation. If I recall correctly, someone mentioned earlier that the Trents' had claimed to have seen UFOs before, but no one believed them. Surely that would set them up as the perfect target for a couple of local lads trying to amuse themselves. This would explain why the Trents' seemed so sincere - they were!

Regards,

Gordon German

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Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 09:36:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 20:21:45 +0100  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 13:05:38 +0000  
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Dear John,

Very amusing I'm sure. It was so funny I laughed so much I nearly had another heart attack. If I could stay out of hospital long enough to spend a few days in my local reference library I wouldn't have to ask the people on UFO UpDates for assistance, but I'm afraid I don't have any option at the moment as I'm in hospital more than I'm at home.

Happy sarcasms.

Philip.

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Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 17:54:57 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
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>Hi John and list members,

>Maybe you could ask Philip Mantle for some expert advice:-))))))

Dear Jean-Luc,

Maybe Rimmer will pay the contributors of his 'magazine'.

Philip.

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Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 09:42:59 -0400  
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>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 00:01:23 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[jmortell@aol.com](mailto:jmortell@aol.com)>  
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<snip>

In a response to Jerome Clark, Jim mentioned:

>PS: Your books are still too freakin' heavy!

I suppose we could begin a discussion of what material should be left out, but that would likely result in more text than the original publications.

Steve

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>evidence of a fake. the higher is raised the "faking bar", i.,e.  
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Sorry, Bruce, but you are wrong. Since I work in special effects  
for a living, I can tell you that the simplest approach usually  
achieves the most believable results.

Take for instance the work of the Lydecker brothers during the  
30's 40's and 50's in Hollywood. They shot all their stuff using  
models out in normal daylight and it looked so real as to be  
undetected to most audiences. In fact, they were once up for  
an Academy Award but were denied because the Academy thought the  
shots the brothers claimed were SFX shots were real! It was the  
ultimate backhanded compliment. Likewise, I am sure you've seen  
their work in countless old movies and was never the wiser. What  
did they do before going to Hollywood? They were just dumb old  
farmers working for their dumb old farmer dad.

Moving on, Bruce wrote:

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<snip>

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Man, you must really think the Trents were stupid! It doesn't take a genius to figure out that the tread (if there was one) would need to be the same color as the sky! (duh!) Likewise, it doesn't take a genius to figure out that a thread wouldn't be necessary at all if the object were simply thrown in the air.

Regarding such, I wrote:

>>Likewise, I see no reason why the disk in the Trent photos  
>>should be more than a hubcap or the such lobbed in the air for  
>>the shot.

To which, Bruce replied:

>If this is true, then you don't understand the analysis  
>presented by Hartmann in the Condon Report, nor do you  
>understand what I have written.

How condescending to suggest that because I don't agree with you that I don't understand you or the Condon Report.

Also, how typical.

Later,

Roger Evans

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>2. <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m14-014.shtml>  
>(one of my prior emails, dated 14 May; I did measure the  
>relative locations/positions of some of the bush/tree "branches"  
>of the tree/bush as seen at the house to the left on the two  
>photos, and I found no indications of any wind gusts from the  
>saucer had exposed these branches; they were in the same  
>horizontal/vertical positions when the object shows it's bottom  
>towards the camera.)

Any wind gust as the object accelerated away would have occurred  
\_after\_ the second photo.

>My conclusions based upon all of the emails in this thread by  
>now, is therefore that:

>1(a). The object is a "model saucer" suspended from a thin, but  
>relatively long, strong, steel string (thin enough to not being  
>seen on the photos), attached to the object's  
>superstructure/antenna - being close to the photographer - and  
>it IS a hoax.

Well, if a hoax and in the morning the supposed steel wire would  
not have been shiny... otherwise would have a sun glint  
somewhere along the wire (much more likely a thread... probably  
white). Still need to explain the excessive brightness of the  
image of the bottom of the object if only about 16 ft away.

>1(b). The object is a "model saucer" thrown into the air - two  
>times after each other (of course, they could have practiced  
>many times before taking the two photos) - and without any  
>rotation (you don't need to throw it like a frisbee) - by a  
>person standing behind the house to the left (or even standing  
>at a higher point, throwing/dropping it down) - and it IS a  
>hoax. (The camera's shutter speed could be held relatively high;  
>@ 1/250?).

Sorry. Camera shutter fixed at 1/50 sec. Hartmann studied this  
aspect carefully and concluded to evidence of rotation.

>3. The object is a real aircraft (most likely experimental),  
>civilian or military, american or foreign, piloted on-board, or  
>remotely piloted (maybe the explanation for the off-centered  
>"antenna"?) - and it's NOT a hoax. (Though a military/civilian  
>- apparently - noiseless, disc shaped aircraft from 1950 seems  
>"highly unlikely" - even experimental.)

Can't imagine what circular Top Secret craft would have been  
near McMinnville at that time.

>4. The object is a \_real\_ UFO (remotely piloted or not.....) -  
>and it's NOT a hoax.  
The only conclusion that does not conflict with other

evidence. :) )

>These 4 possible explanations are ranked according to my  
>personal, subjective judgement. (Explanation no. 4 should have  
>about the same occurrence probability as a person being hitten  
>by a small meteorite or some space junk, I believe, or maybe 10,  
>100 or more times less than that....)

People have been hit!

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:28:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:30:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 21:57:12 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Gordon German <[gordon.german@scientist.com](mailto:gordon.german@scientist.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
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>>Fwd Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 08:00:08 -0400  
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>1. I can't see how one can 'triangulate' the distance to the  
>object. These are not stereoscopic photos and the object has  
>moved significantly between shots. To estimate the distance, one  
>has to make an assumption on the object's velocity, or  
>vice-versa. A computer analysis could give you an estimated  
>depth/pixel-density correlation, but again, you have to make  
>assumptions on the reflective index etc of the object. In short,  
>I can't see how anyone can make a judgement on the distance/size  
>without first assuming what it is.

Distance was not estimated by triangulation. Read Hartmann's  
section of the Condon report or the first paper posted at  
[www.mcmenamings.com](http://www.mcmenamings.com)... Hotel Oregon... scroll down and click on  
Maccabee papers presented at public lecture a week ago.

>I'm reminded of a prank we played on our neighbours when I was  
>quite small and wonder if this is not a more obvious  
>explanation. If I recall correctly, someone mentioned earlier  
>that the Trent's had claimed to have seen UFOs before, but no  
>one believed them. Surely that would set them up as the perfect  
>tere!

Read the second paper posted at the Hotel Oregon site

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:45:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:33:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 08:15:12 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 20:49:01 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:43:47 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Previously, I wrote:

<snip>

>>However, the "better the pictures", that is, the lower the  
>>evidence of a fake. the higher is raised the "faking bar", i,.e.  
>>the technical difficulty of producing the picture.

>Sorry, Bruce, but you are wrong. Since I work in special effects  
>for a living, I can tell you that the simplest approach usually  
>achieves the most believable results.

>Take for instance the work of the Lydecker brothers during the  
>30's 40's and 50's in Hollywood. They shot all their stuff using  
>models out in normal daylight and it looked so real as to be  
>undetectable to most audiences. In fact, they were once up for  
>an Academy Award but were denied because the Academy thought the  
>shots the brothers claimed were SFX shots were real! It was the  
>ultimate backhanded compliment. Likewise, I am sure you've seen  
>their work in countless old movies and was never the wiser. What  
>did they do before going to Hollywood? They were just dumb old  
>farmers working for their dumb old farmer dad.

Yers, but I bet they spent some time "improving" their  
photographic and "simulation" (with models) skills before taing  
on Hollywood. I saw some UFO film by "plain old famers" in West  
Virginia some years ago. I recall one section of film  
photograped at an airfield. A large 40 years ago passenger  
airplane landed in th fields and was immediately followed by a  
flying saucer that came "swinging" into the picture. Unlike the  
Lydecker brothers who "convinced" early movie audiences, this  
film wouldn't make anything but maybe an Ed Wood movie. The  
pendulum motion of the saucer was obvious. IT swung back and  
forth. Also, it was OUTSIDE the fence around the airport and  
much smaller than the fence... yet it was supposedly a large  
saucer following the plane.

>Moving on, Bruce wrote:

>>If no evidence of fakery is found, then one can still ask "How  
>>was it faked in such a way as to produce no evidence of the  
>>fake?" An example of this might be the observation that IF it  
>>was a photo if a model under the wire, then the lack of  
>>detection of a suspension means that the thread was very tiny  
>>and/or color matched to the background.

>>To intentionally pick a very fine thread might not take much  
>>thought. To intentionally pick a thread color matched to the  
>>background \_would\_ take some "thinking ahead" ("They are going

>>to examine these photos carefully for a thread so I'd better  
>>take a precaution to be sure it can't be detected..... aha...  
>>I'll pick a color that matches the background.")

><snip>

>>I guess the point is that the technical analysis determines  
>>the technical difficulty of the photos.>

>Man, you must really think the Trents were stupid!

You got it, man!

>It doesn't  
>take a genius to figure out that the tread (if there was one)  
>would need to be the same color as the sky! (duh!) Likewise, it  
>doesn't take a genius to figure out that a thread wouldn't be  
>necessary at all if the object were simply thrown in the air.

>Regarding such, I wrote:

>>>Likewise, I see no reason why the disk in the Trent photos  
>>>should be more than a hubcap or the such lobbed in the air for  
>>>the shot.

>To which, Bruce replied:

>>If this is true, then you don't understand the analysis  
>>presented by Hartmann in the Condon Report, nor do you  
>>understand what I have written.

>How condescending to suggest that because I don't agree with you  
>that I don't understand you or the Condon Report.

Hartmann offered reasons to reject the rotating (thrown) object hypothesis. You say "I see no reason.." OK, Then, explain why Hartmann's reasons are bas/incorrect/not worth a plugged saucer.

>Also, how typical.

I suppose.

But condescension or lack of same isn't the point. The point is... can anyone come up with solid reasons to believe the pictures are a hoax.

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## Re: Non-UFO Question

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:50:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:45:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 20:06:58 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>John,

>Why, questions like who was head of Disney are the smaller  
>research trifles when you consider the bigger question of a book  
>about AA. :)

>What I want to know is how difficult is it to email or call  
>Disney public affairs (or the whatever they call it) and ask  
>them?

I suppose we can all be critical at some level, but your suggestion isn't as easy as it seems. Disney doesn't appear to have a quickly accessible Corporate email address, per se. They have multiple email locations for various aspects of their business, designed for tourists and customers, but none where historical corporate information is located.

Out of curiosity (just to see how much trouble it would be) I've emailed one of their contacts and posed Philip's question to them to see how they respond. I suspect that the query will be forwarded up the food chain to someone who can reply, but that will likely take a number of days.

To be honest, I don't have a problem with anyone asking questions on the Internet in hopes of getting answers, regardless of the final destination of that information. It happens everyday on thousands of lists, and that's one of the great joys of the Net. On the other hand, information obtained via the Net is often worth exactly what you've paid for it. Even useful information needs to be double checked for accuracy before you place any value in it, but as general guidance it's usually very helpful.

Steve

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 12:06:03 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:47:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 01:42:28 +0200  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:26:05 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

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>relatively long, strong, steel string (thin enough to not being  
>seen on the photos), attached to the object's  
>superstructure/antenna

Asgeir and List:

It might have been nylon fishing line. This is very strong, certainly strong enough for a light weight object. The stuff that I had for my spinning rod in 1958 (believe it or not, I just went up to the attic and found it in my old tackle box) was white or clear nylon. Pretty thin stuff and probably invisible at 20 feet against the sky.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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>relatively long, strong, steel string (thin enough to not being  
>seen on the photos), attached to the object's  
>superstructure/antenna - being close to the photographer - and  
>it IS a hoax.

Suspended from what? If the wires at the top of the photos, then Trent was approximately 15 feet away and the "model" was only 4 inches across. Steel wire was unnecessary and would have shown up on the photos at that distance. I would go for clear nylon fishing line myself.

If Trent was so damn clever and methodical in devising a hoax, as you seem to maintain, then why would he be so stupid as to include the overhead suspension wires in his photos?

The major problems with any model theory remains:

1. The bright shadowed bottom that is "whiter than white", readily explainable by atmospheric haze of a distant object, but requiring some sort of elaborate hoax hypothesis if up close.
2. The difference in size between the two photos that cannot be simply explained as a difference in distance from where the photos were taken. You either need two models or a swinging model. (However, readily explained by a distant object simply moving away.)
3. The elevation angles match exactly with the size difference of a distant object moving away in level flight.
4. The azimuth angles are exactly those of a distant object moving due west.
5. There is no visible rotation between shots, virtually ruling out a single-point suspension model. Two or more-point suspension constrains the angle of swing w.r.t. the wire and what profiles can be seen.
6. The edge-on profile in photo 2 and the bottom-showing profile in photo 1 must be replicated along with everything else.

Now I defy you to get all of these details to occur simultaneously in any straightforward hoax hypothesis. Remember, just getting one or two right isn't enough. You have to get them all right at the same time with a model.

>1(b). The object is a "model saucer" thrown into the air - two  
>times after each other (of course, they could have practiced  
>many times before taking the two photos) - and without any  
>rotation (you don't need to throw it like a frisbee) - by a

>person standing behind the house to the left (or even standing  
>at a higher point, throwing/dropping it down) - and it IS a  
>hoax. (The camera's shutter speed could be held relatively high;  
>@ 1/250?).

1. The camera's shutter speed was fixed -- cheap camera, poor farmer.

2. There is no place to "drop" a model down -- do you think they were surrounded by highrises?

3. However you toss a model, you are going to get some rotation and "flopping" (unless you spin it for stability). The "saucers" are pitched at nearly the same angle and the offset "tower" shows no evidence of large rotation of any sizable rotation (my own measurements indicate the rotation between photos couldn't have been more than +/- 30 degrees -- thus the odds of reproducing this detail by tossing are 1 in 6 at best.)

4. Tossed or dropped, you still have to reproduce all the details mentioned in the suspended model discussion above. Again, just try to do that with a tossed or suspended model! However, everything is consistent and explained very naturally by a distant object moving away to the west.

>3. The object is a real aircraft (most likely experimental),  
>civilian or military, american or foreign, piloted on-board, or  
>remotely piloted (maybe the explanation for the off-centered  
>"antenna"?) - and it's NOT a hoax. (Though a military/civilian  
>- apparently - noiseless, disc shaped aircraft from 1950 seems  
>"highly unlikely" - even experimental.)

Yes -- a military/civilian apparently noiseless disc-shaped aircraft from 1950 seems "highly unlikely." There is zero evidence that such a thing existed.

>4. The object is a real UFO (remotely piloted or not.....) -  
>and it's NOT a hoax.

>These 4 possible explanations are ranked according to my  
>personal, subjective judgement.

That's the problem -- purely subjective and no analysis.

>(Explanation no. 4 should have  
>about the same occurrence probability as a person being hitten  
>by a small meteorite or some space junk, I believe, or maybe 10,  
>100 or more times less than that....)

Pray tell how did you arrive at that statistic?

Now "compute" the odds of Trent getting all the subtle details in the photos just right and also making it agree exactly with the story they told. These odds are truly long, very long.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Ball Lightning Suspected In Mischief

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 14:58:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:56:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning Suspected In Mischief

Thanks to researcher Ron Schaffner for informing of the following report

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Byline: John Switzer  
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Column: Weather

### BALL LIGHTNING SUSPECTED IN KITCHEN MISCHIEF

Earlier this month, while a thunderstorm was hammering Upper Arlington about 4:20 one afternoon, some people saw strange balls of fire floating through the air.

Afterward, Emma McClenaghan called me, wondering whether what she had seen was ball lightning.

"I was sitting in a chair in the family room when I heard thunder," McClenaghan said. "I turned around and in my kitchen I saw the big ball of flame."

After a short while it disappeared. "It took out three phones, the garage door opener and the light in my oven," she said.

"A neighbor behind me saw the ball drifting down Lane Avenue. The woman next door saw one in her house.

"In back of me they had quite of bit of damage" to an awning, doormat and the electrical system.

Those neighbors thought the lightning left the house by way of a dog chain attached to the building and then stripped some bark off a tree.

Other neighbors had problems with their computers after the storm.

The Handy Weather Answer Book says: "Ball lightning is one of nature's most mysterious phenomena. Usually seen during violent thunderstorms, the spheres of glowing light are typically the size of bowling balls or basketballs.

"They can last from a few seconds to many minutes. The spheres can simply vanish into thin air, but can also pass through window glass and screens, leaving burn marks behind.

"Not every scientist is convinced the phenomenon even exists. But there are numerous credible reports of balls of fire floating through the air, often after nearby lightning strikes. They usually do not cause much damage and even seem playful. They have been known to roll down the aisles of airliners or pass through an open window into a startled resident's bedroom."

Ken Reeves, a meteorologist for AccuWeather, said he believes strange things can happen during intense lightning strikes.

Whether the effect is ball lightning or not, he cannot say. "The way the electric impulses can dance or move can give many illusions, one of which is what a number of people refer to as ball lightning," he said.

"I've never seen it myself, but it's hard to doubt the description of those who have seen something."

End of article

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>>Careful analysis over three decades has revealed a number of  
>>subtle details in these photos that you just can't reproduce in  
>>any straightforward hoax hypothesis. And that's a point that  
>>skepti-bunkers seem to deliberately ignore.

>I've had some professional experience in image analysis,  
>although usually from satellite or aerial sources, so I wouldn't  
>claim to be an expert in this sort of photography. Still, I've  
>downloaded the Condon Report photos and even with a just a  
>cursory glance, a couple of things don't seem quite right. Maybe  
>those who have had a chance to view the originals (or negatives,  
>or have access to better versions etc) could clear this up for me:

>1. I can't see how one can 'triangulate' the distance to the  
>object. These are not stereoscopic photos and the object has  
>moved significantly between shots. To estimate the distance, one  
>has to make an assumption on the object's velocity, or  
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>depth/pixel-density correlation, but again, you have to make  
>assumptions on the reflective index etc of the object. In short,  
>I can't see how anyone can make a judgement on the distance/size  
>without first assuming what it is.

You're quite right. One can't 'triangulate' the distance of a moving object without knowing the speed. Hartmann in the Condon report simply tried to distinguish between whether the object was close (i.e., a model) or far away (i.e. real and extraordinary). He came to the conclusion that the object was distant based on a photometric analysis of the shadowed bottom of the 'saucer' in photo 1. It was too bright for a model up close ("whiter than white"). Hartmann set up a photometric scaling system using measured luminance values of objects of known distance in the photos. Hartmann (and others after him) attributed the bright bottom to atmospheric haze or light scatter of an object in the distance.

Now as to precise distance, the photometric analysis can't do that without precise knowledge of reflective index of everything in the photos, but it can get you in the ballpark of where the object would have been. The object was distant -- a quarter mile to a mile. It wasn't a model. That's the main point.

Other details in the photos also support the distant object hypothesis. First, there is the precise match of the size difference to the shift in elevation angles (corresponds to a distant object moving away in level flight). The azimuth shift is that of a distant object flying due west. There is no visible rotation of the object (almost rules out a tossed model). And, of course, there is no hint of a thread in the photos despite

being subjected to very careful computer analysis.

I might also add that the Trent's story matches up exactly with what is seen in the photos. Trying to get all the details to match with a tossed model or a model suspended from a thread seems close to impossible.

>2. Even with such assumptions, I can't get any triangulation  
>that would account for both the movement of the object \_and\_ the  
>displacement of the pole near the shed in the lower left corner.  
>Something seems fishy.....

The pole sat beyond the garage at the left at out near the road (which was 100 feet from the garage). The movement of the pole is a simple parallax shift caused by Trent moving to his right about 5 feet to take the second photo. (Please also note that the camera wasn't at exactly the same height in the two photos, which causes a small vertical parallax shift as well.)

The movement of any distant object would be completely independent of the shift of the pole. I guess I don't see what the problem is here.

>I'm reminded of a prank we played on our neighbours when I was  
>quite small and wonder if this is not a more obvious  
>explanation. If I recall correctly, someone mentioned earlier  
>that the Trents' had claimed to have seen UFOs before, but no  
>one believed them. Surely that would set them up as the perfect  
>target for a couple of local lads trying to amuse themselves.  
>This would explain why the Trents' seemed so sincere - they  
>were!

But how would the local lads silently suspend a large object in the air and completely out in the open for a minute or so?

David Rudiak

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Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 17:39:08 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 20:06:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 09:57:51 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 20:21:45 +0100  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 13:05:38 +0000  
>>>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>>Subject: Non-UFO Question  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Dear All,

>>>This is a non-UFO question. Does anyone know how I might find  
>>>out who was the head of Disney in the early to mid 1980's ? If  
>>>you do know, could you contact me direct at:

>>>[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)

>>Can anyone tell me how I can get other people to do all my  
>>research for me without paying them anything?

>Dear John,

>Very amusing I'm sure. It was so funny I laughed so much I  
>nearly had another heart attack. If I could stay out of hospital  
>long enough to spend a few days in my local reference library I  
>>wouldn't have to ask the people on UFO UpDates for assistance,  
>but I'm afraid I don't have any option at the moment as I'm in  
>hospital more than I'm at home.

>Happy sarcasms.

>Philip.

Dear Phil, EBK, Tail-twisters and other organisms,

First, asking for help is something all of us can do with impunity here, and that, because it is my perception of what UpDates is all about. That some folks believe themselves ill-used in being asked makes them wrong, not you. This is my opinion.

Second, personally, those of us who have been unwell for a while, and that's me in spades, do understand. Some days, it is all one may do to sit down at the computer and type a word. So, prayers and good wishes to you in your recovery.

Third, when I've asked for help here, I usually got a response. But never an answer. Interesting. It may be that there are no answers. Or the answers to the questions raised by the UFO conundrum, are not available to us. The reason for this lacking, may be too terrible to think about. Maybe it is all just some gigantic hallucination. I don't think so, especially with the vivid memories which I harbor within me. But it is possible. And

being one of the possibilities, it makes me cringe. Being fooled is not one of my favorite things, even being fooled by the Big Guy. I am almost used to being fooled by the political system, the military and such, but Him? Woof! Makes you wanna toss your lunch. Holler New York.

Also terribly interesting, if not revealing, is the response proffered is usually a repeat of something in one of the respondents' published materials. Chances are we all read the damned book. No need to go over the drivel yet again.

But wait, there's more! Morty is writin' a book! Well, what have we here? More BS? More lies and opinions and no facts? Yup. Mia culpa. There is a difference, however. One speaks one's own truth and demands that it not necessarily be the readers'. Just keep an open mind. Shoot, is that asking too much? Or is it?

And so, the only thing one has left is his or her sense of humor. In my case, it's Gripple. Wouldn't it be really funny if say, our government came out and said, "Hey folks, it's just a joke, see? And you Dopeys' bought it. Hah! What a buncha Maroons!"

Last, if yous is gonna write me, do it On List not off. Ain't nuttin wrong wit showin the world you have something to say. Especially if you are one of us ... the dreaded "A" word ... the Abductee.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Filer's Files #20 -- 2000

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### FLYING TRIANGLE REPORTS INCREASE

UFO reports in the US were low with less than 200 in April compared to 400 last November. However, Flying Triangle reports have increased inferring these may not be of extraterrestrial origin. It is possible that UFOs are maintaining a low profile while our Sun continues its heavy solar storm activity. The on going May solar display is the most magnificent in recent memory and a new sunspot record occurred on May 18, 2000, with 342 sun spots.

This number is over double NASA's prediction of 150 for this solar cycle named "Cycle 23." This activity is far beyond normal cyclical upswings and may be cause for concern since tremendous amounts of energy and radiation smash into the Earth's magnetic field. Our weather may be effected and strong radiation could create communication and other problems. Large flares and CMEs are expected that could shift ocean currents and the jet streams effecting our weather patterns. The US East coast has already had record setting high temperatures followed by unusually heavy rains. These bursts of energy can be seen in spectacular displays of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). NASA's ACE spacecraft recorded an increase in the solar wind velocity that peaked on May 18th. Heavy sun spot activity is generally followed by Solar Flares. NOAA Space Environment Center forecasters estimate an 80% probability of M-class solar flares and a 10% chance of a powerful X-class flare in the near future.

### FRENCH UFO STUDY IN BOSTON GLOBE

Sunday's Boston Globe Newspaper, May 21, 2000, printed an article on UFOs entitled: "UFO Theorists Gain Support Abroad, But Repression at Home". "High-level officials - including retired generals from the French Institute of Higher Studies for National Defense, a government-financed strategy planning agency - recently took a giant step in openly challenging skeptics about UFOs." "In a report based on a three-year study, they concluded that 'numerous manifestations observed by reliable witnesses could be the work of craft of extraterrestrial origin' and that, in fact, the best explanation is 'the extraterrestrial hypothesis.'" "The findings are contained in a 90-page report titled 'UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For?'" "The study's originators are four-star General Bernard Norlain, former commander of the French Tactical Air Force and military counselor to the prime minister; General Denis Letty, an air force fighter pilot; and Andre Labia, former head of the National Center for Space Studies, the French equivalent of NASA." "Mitchell joins five-star Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, the former head of the British Ministry of Defense, in calling for congressional fact-finding hearings into the UFO question." The Joint Army Navy Air Force Publication 146 threatens to prosecute anyone under its jurisdiction - including pilots, civilian agencies, merchant marine captains, and even some fishing vessels - for disclosing reports of sightings relevant to the

US. See the full article at:

[http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/142/focus/UFO\\_theorists\\_gain\\_support\\_abroad\\_but\\_repression\\_at\\_home+](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/142/focus/UFO_theorists_gain_support_abroad_but_repression_at_home+).

#### DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO)

Using Existing Technology MUFON's John Schuessler writes, "For the past fifty years, civilian UFO organizations have been collecting, categorizing and archiving UFO reports. By using proper investigative techniques they have amassed an incredible amount of information. A major portion of this database is drawn from eyewitness testimony, supplemented by films, videotapes, and electronic signal detection. The various US Government projects Grudge, Blue Book, et al. used the same techniques. As a result, political and scientific entities have casually dismissed the evidence as inconsequential. All the while, various agencies of the US government and other countries were using all sorts of advanced technologies for Cold War purposes. Few of these advanced technologies were used to address the UFO issue. The purpose of this paper is to urge responsible governmental organizations to reassess their position and to allow all available technologies to be used to eliminate the UFO mystery. See:

[http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins632/reports/is\\_detect\\_ident\\_ufos.htm](http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins632/reports/is_detect_ident_ufos.htm)

and

[http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary\\_Of\\_The\\_Birds.htm](http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary_Of_The_Birds.htm)

for updates and reports.

#### NEW JERSEY FLYING TRIANGLES SIGHTED NEAR OCEAN

UNION BEACH -- I was at Union Beach at about 7:00 PM in full daylight on May 14, 2000. We were walking along, and my dad thought he saw a "kite" but later we realized that it was a UFO. It was a triangle shaped object heading toward the Raritan Bay just south of New York City on a slant that looked like this "/". It soon disappeared into the atmosphere and was gone. About 30 seconds after that I noticed three very small white dots, they were lined up in a triangle. It was very strange because it was like everything you see on TV. But it happens to you!

TUCKERTON - On May 14, at 9:25 PM a triangle shaped object flew very slow and low over the Garden State Parkway at mile marker 56. I looked out my driver's side window and saw what I thought was a plane coming over the tree line. It was triangle shaped UFO and had red lights under it with a green glow to it. It was not more than 100 feet above the road and going slow with no noise or vibration at all. I slowed to about 40 miles an hour and watched it take off to our right. We then noticed a red/pinkish circle in the distance that the first object was heading towards now at a very high speed. The triangle object seemed to disappear as soon as it got to the circle object, because we did not see it anymore. Then the circle object shot across the sky heading west to east at a blinding rate of speed and could barely be seen. It then headed back towards the west and disappeared.

STAFFORD FORGE - Another witness reports, "A triangle craft was going across the Parkway very low, and slow at 9:25 PM on May 14, 2000. There was no noise. It had non-blinking red lights underneath with a yellow/green glow to the rest of it. The triangle speeded up heading for a hovering red circle like object in the distance. The triangle then seemed to disappear into the red object. The red circular object then shot across the sky back to where we first saw the triangle. It then flew almost out of sight and within seconds back again to where we were. The police were contacted but said they had no reports from other people. Editors Note: Tuckerton and Stafford Forge are only five miles apart; apparently, two separate sets of witnesses noticed the craft. Union Beach is sixty miles to the north also near the coast. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director of the National UFO Reporting Center, [www.UFOcenter.com](http://www.UFOcenter.com).

#### BILL BEAN POSSIBLE IMPLANTS?

A possible implant found in Bill Bean was recently analyzed by Derrel Simms and his colleagues. The chip after being opened appears to display integrated circuitry. In their opinion, the

chip is a device for thought manipulation and serves as a monitoring device that would let the Government know when UFOs and ETs were in proximity of the implanted individual. If you would like to see a photo of the implant, go to [www.alienhunter.com](http://www.alienhunter.com). Thanks to Bill Bean. Editor's Note: Bill Bean regularly takes amazing videos of UFOs in the Baltimore, Maryland area.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA SPHERE

GILBERT COUNTY -- Josh Matthews reports two witnesses saw a sphere shaped object on May 3, 2000, at 2:30 AM for about seven minutes. I had been walking along one of my grandmother's forest trails along with my girlfriend after a party. As we came upon a graveyard area, I heard a faint whirring sound, like a flute or a whistle of some type. I glanced up and saw a spherical shaped disc that had a band or a disc that surrounded it, and spun around in random patterns. This fairly large spherical shaped object came above our heads, with a band, or a ring surrounding it, that swirled heavily around with several bright colored lights on it. We stood in awe as the object hovered for five minutes, and then whirled away to the north. I believe that it was something not of this world. Thanks to Larry Clark [www.nymufon.org](http://www.nymufon.org) and Josh Matthews [twistedphreek@yahoo.com](mailto:twistedphreek@yahoo.com)

#### FLORIDA LOZENGE SHAPED LIGHT

BRADENTON -- Chip Eggerton writes, "I was talking to a fellow nurse this afternoon, who reports to me that late Friday night May 12, or early Saturday morning, around 1:30 AM she awakened and looked out over an area of wetlands near her subdivision. She saw an absolutely still and silent distinct, orange, capsule or lozenge shaped light hovering. It was seen to fade out and then reappear at least one cycle. She was convinced it was not any conventional craft. It left her feeling 'obsessed' to see it again and she's gotten up several nights since, but has not seen it again. She lives about a mile east of I-75 off State Route 70. Thanks Chip Eggerton REggerton a bunch

#### ILLINOIS FLYING TRIANGLE

EDINBURG -- On May 7, 2000, I observed a triangular object in the eastern night sky at 10:12 PM passing north to south. It was about 100 feet isosceles triangle. There was no noise and the craft appeared to be moving very slowly and very low. I observed the craft for about five minutes.

CHICAGO - False radar images have been popping up on the screens of O'Hare International Airport's air traffic controllers, forcing pilots to take sudden turns unnecessarily, the Chicago Sun Times reported in Sunday's May 21, editions. At least a dozen ghost planes" have been reported during the last few weeks, the newspaper said, citing documents from the Terminal Radar Approach Control Center in Elgin, and interviews with controllers. Controllers said that at least a few times, they have ordered pilots to take sudden turns to avoid what appeared to be planes on their radar, potentially putting passengers at risk. Editor's Note: It's interesting that some ground observers are also reporting UFOs in the general area. While I was in the Air Force, London Control asked us to intercept a UFO. We were able to get a large radar return on our airborne radar and pick up its lights visually. There are unidentified aircraft in our skies causing a traffic safety hazard that should be investigated by the authorities. When we call air traffic centers to confirm the UFO reports they are instructed to deny all radar correlation's even to airborne aircraft. Fortunately, they will direct aircraft out of harms way.

#### MINNESOTA FLYING TRIANGLE

RANDLE - On May 13, 2000, a large dark triangle was observed against the clouds with deep five minutes and then seemed to land east of the highway. I rolled down the windows to listen, but there was no sound. It moved very slowly, and had to be about 1,000 to 2,000 feet in width. Thanks to NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### MISSOURI FLYING TRIANGLE

INDEPENDENCE -- On May 13, 2000, two witnesses observed a dark triangle with about eight landing lights spanning about one-third of the way back of each leading edge at 10:00 PM. They

had the object in sight heading east for eight seconds. It was silent but they could hear a faint aircraft sound far to southwest. Witness #1 is an ex Kansas City Aviation Department employee who has flown small aircraft. The object flew at about stall speed, but the witnesses had no visual reference to determine its altitude or speed. He felt, if they were observing landing lights, he would guess its altitude was 3,000 feet and the object to be about the size of a 707 commercial four engine jet aircraft. Witness #2 has seen stealth bombers in the air many times when he worked at Whiteman Air Force Base. He says, "This the object was not a stealth bomber!" NUFORC note from Peter Davenport: We highlight this case because we spoke at length with the witness, who is quite experienced in the aviation field. He is quite familiar with all types of aircraft, and he reports that the object witnessed was like no aircraft he has ever witnessed before. Editor's Note: Ninety minutes later, a similar craft was sighted over Minnesota.

#### OKLAHOMA HAS TWO UFO SIGHTINGS

YUKON -- S. Ritter a MUFON Field Investigator reports that on May 20, 2000, "My husband and I were walking outside and noticed a yellowish-glowing light moving out of the northwest, angling towards the southeast." We watched it for at least 2 to 3 minutes until it slowly faded out at 9:50 PM as we were observed. We were looking for some kind of navigational lights that planes have, but there were not any. It was as bright as Jupiter and it was a quarter inch long at arm's length. Five minutes later my husband was watching a satellite traveling in a southeast direction when all of a sudden, an unidentified flying object appeared to dart across the path of the satellite at a right angle. The light trail from the object was in a forward motion, not blinking, but emitting forward pulses of light as it traveled in a northerly direction and disappeared. Thanks to S. Ritter of Yukon. Bbbritter

#### CALIFORNIA FLYING TRIANGLE

CARPINTERIA -- On May 8, 2000, I witnessed a black triangular craft fly over our house near the coast three times in the course of about a half an hour starting at 10:00 PM. My father saw it first, and called me outside. After waiting for a couple of minutes, it showed up again, cruising slowly and silently, directly over the house. The object was about five hundred feet high, and I could see its structure. There were lights along the two leading edges, and the back was slightly inverted. I would estimate that the object was about 300 feet across. After we lost sight of it, we waited, and it returned directly over us within five minutes, this time headed in the opposite direction as if it had made a U turn. We waited again, and ten minutes later we saw it make a turn towards Foothill Mountains. It usually flies over from 9:45 to about 10:30 PM on clear nights and comes directly over our house. It seems to want to make contact of some sort. Last year around this time of year, the same thing was happening. My father works for the county of Santa Barbara, and I'm a junior at Carpinteria High School, 16 years old. We'll keep you updated. Thanks to NUFORC  
www.ufocenter .com.

#### CANADA FLYING TRIANGLE

KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- On May 8, 2000, I was sitting at my friend's back porch in Juniper having two cans of beer with my girl friend when we noticed a large triangular object hovering in the mountains about six kilometers away. We called in my buddy and the three of us watched it for about five minutes when it separated into four triangular shaped craft. These craft had a light on each side and a big one in the middle. It appeared they emitted an aura that was darkest at the lights and the brightest around the ship. This aura changed color, when the lights changed color. Then at the same time a really powerful strobe light lit up the mountains for a few seconds. The ships formed into one object, shot up into the sky, and disappeared at 9:05 PM. A similar craft was seen on May 6 at 9:18 PM hovering low over another witness's home with a giant white light in the middle that shown down on the witness. Thanks to NUFORC and Peter Davenport.

FILER'S FILES #19, ABDUCTEES REPORT SIMILAR AILMENTS

MUFON Maryland State Director, Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D., an e-mail commenting on last weeks Filer's Files discussion that many abductees have Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromalgia and similar yuppie type diseases." Robin an abductees reported abductees suffer from several similar ailments that usually involve severe fatigue and pain. Taking magnesium according to England's University of Southampton helps CFS and possibly Epstein Barr. Most of the diseases are relatively new. Admittedly, we have very sketchy evidence to date, but many of the abductee ailments point to weak immune systems that seemed to first develop about 1950, the time of the first UFO waves. We do know that UFO propulsion systems develop massive electromagnetic effects that could cause weaknesses in the human immune system.

Dr. Maccabee writes that from listening to Dr. Gabriel Merkin, a doctor in the Washington, DC area who is on the radio and publishes a monthly newsletter, I have learned that "fibromyalgia" is a complex, medical sounding term for "we don't really know what the problem is." He claims that long term use of antibiotics can sometimes or often cure the problem because it is caused by an infection. Merkin says that there are bacteria that cause known diseases which, however, cannot be cultured. The newly discovered "nanobacteria" could also be involved. Thus, if a test is made there may be no positive result of the attempt at culture and no causative agent discovered. Yet. Long-term use of antibiotics can cure the problem. (Note: he was on the forefront of cure of stomach problems with antibiotics long before the gastroenterologists agreed or "admitted" that a bacterium caused most ulcers.) He claims that some arthritis can be cured by antibiotics. Anyway, he probably would suggest something to take for several months or maybe up to a year. Main point: If this ladies "fibromyalgia" is actually caused by an infection one can raise the question, do some abductees contract illness from contact or close\ association with ET's? And, if so, do ET's contract illnesses from us? Your comment about the immune system is well taken. The "quality" of any persons immune system depends upon his/her state of health, both physically and mentally. It could be that some abductees contract "ET diseases" (or diseases associated with ET contact) because their immune systems happen to be at a low point at the time of contact. Worth looking into! Thanks to Bruce Maccabee [brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com).

Len Kasten writes that the fact that people suffering from these ailments have low magnesium does not necessarily imply that the low magnesium is causing the symptoms. What it does imply is that they are perhaps infected with a microorganism that is magnesium dependent, and that sucks up all the available magnesium in their blood, and thereby puts them into a low magnesium state. It just happens that some of the new emerging viruses are magnesium dependent, according to Dr. Len Horowitz in his book "Emerging Viruses." Under these conditions, to take magnesium supplements is simply to feed these organisms. This situation requires further study. Thanks to Len Kasten [sevstar@gte.net](mailto:sevstar@gte.net)

Robin writes, "God bless you George for including me in your newest file. Maybe the world will hear and maybe there is hope for people who have been ABDUCTED. You George are an angel for us. You are the light at the end of the dark tunnel. Although I am an abductee, I NEVER gives up hope. Hope is what leads to faith and faith to belief. We are justified by Faith and Saved by Grace. God has a plan, you know. I believe no matter what has happened to me that God is in charge. It is what keeps me going from day to day with all the suffering I endure. May God's grace be forever upon you. Thanks to Robin

Richard M. McVannel writes: George, I have just read the item in your Filer's Files #19 from Robin. I too, suffered for nearly a year before I was released by my doctor with Epstein Barr virus associated with mononucleosis (mono). It took nearly three weeks for a diagnosis and in the mean time I looked like a banana, even the whites of my eyes. I was told that the virus is associated with third world countries and was questioned to no end about my contact outside the US and/or people from a third world country. Of course neither of these applied. My wife and I discussed the possibility of abduction and the contact that may have occurred at that time. I am an abductee. I have had abductions since I was a small child, and have conscience recall of the earlier episodes. The abductions I have recall of have

all been friendly, and not the usual type associated with violence. What is so unusual is that it is not very common for one to contract a virus like Epstein Barr. It can attach itself to any number of fatal diseases and I was told I was very lucky that I only had the mono. Therefore, our conclusion is that I contracted the virus during an abduction experience. Further, my wife and I attended the MUFON International Symposium in Grand Rapids that year, and when we returned home it was miserably hot. We turned our ceiling fans on for the night and went to bed. In the morning the fans were off when we awoke. Neither of us had been awake or up in the night and didn't even stir until the alarm went off Monday morning. This is unusual also, since either one or both of us are up during night, every night. About 10 days later, my wife came down with a flu like illness, so I finally took her to the doctor.

What we found out was startling. She had another virus similar to the Epstein Barr, but not as dangerous. What she had could not have been contracted from me, per the doctor. (What she had, only about 1% of the world population has contracted, but is suspected in about 10%) Also at that time they did an ultra sound on her internal organs and everything was normal. This was early August. In November she had a gull bladder attack, followed by a more severe attack the middle of December. The doctors told her that the gull bladder had to be removed before it ruptured. When the gull bladder was removed, it was shriveled and full of stones. Remember now that back in July, this was a normal gull bladder with no stones. The only possibility the doctor could come up with was that she was pregnant, as this only occurs in pregnant women or those that have just given birth. Now, we all know that my wife cannot get pregnant, so what other explanation is there? Our answer is abductions. Needless to say, I was elated to see my thoughts confirmed by someone else, that abductions are involved in these strange illnesses. I would appreciate other reports of this nature and contact by those who have had this experience. I can be reached at e-mail [rcmm@freeway.net](mailto:rcmm@freeway.net). Sincerely, Richard M. McVannel State Director, Michigan Mutual UFO Network, Inc.

#### ITALY UNDER MUSSOLINI STUDIED UFOs

Last week Italian national TV station RAI DUE the show 'I fatti voostri' broad cast a show about UFOs in Italy prior to World War II. On the show were two Italian Ufologists, the editors of the magazine "UFO notizziaro" (UFO messenger). They discussed the connection between Fascist leader Benito Mussolini and UFO's. Back in 1933, Mussolini had gathered together scientists headed by G. Marconi and maybe formed the first worldwide secret organization for exploration of the UFO phenomena. The organization was active from 1933 to 1940 and they gathered many documents and pictures. Ufologists showed two telegrams from 1933, where Mussolini is ordered censorship of UFO data and the releasing of any UFO information. Mussolini especially forbid the spreading of information about a UFO landing near Milano (??). They discussed a remarkable speech Mussolini gave in 1941, before the US became involved in World War II. Italy and joined with Hitler and Germany and wanted to keep the US out of the war. Mussolini said, "The US should care more about attack from an extraterrestrial civilization which could land on Earth in the craft that people have never seen, than about the Axis forces." At that time, that speech had not been understood as a serious one. In the show, the pictures, films and other documents were shown. An Italian fighter plane intercepted an UFO between Ravenna and Rome in August of 1936. There was a multiple UFO sighting of a cigar and two discs over Mestre and Venice. Mussolini gave all the documents to German experts. Thanks to AGETI\_USENET\_OP Dario B. Phaeton [dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr](mailto:dario.bernobic@ri.tel.hr) #interview #ufo TRANSLATED BY: Giuliano Marinkovicc (AGETI\_MASTER) Analytical Group for Extra-Terrestrial Information

#### NORIO HAYAKAWA UPCOMING PEOPLE'S RALLY IN NEVADA

People's Rally will held in Nevada, near AREA 51 (Groom Lake) will take place on Tuesday morning, June 6, 2000, beginning at 6:00 AM right at the restricted boundary line on Groom Lake Road in Lincoln County. Anywhere from 250 to 300 concerned citizens are expected to attend this year's People's Rally at Area 51 in Nevada. The Area 51 People's Rally was started by Norio Hayakawa in 1998 to protest the secrecy around Area 51 and the violation of environmental and other laws, which may have led to the death



of several former workers. Hayakawa has passed on his Area 51 mission to Joerg Arnu the webmaster of "Dreamland Resort".  
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WEEKLY BRIEFING  
A Weekly Summary of Current and Breaking News Stories and Reports  
5.22.00

The ground-breaking French COMETA military report on UFOs finally made it to the mainstream US media this week, with an excellent report in The Boston Globe. (About time, in your editor's humble opinion!) Also, eight more extra-solar planets have been added to the list by astronomers. Such discoveries are now becoming routine. As well, several new chemtrail- related reports, including a link to the Welsbach patent calling for the spraying / seeding of the atmosphere for the reduction of global warming, and a new report from an airline mechanic on strange goings-on at major airports, either or both of which may be at least part of the answer to the chemtrail controversy.

These and other reports below...

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Report on the Second Annual Intruders Foundation UFO Abduction Conference

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## Alien Hypothesis...

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 20:22:14 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 20:29:08 -0400  
Subject: Alien Hypothesis...

Dear EBK, Listers and Tail Twisters

I offer a hypothesis; for the UFO conundrum. Short, relatively harmless and strictly my own. Not being a researcher, in truth, not having spent months pouring thru FOIA boxes, replete with radioactive kaka, book worms and smelly, yellowing (but well blacked out) paper, I have not had the pleasure of doing the grunt research.

There is too much evidence for the existence of UFOs in our atmosphere and outside of it to merely throw aside with a simple swamp gas, planet Venus and weather balloon excuses. Further, there is the evidence of credible witnesses other than myself. Third, there is the evidence within my memory. Lotsa that. There is the evidence of photos, videos et al. Can't forget Al.

OK, on the assumption there are UFOs, and they've been around for quite some time; perhaps eons, then why the secrecy? Maybe Roswell was real. Other landings or crashes also, real. Maybe the Goobers in Goobermint have managed somehow, to keep the world's most exciting and (potentially) wonderful news a secret all these years. Say, for the sake of this hypothesis, such is true. Then why the secrecy? Why the conspiracies to withhold?

Perhaps we have made a deal with the alien beings. If sci-fi is legit in the caveat precluding premature contact and interference with a species, then maybe this is the reason. There are good reasons, other than this, to hold out on the world and it's citizens. Among these are that during the cold war, in 1947, the government decided to keep the secret of alien hardware to itself. This, in the hope of procuring for itself, a giant leap in technology. Perhaps, though, as many say, the technology was too much for us to back engineer, except in the most (to the alien) mundane levels.

And so a deal was struck. Aliens want to play their games of interfering and poking into our genes for whatever purpose(s). They do not want to break to prime directive, at least not to the world's citizenry. We are not ready. Supposedly. And not terribly far advanced to interpret or build the kind of hardware we may have recovered.

So, the answer, to hike up our skirts and make a deal. We get to play with the toys we've "captured." We get the protection of alien species' technology in terms of comets, asteroids and their ilk (note the seeming lack of concern and spending on such projects to keep us safe from such a definite possibility ... "Yee shall not know the hour, nor the day!"), and get to keep the civilization going, such as it is. Aliens get to play with our body fluids and keep their games going, we get to stay away from their bases which personally, I believe to be the moon and perhaps Mars, and do our exploration elsewhere.

A perfect relationship. Just don't let the people know what's goin on.

Jim Mortellaro

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## Re: Non-UFO Question

From: Daniel D. Moroff <[smoothie7@home.com](mailto:smoothie7@home.com)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 20:31:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:01:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:50:52 -0400  
>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 20:06:58 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>John,

>>Why, questions like who was head of Disney are the smaller  
>>research trifles when you consider the bigger question of a book  
>>about AA. :)

>>What I want to know is how difficult is it to email or call  
>>Disney public affairs (or the whatever they call it) and ask  
>>them?

<snip>

>Out of curiosity (just to see how much trouble it would be)  
>I've emailed one of their contacts and posed Philip's question  
>to them to see how they respond. I suspect that the query will  
>be forwarded up the food chain to someone who can reply, but  
>that will likely take a number of days.

<snip>

Steve

I answered this one a few days ago. Perhaps they don't answer  
their phones but they do have a website. You can go to:

[www.disney.com](http://www.disney.com)

I'm certain they have a place to send requests.

Dan

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From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 20:05:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:10:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:45:02 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:33:35 -0400  
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Previously, I wrote the following:

>>Take for instance the work of the Lydecker brothers during the  
>>30's 40's and 50's in Hollywood. They shot all their stuff using  
>>models out in normal daylight and it looked so real as to be  
>>undetectable to most audiences. In fact, they were once up for  
>>an Academy Award but were denied because the Academy thought the  
>>shots the brothers claimed were SFX shots were real! It was the  
>>ultimate backhanded compliment. Likewise, I am sure you've seen  
>>their work in countless old movies and was never the wiser. What  
>>did they do before going to Hollywood? They were just dumb old  
>>farmers working for their dumb old farmer dad.

To which Bruce replied:

>Yers, but I bet they spent some time "improving" their  
>photographic and "simulation" (with models) skills before taing  
>on Hollywood. I saw some UFO film by "plain old famers" in West  
>Virginia some years ago. I recall one section of film  
>photograped at an airfield. A large 40 years ago passenger  
>airplane landed in th fields and was immediately followed by a  
>flying saucer that came "swinging" into the picture. Unlike the  
>Lydecker brothers who "convinced" early movie audiences, this  
>film wouldn't make anything but maybe an Ed Wood movie. The  
>pendulum motion of the saucer was obvious. IT swung back and  
>forth. Also, it was OUTSIDE the fence around the airport and  
>much smaller than the fence... yet it was supposedly a large  
>saucer following the plane.

What has this got to do with anything?

It seems to be your position that because you or people you've  
seen can't produce simple, believable effects that it is,  
therefore, impossible. Is your position regarding your analysis  
so weak that it is imperative that the subjects MUST be idiots?  
And besides, you know very well that faking a shot for motion  
pictures is much harder than faking one for stills. None the  
less, the techniques are simple and straight forward and work  
even better for still shots.

Moving on, I wrote:

>>Man, you must really think the Trents were stupid!

>You got it, man!

What's the deal, Bruce? This is the same angle you used on Ed  
regarding the Gulf Breeze photos. The subject, in your opinion,  
is too simple minded to fool you. Is that about it?

I've asked this question before:

Is it your position that all fraud is detectable and, if not detected, then doesn't exist?

Continuing, Bruce offered:

>Hartmann offered reasons to reject the rotating (thrown) object  
>hypothesis. You say "I see no reason.." OK, Then,  
>explain why Hartmann's reasons are bas/incorrect/not worth  
>a plugged saucer.

First off, The photos are far too soft to determine with any certainty whether rotation was present or not (as if that mattered, anyway). To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

Second, the photos are far too soft to detect a thread, if one was even necessary. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

Third, the object is in a different place from one photo to the next. This makes triangulation and distance estimates impossible. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

Fourth, determining distance by judging luminance levels in a photo is about an inch short of a guess even under the best of circumstances; knowing the reflective values of the object, lighting conditions, etc. Since the object is unavailable, analysis is nothing but a guess. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

Finally, Bruce wrote:

>But condescension or lack of same isn't the point. The point  
>is... can anyone cm up with solid reasons to believe the  
>pictures are a hoax.

Actually, Bruce, the point is just the opposite. I'd LIKE to believe the Trent photos are real. But the evidence presented doesn't convince me one way or the other for reasons that I believe are obvious to the casual observer. Suggesting that the casual observer isn't smart enough to understand you or your conclusions is the very definition of condescension.

Again, I'd like to believe the Trent photos are real; but not at the sacrifice of my own common sense. As far as I'm concerned, there isn't enough data to determine whether or not they are real or fake. But most importantly, and this is the point of this discussion, portraying the Trents as "dumb" doesn't tip the scales in favor of authenticity. It simply makes you look overzealous and defensive about your own analysis.

Later,

Roger

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Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:13:07 -0400  
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>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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>>>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 10:43:31 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

><snip>

Dear Bruce,

I find it amazing that each time we celebrate the anniversary of a classic UFO event, (in this case, the McMinnville photos), this seems to somehow invoke skeptics and debunkers, who will do or say anything in an attempt to discredit what is, to me, one of the best photographic cases ever. I wonder which case will be celebrated next, or more to the point, put on the chopping block, so that the skeptics can take a crack at it!? Please respond.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps  
UFO Eyewitness/Researcher/Historian

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Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 00:53:50 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:15:55 -0400  
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>The point s... can anyone cm up with solid reasons to believe the  
>pictures are a hoax.

Internal inconsistency between the Trent stories and the  
pictures for the following possible reasons:

- 1) A change in shadow angle of about 3 degrees between pictures, suggesting that a morning rising Sun created the shadows. This would call into question the time between pictures (15-20 minutes instead of seconds as claimed), and the evening time for the pictures.
- 2) The change in size of the object was slightly greater than the change in size of the distance between the wires, suggesting the object was at the same distance from the wires, not a distant moving object, although a distant object could have also been coincidentally moving at a speed and direction which would have created this change.

Internal inconsistencies between various versions of the Trent's stories:

- 1) Differences in the stories the Trent's told in 1950 as published in two newspapers.
- 2) Differences in the claimed number of deceased people who had also seen the object during the famous incident but had never revealed this publicly, as recorded during interviews conducted by Bruce Maccabee with Mrs. Trent.

Bob Young

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 02:25:32 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:19:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 12:47:51 -0400 (EDT)  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:54:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 01:42:28 +0200  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:26:05 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Glob

<snip>

>If Trent was so damn clever and methodical in devising a hoax,  
>as you seem to maintain, then why would he be so stupid as to  
>include the overhead suspension wires in his photos?

David, Asgeir, List:

He wouldn't have to have been stupid, since the pictures showed  
no thread. If they had, he wouldn't have told anybody about them.

>The major problems with any model theory remains:

>1. The bright shadowed bottom that is "whiter than white",  
>readily explainable by atmospheric haze of a distant object, but  
>requiring some sort of elaborate hoax hypothesis if up close.

Robert Sheaffer experimentally showed that this could have been  
created by a dirty camera lens. Condon investigator William K.  
Hartmann later agreed with this.

>2. The difference in size between the two photos that cannot be  
>simply explained as a difference in distance from where the  
>photos were taken.

Yes it could when the wires are used as a reference. A possible  
explanation would be the slightly larger size of the model in  
the first picture because of its being closer to the camera,  
being suspended below the wires.

<snip>

>3. The elevation angles match exactly with the size difference  
>of a distant object moving away in level flight.

Or an object which is further away from the camera in the second  
picture?

>5. There is no visible rotation between shots, virtually ruling  
>out a single-point suspension model.

How, if the model wasn't made to spin?

>6. The edge-on profile in photo 2 and the bottom-showing profile  
>in photo 1 must be replicated along with everything else.

Replicated from what?

<snip>

>Now "compute" the odds of Trent getting all the subtle details  
>in the photos just right and also making it agree exactly with  
>the story they told. These odds are truly long, very long.

What if only one detail is shown to be inconsistent with the story told by the witnesses? What if this is a demonstrated time of 15-20 minutes between pictures that were supposed to have been taken within seconds? And what if another detail shows that the picture was taken at another time of day than the witness story? And what if these two details are in fact key objections in the 25-year controversy surrounding these pictures?

What do you think the odds would be that these two incongruous details would not be included on your list?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 01:42:28 +0200  
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><snip>

>>2. <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m14-014.shtml>  
>>(one of my prior emails, dated 14 May; I did measure the  
>>relative locations/positions of some of the bush/tree "branches"  
>>of the tree/bush as seen at the house to the left on the two  
>>photos, and I found no indications of any wind gusts from the  
>>saucer had exposed these branches; they were in the same  
>>horizontal/vertical positions when the object shows it's bottom  
>>towards the camera.)

>Any wind gust as the object accelerated away would have occurred  
>\_after\_ the second photo.

>>My conclusions based upon all of the emails in this thread by  
>>now, is therefore that:

>>1(a). The object is a "model saucer" suspended from a thin, but  
>>relatively long, strong, steel string (thin enough to not being  
>>seen on the photos), attached to the object's  
>>superstructure/antenna - being close to the photographer - and  
>>it IS a hoax.

>Well, if a hoax and in the morning the supposed steel wire would  
>not have been shiny... otherwise would have a sun glint  
>somewhere along the wire (much more likely a thread... probably  
>white). Still need to explain the excessive brightness of the  
>image of the bottom of the object if only about 16 ft away.

>>1(b). The object is a "model saucer" thrown into the air - two  
>>times after each other (of course, they could have practiced  
>>many times before taking the two photos) - and without any  
>>rotation (you don't need to throw it like a frisbee) - by a  
>>person standing behind the house to the left (or even standing  
>>at a higher point, throwing/dropping it down) - and it IS a  
>>hoax. (The camera's shutter speed could be held relatively high;  
>>@ 1/250?).

>Sorry. Camera shutter fixed at 1/50 sec. Hartmann studied this  
>aspect carefully and concluded to evidence of rotation.

>>3. The object is a real aircraft (most likely experimental),  
>>civilian or military, american or foreign, piloted on-board, or  
>>remotely piloted (maybe the explanation for the off-centered  
>>"antenna"?) - and it's NOT a hoax. (Though a military/civilian  
>>- apparently - noiseless, disc shaped aircraft from 1950 seems  
>>"highly unlikely" - even experimental.)

>Can't imagine what circular Top Secret craft would have been



>near McMinnville at that time.

>>4. The object is a \_real\_ UFO (remotely piloted or not.....) -  
>>and it's NOT a hoax.

>The only conclusion that does not conflict with other  
>evidence. :)

>>These 4 possible explanations are ranked according to my  
>>personal, subjective judgement. (Explanation no. 4 should have  
>>about the same occurrence probability as a person being hitten  
>>by a small meteorite or some space junk, I believe, or maybe 10,  
>>100 or more times less than that....)

>People \_have\_ been hit!

Hi Bruce,

I don't know why you bother to argue with these characters when they propose such simple-minded nonsense as explanations. None of what Asgeir offers gells with the known character and intelligence of the witnesses, the post history of the photos [i.e. lack of interest by the Trents], the equipment used to take the photos and the quality of the photos themselves.

As for Roger Evans arguments based on what two SFX experts did in the fifties could be a basis for what the Trents accomplished, because they both had the same background, that falls apart. The Trents didn't study photography and the art thereof. So the Lydecker brothers were farmers originally. Then they studied photography, became experts, then were hired by a producer to do a job. They weren't hired off the street to do SFX. And using a blue thread to match the sky..so what? It's still going to show up as a black line against the lighter background.

I'm in the business too. It ain't that easy, and the simplest method doesn't always work. Matching a line against the sky would have taken hours of hard work and experimentation - getting the photos developed to check the results, then when satisfied leaving the negatives kicking around under the family sofa until hopefully some newspaper reporter would come looking for them someday. PLUS the Trents were geniuses for anticipating technologies that would come along 50-60 years later, able to detect said lines, so they prepared for that as well. Boy, these people were sharp. As for the throw disc theory. Only two attempts and we're still trying to discount them nearly 60 years later.

It always amazes me how frightened people get by the possibility of the unknown.

Don Ledger

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>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:45:02 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 20:49:01 -0400  
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Bruce,

>But condescension or lack of same isn't the point. The point  
>is... can anyone come up with solid reasons to believe the  
>pictures are a hoax?

I'm afraid, my friend, that you're missing the point, which is  
this:

Since UFOs don't or can't exist, you don't need evidence to  
debunk the McMinnville photos. You can theorize freely, without  
any basis whatever, that the Trents were diabolically clever  
souls who outwitted at least two generations of investigators  
into (1) finding no telltale technical faults with the pictures  
while (2) pretending -- not just to investigators like you, who  
actually bothered to talk with them on a number of occasions,  
but to their neighbors and fellow townsfolk -- that they were  
simple, unsophisticated people who, in an even more diabolical  
twist, didn't even believe they'd photographed anything more  
than an experimental aircraft. And then -- even worse -- they  
were so fiendishly clever that they made a point of not  
profiting from their work. I guess we can all be relieved that  
persons of overarching evil genius chose to stay on this side of  
the law.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 11:27:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:27:01 -0400  
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>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 04:45:58 +0100  
>From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
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>>>Can anyone tell me how I can get other people to do all my  
>>>research for me without paying them anything?

Sure. Become an expert and pretend to have all the answers.  
Then even if you don't, you will have enough for a book.

John

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From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 12:36:15 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:32:59 -0400  
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>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 08:15:12 -0500  
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>Previously, I wrote:

>>First, I am not promoting the theory that the Trents lied or  
>>hoaxed the photos in question.

You're not? Could have fooled most of us.

>What I am saying is that Bruce is  
>a good technical investigator, but not a psychologist or FBI  
>trained "profiler". For him to make general observations about  
>the "intent" of the Trents as a form of support for his  
>technical analysis out of place.

Without making any judgments about intent, one can nonetheless objectively test whether or not the Trents' story of what happened tracks with physical details unearthed in the photos through technical analysis. In point of fact the story does track extremely well with the photos. The physical evidence in the photos corroborates the testimony, and the testimony helps authenticate the photos. No mindreading is required.

>Sorry, Bruce, but you are wrong. Since I work in special effects  
>for a living, I can tell you that the simplest approach usually  
>achieves the most believable results.

This is just you speaking in generalities, like usual. Instead of treating us to your typical "Hey anybody could do it routine", why don't you take us through in detail on how Trent hoaxed the photos. Then there would actually be something to discuss.

You must reproduce every detail that is actually in the photos in a straightforward way -- no highly implausible hoax scenarios. And do try to give us at least halfway plausible arguments that Trent would have had the foresight to anticipate some of these details. Trent didn't have the 20-20 hindsight that we have now after thousands of hours of scrutiny of the photos.

While your at it, please also provide plausible scenario explaining how the Trent's got their stories to be so consistent with multiple subtle details in the photos.

>Take for instance the work of the Lydecker brothers during the  
>30's 40's and 50's in Hollywood. They shot all their stuff using  
>models out in normal daylight and it looked so real as to be  
>undetectable to most audiences. In fact, they were once up for  
>an Academy Award but were denied because the Academy thought the

>shots the brothers claimed were SFX shots were real! It was the  
>ultimate backhanded compliment. Likewise, I am sure you've seen  
>their work in countless old movies and was never the wiser. What  
>did they do before going to Hollywood? They were just dumb old  
>farmers working for their dumb old farmer dad.

How very interesting, but all it amounts to is another "any Hick  
can outsmart Bruce Maccabee" comment.

Please demonstrate in detail how Trent pulled it off.

>Moving on, Bruce wrote:

>If no evidence of fakery is found, then one can still ask "How  
>was it faked in such a way as to produce no evidence of the  
>fake?" An example of this might be the observation that IF it  
>was a photo of a model under the wire, then the lack of  
>detection of a suspension means that the thread was very tiny  
>and/or color matched to the background.

>To intentionally pick a very fine thread might not take much  
>thought. To intentionally pick a thread color matched to the  
>background would take some "thinking ahead" ("They are going  
>to examine these photos carefully for a thread so I'd better  
>take a precaution to be sure it can't be detected..... aha...  
>I'll pick a color that matches the background.")

<snip>

>I guess the point is that the technical analysis determines  
>the technical difficulty of the photos.

>Man, you must really think the Trents were stupid!

Another worthless "Any hick is smarter than Bruce Maccabee."

Let's take some other examples of where Trent would have needed  
extraordinary luck or prescience to have pulled it off:

1. The bright shadowed bottom which fools us into thinking it's  
a distant object with the shadow lightened by haze. The only  
likely way to get the bottom that bright is to illuminate it  
artificially. The only plausible suggestion I've ever heard to  
do this was a flash bulb (or flood lights?). There is no  
evidence that Trent ever had a flash attachment (how common were  
they in 1950, especially among dirt poor farmers?). Why would he  
bother to use one even if he had one (or flood lights for that  
matter)? Would a flash even do the job in daylight and at the  
distance Trent was at from the hypothetical model (a very  
technical question).

2. Absence of rotation and expected motion blur. Virtually rules  
out a tossed model (see below for more details) and limits a  
hoax scenario to a suspended model. Absence of rotation and  
apparent stability of sideways tilt suggests at least a 2 point  
suspension system, not a single "thread." This limits the  
freedom with which a model could swing, which makes it harder to  
replicate some other details in the photos. E.g., how does one  
account for the motion blur in photo 2 if the sideways movement  
of the model is very restricted? Even if one doesn't so restrict  
the motion, we get other problems, such as accounting for the  
observed parallax shift and amount of sideways tilt -- see  
below.

3. Trent's distances from a stationary suspended model cannot  
account for the observed size difference in the object between  
the two photos. This is very important, since it seriously  
compounds the difficulties in replicating the hoax. Trent had to  
either swing the model or use two models to fully account for  
the size change. The two -model theory strikes me as highly  
implausible. Therefore Trent had to swing the model.

4. If he swings the model, then the amount of swing not only has  
to properly replicate the observed size difference, but also has  
to simultaneously replicate the observed profiles, angles of  
elevation, sideways tilt, and parallax shift. The model in photo  
2 also has to be simultaneously swinging to the left to create  
motion blur along the right edge. (This also raises the question  
as to why the model would even be swung left when the natural  
arc of swing is perpendicular to the overhead suspension wire. )

5. If the model is swinging left past the suspension point, it might account for the parallax shift that seems to place the crossover point of the lines-of-sight 2 feet in front of the wire. Unfortunately this also has to be consistent with the sideways tilt of the "model" in photo 2 which is less than in photo 1. Swinging upward to the left will on average increase this sideways tilt, not decrease it as is needed -- oops! The amount of leftward swing would have to be a foot or more to account for the parallax shift, which on average would increase the sideways tilt 15 - 20 degrees, instead of decrease it by a few degrees. Well maybe it "wobbled" a lot and "just right" -- yes maybe, but yet another example of Trent's luck in covering his tracks.

6. The problem in 5 means the model in photo 2 probably would be on a downward arc as it swings left, which unfortunately is exactly the opposite of what is needed to solve the leftward parallax shift problem of photo 2. Did I neglect to mention that swinging the model in photo 2 backward to get it into profile and try to solve the size problem also usually worsens the parallax problem not to mention the elevation problem?

7. To try to solve the parallax problem, Trent would have to consciously slide the model in photo 2 over to the left of its original suspension point.

He would also probably have to drop it down slightly to solve the elevation problem. This all seems very improbable to me. Why would he bother to do any of this? The straightforward hoax hypothesis would have him shoot photo 1, step 5 feet to his right, have Mrs. Trent bang the model with a rake handle to get it swinging perpendicular to the wire, shoot the model in its edge-on profile view as it swung backwards, and be done.

8. Did I further neglect to mention that the actual parallax shift observed matches exactly what would be expected of a distant object moving due west? Is this just another example of our hick farmer's extreme cleverness or luck?

9. Below I give a calculation of how the blurred right edge in photo 2 leads to an estimate of the objects speed at a given distance. This speed also leads to an estimate of the elapsed time between photos (assuming a distant object), which by another amazing "coincidence" agrees closely with Trent's estimate of the elapsed time.

Boy, I tell you, that Trent sure had to cover a lot of angles to fool us city slickers!

>It doesn't  
>take a genius to figure out that the tread (if there was one)  
>would need to be the same color as the sky! (duh!)Likewise, it  
>doesn't take a genius to figure out that a thread wouldn't be  
>necessary at all if the object were simply thrown in the air.

Likewise it doesn't take a genius to figure out the extreme improbability of an "object simply thrown in the air." However, it does take somebody willing to sit down with the photos and study them a little bit. If you actually bothered to do that you might quickly notice the following:

1. The absence or virtual absence of rotation of the object between photol and photo as evidenced by the offset "knob" or "tower" being in the same relative position.

2. The absence of predicted motion blur from a tossed object, particularly in photo 1 (there is some apparent motion blur along the right edge of the object in photo 2)

The two together essentially rule out a tossed model.

Regarding point 2, Trent was working with a camera that had a fixed, slow shutter speed (1/50th of a second), so even slow movement of a small tossed object would translate into very noticeable blur.

E.g., suppose it was one of Mrs. Trent's "pie pans." A typical 12" pie pan would have needed to be about 50 feet away to produce the observed angular size of the object (and about 15 - 16 feet above the ground to produce the observed angular elevation -- Mrs. Trent would have had to be standing on a roof

when she tossed it.)

Now suppose the "pie pan" was tossed at a very leisurely 5 mph or 7.3 ft/sec. or 88 in/sec. In 1/50th of a second the "pie pan" would have traveled 1.8 inches or 15% of the diameter of the "pie pan."

So where's the rotation and where's the blur Mr. "it could have been anything tossed in the air?"

Better stick to the model on a thread. It's a far more viable hoax theory yet still has enormous difficulty in explaining the actual photographic details.

Incidentally, the absence of blur in the first photo and presence along the right edge of the object in the second photo corresponds exactly with the Trent's story. The first photo was taken when the object was banked towards them and relatively motionless in the sky, and the second was taken with the object starting to move rapidly away from them.

I guess those clever farmers examined the photos under a microscope, noticed the absence of blur in photo 1 and the slight blur in photo 2, and then figured out a story that would match these subtle details in the photos -- right Roger?

The blurred edge appears to be about 4% of the width of the object.

If a 12 inch "pie pan", this corresponds to less than 1/2 inch of motion or a equivalent speed of only 1.4 mph.

Some "tossed object!"

On the other hand, if the object was 1/2 mile away, it would have been about 60 feet across and traveling about 100 feet/second or 70 mph, or similar to a car speeding down the highway.

Trent said the object seemed to speed up as it moved away. If one assumes the object, initially at a presumed 1/2 mile, had constant acceleration and thus averaged half of its calculated "blur speed" or 50 feet/sec, how long would it have taken to move from position 1 to 2? Measuring the angle swing between photo 1 and 2, one can calculate that the distance corresponded to about 1200 feet. At 50 ft/sec, it would take about 24 seconds. Trent estimated 30 seconds elapsed between photos.

Again the story is remarkably consistent with the actual photo details. Trent was one damned clever hoaxer!

See what can be deduced from a little thought and analysis? Maybe you should try it instead of boring us with your religious beliefs.

>Regarding such, I wrote:

>>Likewise, I see no reason why the disk in the Trent photos  
>>should be more than a hubcap or the such lobbed in the air for  
>>the shot.

You see no reason for a lot of things because you haven't done your homework. If you still think that the disk could have been nothing more than a tossed model, then please demonstrate for us how it could have been "tossed" and yet remain consistent with the actual photographic details.

The devil is in the details Roger. That's probably why you scrupulously avoid them.

>To which, Bruce replied:

>If this is true, then you don't understand the analysis  
>presented by Hartmann in the Condon Report, nor do you  
>understand what I have written.

>How condescending to suggest that because I don't agree with you  
>that I don't understand you or the Condon Report.

>Also, how typical.



No, I think Bruce has you pegged exactly for what you are. You are full of opinions but obviously have no grasp of the important points.

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:03:27 -0400  
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>From: John Pierson <[johnpierson@mindspring.com](mailto:johnpierson@mindspring.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 04:45:58 +0100  
>>From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
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>>>>Can anyone tell me how I can get other people to do all my  
>>>>research for me without paying them anything?

>Sure. Become an expert and pretend to have all the answers.  
>Then even if you don't, you will have enough for a book.

Dear John, Roy, John, EBK and Lister Twisters,

John, you are absolutely correct. However I find it necessary to provide you with just one or two slight course corrections. OK?

First, you've used the wrong word. It is not \_expert\_ it is Ex-Spurt. Which is to say, "A has-been drip."

Second (hell Bubba, this is the most important factoid you will ever learn), second, \_always\_ claim the following in one form or another ... "Finally, the \_TRUTH\_ Revealed About..."

If you follow those rules, you will always sell books, be a real Ex-Spurt and become known as the Mensche Capo di Tutti Mensche Capos. It's how Gesundt made it in the UFO field. It's how he managed to sell only \_fresh\_ wine when the world was drinking that old crappola.

This message comes to you free, as a public service, public service. John, consider yourself lucky, normally, I would have charged a bloody fortune to some poor slob, but since you're member... uh, since you are a member... sorry, of the world's premier UFO list, I give this to you free. There is a small catch, however. As the Senior Corlione would have said, "I may aks you to retoine dis fava some day! Ma, Tu capeesh?"

Jim Mortellaro, Capo

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>>2. <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m14-014.shtml>  
>>(one of my prior emails, dated 14 May; I did measure the  
>>relative locations/positions of some of the bush/tree "branches"  
>>of the tree/bush as seen at the house to the left on the two  
>>photos, and I found no indications of any wind gusts from the  
>>saucer had exposed these branches; they were in the same  
>>horizontal/vertical positions when the object shows it's bottom  
>>towards the camera.)

>Any wind gust as the object accelerated away would have occurred  
>\_after\_ the second photo.

Well, large uncertainty, as we do not know if the wind and/or  
gust were due to normal craft operation, or just acceleration...

>>My conclusions based upon all of the emails in this thread by  
>>now, is therefore that:  
>>1(a). The object is a "model saucer" suspended from a thin, but  
>>relatively long, strong, steel string (thin enough to not being  
>>seen on the photos), attached to the object's  
>>superstructure/antenna - being close to the photographer - and  
>>it IS a hoax.

>Well, if a hoax and in the morning the supposed steel wire would  
>not have been shiny... otherwise would have a sun glint  
>somewhere along the wire (much more likely a thread... probably  
>white). Still need to explain the excessive brightness of the  
>image of the bottom of the object if only about 16 ft away.

A "wire" most likely a Nylon fishing line; see below.

<snip>

>>3. The object is a real aircraft (most likely experimental),  
>>civilian or military, american or foreign, piloted on-board, or  
>>remotely piloted (maybe the explanation for the off-centered  
>>"antenna"?) - and it's NOT a hoax. (Though a military/civilian  
>>- apparently - noiseless, disc shaped aircraft from 1950 seems  
>>"highly unlikely" - even experimental.)

>Can't imagine what circular Top Secret craft would have been  
>near McMinnville at that time.

Yes, see below.

>>4. The object is a \_real\_ UFO (remotely piloted or not.....) -  
>>and it's NOT a hoax.

>The only conclusion that does not conflict with other evidence.  
>:)

The conflict is that this should require extraordinary evidence;  
and photos are easy to fake.... Do you think the photos were  
good enough in a court, if there were abduction or murder  
involved?

>>These 4 possible explanations are ranked according to my  
>>personal, subjective judgement. (Explanation no. 4 should have  
>>about the same occurrence probability as a person being hit  
>>by a small meteorite or some space junk, I believe, or maybe 10,  
>>100 or more times less than that....)

>People \_have\_ been hit!

Ok; see below.

Bob wrote:

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 12:06:03 -0400 (EDT)  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:47:16 -0400  
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>>antenna

>Asgeir and List:

>It might have been nylon fishing line. This is very strong,  
>certainly strong enough for a light weight object. The stuff  
>that I had for my spinning rod in 1958 (believe it or not, I  
>just went up to the attic and found it in my old tackle box) was  
>white or clear nylon. Pretty thin stuff and probably invisible  
>at 20 feet against the sky.

Yes, very likely; didn't know the Nylon was invented at that  
time - but it was, in 1939.

>Clear skies,  
>Bob Young

David wrote:

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 12:47:51 -0400 (EDT)  
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>Suspended from what? If the wires at the top of the photos, then  
>Trent was approximately 15 feet away and the "model" was only 4  
>inches across. Steel wire was unnecessary and would have shown  
>up on the photos at that distance. I would go for clear nylon  
>fishing line myself.

>If Trent was so damn clever and methodical in devising a hoax,  
>as you seem to maintain, then why would he be so stupid as to  
>include the overhead suspension wires in his photos?  
>The major problems with any model theory remains:

>1. The bright shadowed bottom that is "whiter than white",  
>readily explainable by atmospheric haze of a distant object, but  
>requiring some sort of elaborate hoax hypothesis if up close.

>2. The difference in size between the two photos that cannot be  
>simply explained as a difference in distance from where the  
>photos were taken. You either need two models or a swinging  
>model. (However, readily explained by a distant object simply  
>moving away.)

>3. The elevation angles match exactly with the size difference  
>of a distant object moving away in level flight.

>4. The azimuth angles are exactly those of a distant object  
>moving due west.

>5. There is no visible rotation between shots, virtually ruling  
>out a single-point suspension model. Two or more-point  
>suspension constrains the angle of swing w.r.t. the wire and  
>what profiles can be seen.

>6. The edge-on profile in photo 2 and the bottom-showing profile  
>in photo 1 must be replicated along with everything else.  
>Now I defy you to get all of these details to occur  
>\_simultaneously\_ in any straightforward hoax hypothesis.  
>Remember, just getting one or two right isn't enough. You have  
>to get them \_all\_ right at the same time with a model.

>>1(b). The object is a "model saucer" thrown into the air - two  
>>times after each other (of course, they could have practiced  
>>many times before taking the two photos) - and without any  
>>rotation (you don't need to throw it like a frisbee) - by a  
>>person standing behind the house to the left (or even standing  
>>at a higher point, throwing/dropping it down) - and it IS a  
>>hoax. (The camera's shutter speed could be held relatively high;  
>>@ 1/250?).

>1. The camera's shutter speed was fixed - cheap camera, poor  
>farmer.

>2. There is no place to "drop" a model down - do you think  
>they were surrounded by highrises?

A person could stand on the nearest roof top, and throwing it  
without putting it into rotation.

>3. However you toss a model, you are going to get some rotation  
>and "flopping" (unless you spin it for stability). The  
>"saucers" are pitched at nearly the same angle and the offset  
>"tower" shows no evidence of large rotation of any sizable  
>rotation (my own measurements indicate the rotation between  
>photos couldn't have been more than +/- 30 degrees - thus the  
>odds of reproducing this detail by tossing are 1 in 6 at best.)

Remember, they could practice many times before taking the  
photos, and maybe it was thrown without rotation at the same  
angle all the time.

>4. Tossed or dropped, you still have to reproduce all the  
>details mentioned in the suspended model discussion above.  
>Again, just try to do that with a tossed or suspended model!  
>However, everything is consistent and explained very naturally  
>by a distant object moving away to the west.

But that will lead us to the real UFO explanation (see below);  
and that's not very natural; rather: Extraordinary! And would

require extraordinary - preferably very hard - evidence.

>>3. The object is a real aircraft (most likely experimental),  
>>civilian or military, american or foreign, piloted on-board, or  
>>remotely piloted (maybe the explanation for the off-centered  
>>"antenna"?) - and it's NOT a hoax. (Though a military/civilian  
>>- apparently - noiseless, disc shaped aircraft from 1950 seems  
>>"highly unlikely" - even experimental.)

>Yes - a military/civilian apparently noiseless disc-shaped  
>aircraft from 1950 seems "highly unlikely." There is zero  
>evidence that such a thing existed.

Yes, I agree; see below.....

>>4. The object is a real UFO (remotely piloted or not.....) -  
>>and it's NOT a hoax.

>>These 4 possible explanations are ranked according to my  
>>personal, subjective judgement.

>That's the problem - purely subjective and no analysis.

Well, I've been studying the problem part by part, but maybe not  
so detailed analysis by using very small parts - more roughly I  
admit.

>>(Explanation no. 4 should have  
>>about the same occurrence probability as a person being hit  
>>by a small meteorite or some space junk, I believe, or maybe 10,  
>>100 or more times less than that....)

>Pray tell how did you arrive at that statistic?

Well, no classical statistics here; only subjective, engineering  
judgement; lacking real data! See below.....

>Now "compute" the odds of Trent getting all the subtle details  
>in the photos just right and also making it agree exactly with  
>the story they told. These odds are truly long, very long.

>David Rudiak

Bruce, Bob, David & List:

I will revise my judgements and conclusions made before i.e.:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m22-003.shtml>

specifically after receiving the above mentioned info, and also  
referring to the following URL, from Project "Saucer", from  
April 1949:

<http://project1947.com/fig/projsauc.htm>

with the following excerpts:

"Distribution has proved another factor in debunking the Man  
From Mars solution to the saucer riddle. With few exceptions all  
discs have been reported within the continental limits of the  
United States (.....and one of these exceptions might be this  
alleged observation:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/feb/m03-005.shtml> ,

with some additional comments here:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/feb/m14-011.shtml> ,

and which, from my viewpoint, "most likely" was a hoax.),  
whereas spacemen could be expected to scatter their visits more  
or less uniformly over the globe. The small area covered by the  
disc barrage points strongly to the belief that the flying  
objects are of earthly origin, be they physical or  
psychological.

Thus, although visits from outer space are believed to be  
possible, they are thought to be highly improbable. In  
particular, detailed reports made on study of individual

incidents and the overall picture of project "Saucer" point to the fact that actions attributed to the flying objects reported during the last two years are inconsistent with the requirements for space travel."

and,

"Several unorthodox means of supporting or propelling a solid object have been considered, including the fiction writers old stand by, the anti-gravity shield, but all have been found impractical. This, in the opinion of investigating scientists lends credence to the assumption that the unidentified flying objects are supported and propelled by some normal means, or else they are not solids.

Possibilities that the saucers are foreign aircraft have also been considered. But the reported performance of the discs is so superior to anything we have yet approached in this country that it is considered only an accidental discovery of "a degree of novelty never before achieved" could suffice to explain such devices."

and,

#### "SUMMARY

All of the information so far presented in project "Saucer" on the possible existence of space ship from another planet or of aircraft propelled by an advanced type of atomic power plant have been largely conjecture.

To sum up, no definite conclusive evidence is yet available that would prove or disprove the possibility that a portion of the unidentified objects are real aircraft of unknown or unconventional configuration.

Many sightings by qualified and apparently reliable witnesses have been reported. However, each incident has unsatisfactory features such as the shortness of time the object was under observation, the great distance from the observer, vagueness of description or photographs, inconsistencies between individual observers, lack of descriptive data, etc.

In so far as the aero dynamic superiority of the disc-like phenomena is concerned the circular platform has not been used in representative aircraft, either military or civilian, because the induced drag is excessively high."

Thus based upon this new info, I'll now "slightly" modify my previous judgements and conclusions as follows:

1.a) The "model saucer" is - through the "antenna" - attached to a horizontal Nylon fishing line, fastened to trees/houses outside the photo frame, and that there might be "some considerable" time between the two photos (1-2 hours?), which includes the time for practicing, changing the model's position on the thread, and watching through the viewfinder for a good and credible position of the saucer. The material of the model is uncertain, but, in the exposed daylight, it creates the saucer surface reflections as seen on the photo, and thus - "accidentally", by pure chance -- makes it look like som distant object when photo analyzed today.

1.b) The object is a "model saucer" thrown into the air - two times after each other (of course, they could have practiced many times before taking the two photos) - and without any rotation (you don't need to throw it like a frisbee) - by a person standing behind the house to the left (or even standing at a higher point - on a roof top, maybe - and throwing/dropping it down, possibly without any significant rotation) - and it is a hoax.

2) The object is a real, extraterrestrial UFO (remotely piloted, or piloted on board.....) - and it's not a hoax.

I/we have now completely ruled out the possiblity of any civilian or military, American or forreign, unconventional aircraft.

This judgement is also based upon some of my own knowledge of aircraft from those days, and further, the countries like China,



Japan, Soviet, USA, and Europe were likely to be more concerned with building up their countries after the wars, and spending money on this.

But we know that the flying saucer theory in those days was existing (e.g., Germany), and being ready to be developed further.

In addition, when looking at the photo of "PAUL TRENT and his disc-shooting camera":

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/50051lrudiak.htm>

- he really DOES look smart, doesn't he..... looking like a professional photographer/reporter.....?

The reason for hoax might be to get attention, fame and maybe to get some extra money; the income for farmers wasn't that good, either.

However, against this is the fact that the Trents, before they died, never had told any known persons that this was a hoax - which is very unusual (most people tend to do so). Likely, they must have made the agreement not revealing the truth - never. And so they did.....

Seeing real UFOs must be certainly be rare and extraordinary events! But they were allegedly seen by Mrs.Trent before. But we must take into consideration that Mrs.Trent, as far as I know, was no technician, engineer or scientist, and her "UFOs" could be "just about anything" up in the air....

The fact is also that we don't have more info. today on this case, unless some members of the family step forward, telling it was a hoax. I guess nothing more will be revealed from the two photos.

The two, "most likely" explanations mentioned above, are - as before - ranked according to my personal, subjective judgement.

Explanation no. 2 should thus - based on my own, subjective judgement - have about the same likelihood/probability as a person being hit by a small meteorite, or some space junk - I believe - or maybe 10, 100 or more times less than this....

There are, supposedly, persons being hit by such objects though..... However, there is no statistics available on this - so therefore my own judgements. (In comparison, I know that the probability of a person being hit by a lightning strike during his lifetime - on average, anywhere in the world - is about 1/10,000,000. And, being hit by a small meteorite should be about 10 to 100 times less than this - I guess.

And today, we do not have any hard evidence to support such an extraordinary explanation as no. 2. Maybe the best indirect evidence we know today about the possibility of any life-forms in the universe, and maybe the existence of saucers - is the hard evidence of water, found encapsulated in some crystals in a meteorite discovered recently.

Ref. also:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/nov/m14-020.shtml>

This trace of water should therefore contribute to an increased belief in, and increased probability for, life-forms on other planets in the universe.

Thus, I/we have now completely ruled out the possibility of any civilian or military, American or foreign, unconventional aircraft, i.e., assuming "zero" occurrence probability; thus I have actually assumed a probability for a real UFO occurrence higher than this.....!!

We are then - in my opinion (and considering also the "large" uncertainties and many assumptions in the photo analyses) - left with the two "most likely" explanations, being ranked according to subjectively estimated probabilities as follows:

1) A hoax, with an approx. 0.999 999 999..... probability,

(or, at least 99.999 999 999..... % chance).

or,

2) A real UFO, with an approx. 1/1,000,000,000(,00.....) probability (or, the odds against such an event is at least a billion to one.....).

Thus, the conclusion is that 2 possible explanations were left; either a hoax or a real, extraterrestrial UFO. However, only some extraordinary evidence would have been required for the possibility of the extraordinary, real UFO alternative, and the two photos are certainly not such evidence, as they can "easily" be hoaxed.

Regards,

Asgeir

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## Re: Non-UFO Question

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Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 16:50:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:14:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 20:31:12 -0400  
>From: Daniel D. Moroff <[smoothie7@home.com](mailto:smoothie7@home.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>Steve

>I answered this one a few days ago. Perhaps they don't answer  
>their phones but they do have a website. You can go to:

>[www.disney.com](http://www.disney.com)

>I'm certain they have a place to send requests.

>Dan

Dan-

Did exactly that when the question first came up. Unfortunately, they don't have a simple "company" email address. They all relate to tourist information or information on their films and videos. In their response they provided a link to a corporate information site, and if anyone is interested they can contact me.

I have already replied directly to Philip with their full response, but for the record - Michael Eisner was appointed the head of Disney Corporation in 1984.

Steve

PS - I didn't charge anything for this simple information request.

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 18:33:25 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:18:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 02:25:32 -0400 (EDT)  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:19:35 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 12:47:51 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:54:16 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 01:42:28 +0200  
>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:26:05 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Glob

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>>If Trent was so damn clever and methodical in devising a hoax,  
>>as you seem to maintain, then why would he be so stupid as to  
>>include the overhead suspension wires in his photos?

>David, Asgeir, List:

>He wouldn't have to have been stupid, since the pictures showed  
>no thread. If they had, he wouldn't have told anybody about them.

If Trent was so intent on carrying out a hoax to the point of  
carefully camouflaging a suspension thread, why would he leave  
the means of suspension (i.e. the power lines) visible in the  
photos? All he had to do was reframe the pictures to eliminate  
the power lines.

One moment Trent is a clever hick hoaxer -- the next moment he  
is a stupid hick hoaxer.

>>>The major problems with any model theory remains:

>>1. The bright shadowed bottom that is "whiter than white",  
>>readily explainable by atmospheric haze of a distant object, but  
>>requiring some sort of elaborate hoax hypothesis if up close.

>Robert Sheaffer experimentally showed that this could have been  
>created by a dirty camera lens. Condon investigator William K.  
>Hartmann later agreed with this.

And Bruce Maccabee proved the hypothesis wrong. Read his  
papers. The short, over-simplified refutation of Sheaffer is  
this. A smudged lens affects everything in the photos. You  
can't be selective and say it affects only the saucer and  
nothing else in the picture.

>>2. The difference in size between the two photos that cannot be  
>>simply explained as a difference in distance from where the  
>>photos were taken.

>Yes it could when the wires are used as a reference. A possible  
>explanation would be the slightly larger size of the model in  
>the first picture because of its being closer to the camera,  
>being suspended below the wires.

No it can't. The two positions where the photos were taken can be determined with good precision from the photos and on-site measurements (although the exact positions are still being worked on). Where any model would have been relative to the power lines can be determined through triangulation of the lines-of-sight from the 2 photo positions to the two saucers.

The lines-of-sight intersect about 2 feet in front of the wire and about half way in between. That tells us first of all that this can't be simply a model passively suspended from the same point on the power lines in both photos. And second of all, it tells us that the size difference can not be simply explained by differences in distance to the power lines.

That means the model has to be swinging to fully account for the observed size difference (the straightforward hoax hypothesis) or Trent went through even further trouble for incomprehensible reasons and constructed yet another model only a few percent smaller than first (the wildly implausible hoax hypothesis).

This isn't wishful thinking. The conclusion is forced by what is the pictures themselves show.

><snip>

>>3. The elevation angles match exactly with the size difference >>of a distant object moving away in level flight.

>Or an object which is further away from the camera in the second >picture?

Only if the model remains stationary between the two shots and the size and parallax differences can also be accounted for by a stationary suspended model, which they cannot -- see above.

>>5. There is no visible rotation between shots, virtually ruling >>out a single-point suspension model.

>How, if the model wasn't made to spin?

If the model wasn't made to spin through using something like two point suspension (Sheaffer's hypothesis), then you also restrict the degree of side-to-side swing. This causes further problems in trying to replicate other photo details, such as the parallax shift, the sideways tilt of the saucer, the profiles shown, and the blurred right edge in photo 2.

>>6. The edge-on profile in photo 2 and the bottom-showing profile >>in photo 1 must be replicated along with everything else.

>Replicated from what?

From any theory of how the hoax was done. Proclaiming it was easy to hoax just doesn't cut it. There are details in the photos that seriously restrict how a hoax could be carried out. It's not simply a case of tossing a pie plate in the air or passively hanging a model from a thread and shooting it from two angles.

><snip>

>>Now "compute" the odds of Trent getting all the subtle details >>in the photos just right and also making it agree exactly with >>the story they told. These odds are truly long, very long.

>What if only one detail is shown to be inconsistent with the >story told by the witnesses? What if this is a demonstrated time >of 15-20 minutes between pictures that were supposed to have >been taken within seconds?

Again with your imaginary 15 to 20 minute time lag. There is no demonstrable shift in the shadows. All I see you doing is mindlessly parroting Robert Sheaffer's arguments without questioning whether they are correct or not.

The best data is Bruce Maccabee's photometric measurements direct from the negatives, which show no detectable shadow shift.

>And what if another detail shows that

>the picture was taken at another time of day than the witness  
>story?

Another of Sheaffer's attacks on the photos, which has also been shown to be incorrect. I believe you would follow Sheaffer into hell if he asked you to. I do notice you no longer mentioning Sheaffer's "knot" on the power line. Could it be because it is also imaginary?

Sheaffer claimed that the eave shadows on the east wall of the garage could only be caused by direct morning sunlight and are totally inconsistent with the photos being taken in the evening, when the Trent's claimed they were.

1. Anomalous reverse shadowing can easily be shown to occur under common conditions. In the case of the Trent photos, all that is needed is a cloud blocking direct sunlight from the sun in the west, the light passing over the cloud and scattering off of dust and/or clouds to the east. This creates a secondary light source to the east which will cast reverse soft shadows with indistinct edges, as in fact seen in the photos. (I have my own photos of this effect taken under conditions like those above, and have seen this anomalous shadowing a number of times under the same conditions, even without clouds to scatter the sunlight.)

2. Bruce Maccabee's direct photometric measurements off the negatives (again clearly the best source of data) shows the edges of the roofline and eave shadows to be much too broad to be caused by direct sunlight, and must have come from a large, diffuse source of light. Bruce suggested a cumulous cloud to the east about 10 degrees in size scattering sunlight from the west. (Incidentally, weather records from nearby Salem reported scattered cumulous clouds in the area, i.e. due east of the Trent's place, at the same time the Trent's said the photos were taken.)

3. The clear absence of hard shadowing anywhere in the photos. If you doubt this, spend 2 minutes and take a look at the power pole across the street in photo 1. Where is the dark shadow on the left and the bright sunlit side on the right that Sheaffer's direct-sunlight hypothesis would demand? Answer me that.

4. Ironically the lower power line from which Trent supposedly hung his model would cast a distinct shadow on the oil tank next to the garage if the sunlight was direct. Even if the morning sun was covered by fog causing a more diffuse light source, the shadow should be much fainter but still detectable. There is no such shadow in either photo. I discovered the existence of this shadow when I recreated the scene in a computer ray tracing program and placed the light source where the sun would be at various times in the early morning.

5. Using the same ray tracing model and actual morning sun positions on May 11, I also discovered that it was impossible to recreate the eave shadows shown in the photos at any time of morning. Earlier in the morning, the sun is too far north to recreate the proper north-south position of the shadows, and later in the day when the sun is perpendicular to the garage wall to give about the right N/S positions it is too high in the sky and the shadow ends would be too far down the wall.

But Sheaffer is God -- right Bob?-- and can't get anything wrong. Shadows move that don't, dirt specks become thread knots, and clearly diffuse indirect lighting becomes direct sunlight.

>And what if these two details are in fact key objections  
>in the 25-year controversy surrounding these pictures?

>What do you think the odds would be that these two incongruous  
>details would not be included on your list?

They aren't included on the list because they have been conclusively refuted. Sorry if this disturbs your religious beliefs in the Holy Church of Sheaffer.

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:20:22 -0400  
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>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 00:53:50 -0400 (EDT)  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:15:55 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:45:02 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:33:35 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>The point s... can anyone cm up with solid reasons to believe the  
>>pictures are a hoax.

>Internal inconsistency between the Trent stories and the  
>pictures for the following possible reasons:

>1) A change in shadow angle of about 3 degrees between pictures,  
>suggesting that a morning rising Sun created the shadows. This  
>>would call into question the time between pictures (15-20  
>minutes intend of seconds as claimed), and the evening time for  
>the pictures.

There is no way in hell using low resolution images that you could possibly determine whether or not the very indistinct shadows moved. The very best source of data on this is Bruce Maccabee's microscopic photometric measurements from the negatives, which demonstrate no significant shadow shift.

>2) The change in size of the object was slightly greater than  
>the change in size of the distance between the wires, suggesting  
>the object was at the same distance from the wires, not a  
>distant moving object, although a distant object could have also  
>been coincidentally moving at a speed and direction which would  
>have created this change.

Your measurements which you posted the other day are way off and are another indication that you are working from bad data.

When the actual photo positions are reconstructed from the photos, and the positions of the hypothetical model relative to the overhead power line are also reconstructed from the photos, the difference in distances from the camera to the "model" cannot account for the actual size difference of the the object between photos 1 and 2.

>Internal inconsistencies between various versions of the Trent's  
>stories:

>1) Differences in the stories the Trent's told in 1950 as  
> published in two newspapers.

Which newspapers? What differences? How and why are these differences important? Why would they be considered probative? How do the stories compare with other stories in other newspapers or with interviews with the Trents? (In other words, how do you know how accurately the newspapers in question quoted the Trents?)



>2) Differences in the claimed number of deceased people who had  
>also seen the object during the famous incident but had never  
>revealed this publicly, as recorded during interviews conducted  
>by Bruce Maccabee with Mrs. Trent.

Boy, now you're really grasping at straws.

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:22:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 07:01:57 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 15:46:37 -0700  
>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>I'm currently in law enforcement and conduct criminal  
>>investigations.

><snip>

>Royce, I too have been in law enforcement, but only on an AP  
>basis (Auxiliary Police). This, in the NYC 47th Pct. and as an  
>armed, academy-trained NYSP/AP. I am a grunt, not an  
>investigator and must admit to purely wannabee status. However,  
>I am quite familiar with cops, investigations, et al, including  
>the mind set.

>Having said that, I am very curious as to your professional  
>opine regarding the issue of the value of witness testimony in  
>UFO sighting and abduction cases. In such, there is often only  
>the word of the witness. Often there is no evidence of the  
>event, not even a photograph to malign. Cripes, with or without  
>the photo, with or without any evidence other than witness  
>testimony, there are no strings to find, no hub caps. Just a  
>nutcase on the loose. Don't give that one a cap permit. Probally  
>burn himself.

>I ask this question because in the process of writing of my own  
>experiences, I have interviewed large numbers of police  
>officers. The results of these interviews shocked even me, not  
>having ever before broached the subject with cops in 30 years. I  
>was during those 30 years, still in the closet.

>How about witness testimony in your experience and in general?

Jim,

Sorry about the delayed response, I haven't turned my computer  
on for almost a week. As for witness testimony in general, there  
have been murder cases with some pretty weak physical evidence  
that have ended in convictions simply based on the prosecutor  
making a good case and a single witness.

As for UFOs, I prefer cases where there are witnesses and  
physical evidence. You can have a single witness UFO sighting  
and say, "Sure, that's interesting." In the end its nothing more  
than anecdotal unless you have other people who say, "Hey, I saw  
that on that day, too." Most of these reports get filed away  
until you maybe run across someone later who reports something  
similar.

If you start getting two or more witnesses, that's definitely a  
good start for UFO cases without any physical evidence. The

Illinois UFO sighting case is quite exceptional in this regard. Even without the Polaroid photo the case stands on its own: You have multiple witnesses - most of which are police officers. You know this, but the more credible the witness the better the case.

As for abductions, when you have a single person telling you they were abducted by aliens, well, you may think, "Okay, whatever." If that single witness comes forward with a piece of physical evidence to back the story you may say, "Hey, there might be something here." If you have multiple, unrelated witnesses coming forward saying they were abducted by aliens, you may think it was interesting that multiple people were reporting the same experience. If you have the same witnesses coming forward with physical evidence of the same nature, then you probably would be thinking that something was definitely going on here and that its physical in nature.

UFO videos, photos, trace cases - this is where its at for me. I believe that a lot of people fall short on investigating UFOs because the public is the jury for every case and no one else. How the facts pertaining to UFOs are presented to the public is the most important factor next to doing a comprehensive investigation. Again, witness testimony will always stand or fall on the credibility of the UFO witness(es). While a lot of UFO cases are out there, and many sound a bit much even for me, the ones with the witnesses and the physical evidence are the ones I pay particular attention to. This is not to say that evidence cannot be fabricated...that's what science and analysis are for.

The McMinnville UFO case is a classic case of where you have two credible witnesses with no motive for hoax and photos as physical evidence where the physical evidenc ehas stood up, even the Condon Committee didn't debunk these photos.

Regards,

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Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 20:25:04 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:26:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 20:05:42 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:10:26 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:45:02 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:33:35 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Previously, I wrote the following:

>>Take for instance the work of the Lydecker brothers during the  
>>30's 40's and 50's in Hollywood. They shot all their stuff using  
>>models out in normal daylight and it looked so real as to be  
>>undetectable to most audiences. ...What  
>>did they do before going to Hollywood? They were just dumb old  
>>farmers working for their dumb old farmer dad.

<snip>

>To which Bruce replied:

>>Yers, but I bet they spent some time "improving" their  
>>photographic and "simulation" (with models) skills before taing  
>>on Hollywood. I saw some UFO film by "plain old famers" in West  
>>Virginia some years ago....

>What has this got to do with anything?

About as much as your little anecdote about the hick Lydecker brothers. Bruce properly pointed out that Trent had only two shots to get it right, not months and years of practice and preparation like the Lydecker brothers.

>It seems to be your position that because you or people you've  
>seen can't produce simple, believable effects that it is,  
>therefore, impossible.

If you think it was so simple, then please take us through the steps that Trent used to do it. You'll find, if you actually bothered to study the photos, that it is not so simple. No simple hoax scenario can simultaneously recreate various details in the photos.

> Is your position regarding your analysis  
>so weak that it is imperative that the subjects MUST be idiots?  
>And besides, you know very well that faking a shot for motion  
>pictures is much harder than faking one for stills. None the  
>less, the techniques are simple and straight forward and work  
>even better for still shots.

These weren't strictly speaking "still shots." There is motion blur on the right in the second photo, indicating motion to the left (but no motion blur in the first photo). Furthermore, a model would also have to be swung either toward or away from the camera to fully recreate the observed size difference. Trent would also have to snap the photo near the end of the swing when the model was traveling very slow to avoid further blur around

other edges.

<snip>

>>Hartmann offered reasons to reject the rotating (thrown) object  
>>hypothesis. You say "I see no reason.." OK, Then,  
>>explain why Hartmann's reasons are bas/incorrect/not worth  
>>a plugged saucer.

>First off, The photos are far too soft to determine with any  
>certainty whether rotation was present or not

What rubbish! You are obviously dodging the question.

There is an offset knob or tower on top which is in the same position in the two photos. To the limits with which this offset position can be measured, there is little or no rotation between the two photos.

This has nothing to do with how "soft" the photos are (whatever that means). It's an easy test to make and the pictures are more than clear. The stupidity of your statement is a good indication that you haven't read what Hartmann had to say in the Condon report or don't care.

When you parroted Robert Sheaffer's stupid "knot thread on the wire" debunking argument, the photos were apparently not too "soft" for your tastes.

When you claim to have accurately measured shadow movement on the photos, the photos weren't "far too soft." (And I can't imagine anything more difficult to measure in these photos than these very-low contrast, indefinite shadow edges.)

When you posted your erroneous relative size measurements, the photos weren't "too soft" to do that either.

When you measured the distance between the wires, the photos weren't "too soft."

But suddenly they are "too soft" to do a very simple test for rotation. What crap!

>(as if that mattered, anyway).

Gee, are you the same guy who said that the hoax could be as simple as a hubcap thrown in the air?

No rotation then probably no tossed hubcap.

But now, according you, rotation doesn't matter.

> To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

You have no idea how stupid you now sound.

>Second, the photos are far too soft to detect a thread,

Again they're too "soft." Would you please define "soft" for us? "Soft" seems to mean in your vocabulary that any measurement that supports photo authenticity is questionable because the photos are suddenly not clear enough. But when you think something in the photos supports your skepticism, then the photos suddenly become remarkably clear.

>if one was even necessary.

A thread is obviously necessary unless you toss it. If you toss it, you are almost sure to detect some rotation in that offset tower. That's one reason why rotation is important. Am I moving too fast for you?

>To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

I guess you think if you keep repeating your mantra you will convince people you know what you are talking about.

>Third, the object is in a different place from one photo to the next.

Indeed. Glad you finally figured that out. And that is but one detail supportive of it not being a hoax.

>This makes triangulation and distance estimates impossible.

Yes, a moving object in the distance cannot have its distance triangulated without knowing its speed. However, a nonmoving model up close CAN have its distance triangulated. Triangulation shows that a "model" would have been too far forward of the overhead wire to have been passively hanging there. Trent either had to move the attachment position of the model or swing it rather wildly to get the observed parallax shift with a model.

>To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

Distance estimates of the object haven't been based on triangulation but photometry. So now you are trotting out straw men.

>Fourth, determining distance by judging luminance levels in a >photo is about an inch short of a guess even under the best of >circumstances; knowing the reflective values of the object, >lighting conditions, etc. Since the object is unavailable, >analysis is nothing but a guess. To imply otherwise is wishful >thinking.

The shadowed bottom of the "saucer" is simply too bright to be a passively lit model up close. As Hartmann put it, the bottom was "whiter than white." I.e., unless there is another unknown source of illumination, the bottom couldn't possibly be that bright no matter what the reflectance values were.

On the other hand the brightness is naturally accounted for if the object was large and off in the distance. That was the essence of Hartmann's argument. He was basically testing for close (hoax) vs. far (real). Hartmann placed the maximum error of his photometric estimates to be a factor of 4. Photometry placed the object in the distance, therefore not a hoax. Whether it was 1000 feet or 4000 feet away is a quibble.

>Finally, Bruce wrote:

>>But condescension or lack of same isn't the point. The point >>is... can anyone cm up with solid reasons to believe the >>pictures are a hoax.

>Actually, Bruce, the point is just the opposite. I'd like to >believe the Trent photos are real.

Give us all a break! It is quite obvious you don't want to believe the Trent photos are real. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking. (Where have I heard that before?)

Most of what I've seen from you is one erroneous argument after another. You particularly seem to worship at the altar of debunker Robert Sheaffer, whose every argument against the authenticity of the Trent photos has been refuted.

I especially like his foolish "knot-thread on the power line," which you of course dutifully parroted for the List. A simple comparison of the two photos would have told you the "knot" was nothing but an obvious photo defect. I guess the second comparison photo was "too soft" for your tastes to make the connection.

>But the evidence presented >doesn't convince me one way or the other for reasons that I >believe are obvious to the casual observer.

What is obvious is that you buy everything Sheaffer has to say, right or wrong. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

"Casual" observation alone cannot determine the authenticity or lack thereof of these photos. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

Just thinking the hoax must have been simple doesn't do it. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

There are numerous details in the photos that must be explained by any hoax hypothesis, and no hoax hypothesis that I've yet seen does the job. To imply otherwise is wishful thinking.

To cite but one example, any hoax hypothesis should account for the apparent absence of rotation. But to you this isn't even important, even though it has everything to do with whether or not it was a tossed model (one of your favorites) or a model suspended by a singular thread. I guess your powers of casual observation are so keen and your instincts for hoax so great that you can't be bothered with such trivial details.

David Rudiak

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Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 17:42:35 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:30:20 -0400  
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>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 09:57:51 +0000  
>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sat, 20 May 2000 20:21:45 +0100  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Fri, 19 May 2000 13:05:38 +0000  
>>>From: Philip Mantle <[pmquest@dial.pipex.com](mailto:pmquest@dial.pipex.com)>  
>>>Subject: Non-UFO Question  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>Dear John,

>Very amusing I'm sure. It was so funny I laughed so much I  
>nearly had another heart attack.

UFO comeback of the month... you guys are cracking me up.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or  
your keyboard while typing "Disney former CEOs" into your search  
engine of choice...  
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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 20:30:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:29:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Again, I'd like to believe the Trent photos are real; but not at  
>the sacrifice of my own common sense. As far as I'm concerned,  
>there isn't enough data to determine whether or not they are  
>real or fake. But most importantly, and this is the point of  
>this discussion, portraying the Trents as "dumb" doesn't tip the  
>scales in favor of authenticity. It simply makes you look  
>overzealous and defensive about your own analysis.

I never said the pictures could not have been faked by someone with the ability, desire, time, etc. I did say in my opinion the Trents had none of these. I also said there was no proof built into the photos of evidence of a fake. Such proof would be, for example, a linear image connecting the top of the UFO image with the overhead wire.

Had I thought the Trents were clever people, had they made an effort to regain and control their negatives so as to make money, had they talked all the time... or even a lot... about their pictures, had they been publicity seekers, if the most important part of their obituaries been a description of their sighting, if their children had tried to make money off the pictures... etc... all these would have suggested fakery for a reason (\$\$\$ and or to impress their friends or play a long running joke on the world). If these were all not just "ifs" but factual,

I might well have reached a different conclusion many years ago when I was concentrating on this photo case.

However, I have outlined my reasons for rejecting the hoax explanation in my papers.

It is certainly your right to reject the case even though you would "like to believe" they are real.

(I personally would rather not believe they are real. we have enough problems around here without ET's or whatever messing around with human affairs!).

So, if you don't want to sacrifice your common sense, then simply let us who are willing to take greater chances with our common sense go to it.

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Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:32:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 00:53:50 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:45:02 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 08:15:12 -0500  
>>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>The point s... can anyone cm up with solid reasons to believe the  
>>pictures are a hoax.

>Internal inconsistency between the Trent stories and the  
>pictures for the following possible reasons:>

>1) A change in shadow angle of about 3 degrees between pictures,  
>suggesting that a morning rising Sun created the shadows. This  
>>would call into question the time between pictures (15-20  
>he pictures.

There is no change in shadow angle. (Sheaffer was wrong.)  
Besides the shadows and the overall lighting of the pictures are  
not consistent with what one would expect from a sunlit morning  
photo. See more in the McMinnville paper at [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com).  
Sorry the formating is so poor in paper #2.

>2) The change in size of the object was slightly greater than  
>the change in size of the distance between the wires, suggesting  
>he object was at the same distance from the wires, not a  
>distant moving object, although a distant object could have also  
>been coincidentally moving at a speed and direction which would  
>have created this change.

sighting lines can be plotted on a map and they don't cross  
under the wires.

>Internal inconsistencies between various versions of the Trent's  
>stories:

>1) Differences in the stories the Trent's told in 1950 as  
>published in two newspapers.

Had the stories been completely consistent the skeptics would  
argue "hoax" because (a) no two witnesses see things exactly the  
same, (b) peopl retell stories and recall different details, (c)  
the "hearers" of the stories don't always understand accurately,  
(d) when reporters write a story based on what they have been  
told their own interpretation plays into what they write... ,  
(e) editing of stories leaves stuff out... The amazing thing is  
that the stories are quite similar.

>2) Differences in the claimed number of deceased people who had  
>also seen the object during the famous incident but had never

>revealed this publicly, as recorded during interviews conducted  
>by Bruce Maccabee with Mrs. Trent.

Paul Trent told James McDonald in 1969 that Paul believed his father saw it. I never talked to Paul s I couldn't ask him. Evelyn told me in 1976 or so that a lady told her she had seen it. McDonald talked to Paul but not Evelyn, so he didn't ask her. Hartmann (in 1967) didn't ask who else might have seen it.

Over all the years of interviews they never added another person. Could have, had it been a hoax (they could have added the names of lots of dead people over those years).

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Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 20:37:02 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:34:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 21:34:36 -0400  
>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>I find it amazing that each time we celebrate the anniversary of  
>a classic UFO event, (in this case, the McMinnville photos),  
>this seems to somehow invoke skeptics and debunkers, who will do  
>or say anything in an attempt to discredit what is...

<snip>

Hi everyone.

I share Michel's frustrations.

Maybe it is not the present day skeptics and debunkers we should blame but rather the visitors from the future who do not want our generation to know that UFOs are alien spacecraft, for example. ;o)

For an ongoing phenomena that has been so closely studied over many decades by many researchers and then to have one promising case after another lead to dead ends suggests to me that visitors from the future are to blame. They can change just enough in the present to introduce reasonable doubts about all solid UFO cases and prevent us from coming to the truth in our time.

How could one avoid this from happening? Well, if you have uncovered proof that UFOs are E.T. spacecraft, then simply do not tell anyone. If your UFO experience does not become common knowledge, then the visitors from the future would have no way of knowing about it and you would be one of the lucky few to know the truth about UFOs in their lifetime. Maybe the ones who took the famous McMinnville photos kept just enough facts about their UFO experience to themselves to be one of these lucky few.

Unfortunately, I for one cannot keep such important secrets to myself but others may have. Does anyone on this list have such proof about the true nature of UFOs (but don't tell us lest your solid UFO case eventually be debunked as all the other promising UFO cases)?

The above is all speculation of course, but it does seem very plausible to me, especially after a long hard day at work. What are your thoughts on this? I suspect that I will soon hear a lot of reasonable doubts and much more logical replies from skeptics, debunkers and even fellow ufologists, especially should I be anywhere close to the truth about the visitors from the future.

Nick Balaskas

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>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 12:47:51 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 01:42:28 +0200  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Glob

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>>If Trent was so damn clever and methodical in devising a hoax,  
>>as you seem to maintain, then why would he be so stupid as to  
>>include the overhead suspension wires in his photos?

>David, Asgeir, List:

>He wouldn't have to have been stupid, since the pictures showed  
>no thread. If they had, he wouldn't have told anybody about them.

>>The major problems with any model theory remains:

>>1. The bright shadowed bottom that is "whiter than white",  
>>readily explainable by atmospheric haze of a distant object, but  
>>requiring some sort of elaborate hoax hypothesis if up close.>

>Robert Sheaffer experimentally showed that this could have been  
>created by a dirty camera lens. Condon investigator William K.  
>Hartmann later agreed with this.

Yes, and then I showed that there was a further factor relating  
the brightness of the white house wall (a vertical surface) to  
the brightness of a horizontal white surface seen from below.  
Neither Hartmann nor Sheaffer considered that factor. When  
included it effectively cancelled Sheaffer's veiling glare  
correction. See the first CUFOS paper at [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com) at  
the Hotel Oregon site.

>>2. The difference in size between the two photos that cannot be  
>>simply explained as a difference in distance from where the  
>>photos were taken.

>Yes it could when the wires are used as a reference. A possible  
>explanation would be the slightly larger size of the model in  
>the first picture because of its being closer to the camera,  
>being suspended below the wires.

The sighting lines don't cross under the wires.

>What if only one detail is shown to be inconsistent with the  
>story told by the witnesses? What if this is a demonstrated time  
>of 15-20 minutes between pictures that were supposed to have

>been taken within seconds?  
Sheaffer was wrong. No motion of the shadows.  
(One of the first things I checked when I got the negatives  
years ago!)

>And what if another detail shows that  
>the picture was taken at another time of day than the witness  
>story? And what if these two details are in fact key objections  
i>n the 25-year controversy surrounding these pictures?

Shadows do not prove the pictures were taken in the morning.

>What do you think the odds would be that these two incongruous  
>details would not be included on your list?

Because he knows the analysis which ruled out these "incongruous  
details."

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Previously, I wrote:

>>>First, I am not promoting the theory that the Trents lied or  
>>>hoaxed the photos in question.

To which David replied:

>You're not? Could have fooled most of us.

Interesting choice of words, David. Isn't this whole thing about fooling other people?

Like Bruce with Trent and Gulf Breeze, you are making a judgment about my intent, even in the face of what is plainly written. If you can not understand my intent, despite how plainly I've made myself clear, then how can Bruce or you or anyone else really know the intent of the Trents or others IF their desire was to deceive?

You can't. It's just that simple.

That's all this is about. In a related post I've outlined my objections to the analysis of the Trent photos. I've been a professional photographer and director of cinematography for over 20 years. I stand by what I say.

And what am I saying?

Very simply that neither you, nor Bruce nor any other investigator was there when the photos were taken.

Therefore:

We really don't know what the light was really like when the shot was taken because we weren't there.

We really don't know if the object was shiny or dull, metallic or plastic or paper because we weren't there.

We really don't know if the object was a foot across or twenty feet across because we weren't there.

We really don't know how much the object weighed and whether it would fall to the ground quickly or slowly if tossed because we weren't there.

We really don't know if the camera reported to have taken the photos is the same Bruce examined because we weren't there.

We really don't know how contrasty the photo paper was used for the prints or if the chemicals were mixed properly or what exposure was used to print them or if the enlarger lens was dirty or flat field or curved field or there was any dodging or burning or movement of paper or printing head or any of a dozen things that could account for differences in highlights, tonal values, blur or lack thereof that would fool the eye because we weren't there when they were printed.

And, most importantly, we really don't know what went though the subject's head so long, long ago because, you guessed it, we weren't there.

The fact is we really don't anything for sure about the Trent photos.

All we have are some soft and grainy black and white photos of something interesting; something that I like to believe is a real ET craft. And the truth is, I find Bruce's analysis to be darned provocative, though not conclusive to me. What I find distressing is the notion that Bruce considers himself un-foolable. That is to say, he is too smart to be deceived. By doing so, he ignores some of the simplest explanations in favor of scenarios that are more complex than necessary and, therefore, more "worthy" of his expertise.

Ultimately, I wrote:

>>How condescending to suggest that because I don't agree with you  
>>that I don't understand you or the Condon Report.

>>Also, how typical.

David replied:

>No, I think Bruce has you pegged exactly for what you are. You  
>are full of opinions but obviously have no grasp of the  
>important points.

Gee, David. I guess I'm yet another person that's not as smart as Bruce.

But then again, you really don't know what I think, do you?

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Later,

Roger

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>From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 09:40:57 -0300  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:23:54 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Previously, Donald wrote:

>As for Roger Evans arguments based on what two SFX experts did  
>in the fifties could be a basis for what the Trents  
>accomplished, because they both had the same background, that  
>falls apart.

<snip>

Hello, Donald.

I didn't suggest that because they were once farmers that made them experts in effects. I mentioned their background to show that "simple minded" people sometimes work out the most elegant and effective solutions, that's all.

Continuing, Donald wrote:

>I'm in the business too. It ain't that easy, and the simplest  
>method doesn't always work.

But quite often it does. If it never worked, then you would have said so. Thank you for validating my point!

And finally, Donald declared:

>It always amazes me how frightened people get by the possibility  
>of the unknown.

I had no idea that I was frightened.

Beyond that, I also have no idea what that statement, which I assume you felt was profound, even means...

Perhaps it is the opposite of this:

It always amazes me how presumptuous people get by the possibility of the obvious.

Later,

Roger Evans

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Previously, Bruce had written:

>>But condescension or lack of same isn't the point. The point  
>>is... can anyone come up with solid reasons to believe the  
>>pictures are a hoax?

To which Jerry replied:

>I'm afraid, my friend, that you're missing the point, which is  
>this:

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>debunk the McMinnville photos. You can theorize freely, without  
>any basis whatever, that the Trents were diabolically clever  
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face it; they really are nothing but assumptions. They can't be  
quantified or measured in any scientific way.

Sometimes people do things for the hell of it.

Is this so hard to accept?

Me thinks you doth protest too much....

later,



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>be determined with good precision from the photos and on-site  
>measurements (although the exact positions are still being  
>worked on). Where any model would have been relative to the  
>power lines can be determined through triangulation of the  
>lines-of-sight from the 2 photo positions to the two saucers.

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>this can't be simply a model passively suspended from the same  
>point on the power lines in both photos. And second of all, it  
>tells us that the size difference can not be simply explained  
>by differences in distance to the power lines.

David:

Where can I find this? Is there a diagram?

Clear skies,

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yours above, which naturally is incapable of disproof. It means,  
in other words, nothing at all.

You're a good guy, Roger, but all of us have our good days and

bad days. I think you're on your latter in what you've said about McMinnville and the Trents.

>Me thinks you doth protest too much....

I protest too much? I think the protester-too-much is the guy you see when you look in the mirror. You've expended a lot more verbiage on this case than I have.

Cordially,

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>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 21:12:10 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 09:40:57 -0300  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 13:23:54 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Previously, Donald wrote:

>>As for Roger Evans arguments based on what two SFX experts did  
>>in the fifties could be a basis for what the Trents  
>>accomplished, because they both had the same background, that  
>>falls apart.

><snip>

>Hello, Donald.

>I didn't suggest that because they were once farmers that made  
>them experts in effects. I mentioned their background to show  
>that "simple minded" people sometimes work out the most elegant  
>and effective solutions, that's all.

Let's not suggest that being a farmer is somehow low on the IQ  
ladder. I was suggesting that the two SFX brothers learned  
another trade and then once proficient in that area were hired  
to do special effects, unlike the Trents who were not trained.

>Continuing, Donald wrote:

>>I'm in the business too. It ain't that easy, and the simplest  
>>method doesn't always work.

>But quite often it does. If it never worked, then you would  
>have said so. Thank you for validating my point!

No its suggests that they would not have to use sophisticated  
props but would have to have had considerable experience, time  
and trial runs to get just two "quick" shots. It doesn't add up.  
We sometimes spend hours just getting the lighting right in  
controlled conditions. I find it hard to believe that the Trents  
fooled the experts for 50 plus years with a box camera.

>And finally, Donald declared:

>>It always amazes me how frightened people get by the possibility  
>>of the unknown.

>I had no idea that I was frightened.

>Beyond that, I also have no idea what that statement, which I  
>assume you felt was profound, even means...

Now there's the Roger I know. Gotta get in the shaft. Profundity  
is not my strong suit. I wasn't looking for the sound bite.



>Perhaps it is the opposite of this:

>It always amazes me how presumptuous people get by the  
>possibility of the obvious.

Your statement.

My head.

See what I mean?

>Later,

Yeah.

Don Ledger

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## Other Intelligences?

From: royjhale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:07:30 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:22:11 -0400  
Subject: Other Intelligences?

Hi All,

An article on the aspect of ET Intelligence:

<http://members.netscapeonline.co.uk/royjhale/TheRiseofother.htm>

Regards,

Roy..

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## CPR-Canada News: 'Fields of Dreams and Strange

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 21:06:00 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:35:55 -0400  
Subject: CPR-Canada News: 'Fields of Dreams and Strange

CPR-CANADA NEWS  
The E-News Service of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

May 23, 2000

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FIELDS OF DREAMS and STRANGE SKIES:  
A Visual Presentation on the Crop Circle and Chemtrail Phenomena

The CONTACT group (Center for Ontological Action) in Bellingham, Washington will be featuring a double presentation on the continuing crop circle enigma and the chemtrail controversy by Paul Anderson, Director of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada and Founder of The Millennium Project. This joint presentation is part of The Millennium Forum (TMP) and Fields of Dreams (CPR-Canada) series of public lectures. Topic highlights to include:

- Latest 2000 crop circle updates from around the globe
- Exclusive CPR-Canada reports on the 1999 Canadian crop circles, one of the most prolific years to date (2000 season reports pending)
- The scientific evidence for the crop circle phenomenon, with the latest information from the BLT Research Team
- Chemtrails: evidence of a mass covert military spraying program? For what purpose? Slowing down global warming? Biological warfare testing?
- What is behind the 'chemtrails' reported from hundreds of cities and rural communities across Canada, the US and overseas since late 1998 - why are unmarked military aircraft 'spraying' our skies in elaborate X, parallel row and grid patterns?
- What have lab tests found in chemtrail samples taken after low-level spraying?
- Is there a connection to new recent pandemic outbreaks of "flu-like" upper respiratory illnesses?
- Why did Project Censored name this one of the most underreported news stories of 1999?
- Special TMP reports and documentation of the chemtrail phenomenon over Vancouver, BC and across Canada

Saturday, June 3, 2000  
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Note: Subscription requests for this news update service are sometimes being received without specifying "subscribe CPR-Canada News". Please note that as I run a similar mailing list for The Millennium Project (TMP News), subscription requests MUST include "subscribe CPR-Canada News", as outlined in the subscribe / unsubscribe instructions at the end of this e-mail (or "subscribe TMP News" for that list for example, or at least specify which list you are wanting to be added to in your message). If a request simply states "please add me to your list" or similar, I do not always know which mailing list you are requesting. Please submit requests according to these guidelines to ensure you are quickly added to the list without delay. Thank you! - Paul Anderson, editor.

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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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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 00:11:45 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:39:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 18:33:25 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 02:25:32 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>>What if only one detail is shown to be inconsistent with the  
>>story told by the witnesses? What if this is a demonstrated time  
>>of 15-20 minutes between pictures that were supposed to have  
>>been taken within seconds?

>Again with your imaginary 15 to 20 minute time lag. There is no  
>demonstrable shift in the shadows. All I see you doing is  
>mindlessly parroting Robert Sheaffer's arguments without  
>questioning whether they are correct or not.

What imaginary 15-20 minute time lag? I measured the shadows and reported the result on this list:

>>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 08:11:41 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>Fwd Date: Wed, 17 May 2000 09:28:11 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Two Skeptical Papers On The Trent Photos

<snip>

>>>Also, I measured the position of the shadow under the roof and  
>>>the roof corner. In the first picture (#23) the angle is 12 degrees,  
>>>and in the second picture the angle is 15 degrees. This 3 degree  
>>>difference could have been caused by the rising \_morning\_ Sun  
>>>if the pictures were taken about 15-20 minutes apart.

>>>I wasn't able to determine what was casting the part of the  
>>>shadow I measured, so was not able to estimate the time."

<snip>

>>And what if another detail shows that the picture was taken  
>>at another time of day than the witness story?

>Another of Sheaffer's attacks on the photos, which has also been  
>shown to be incorrect.

Wrong, again, David. I made my own measurements which showed that the shadow shifted down, something which could have been caused by a rising morning Sun.

>Sheaffer claimed that the eave shadows on the east wall of the  
>garage could \_only\_ be caused by \_direct\_ morning sunlight and  
>are totally inconsistent with the photos being taken in the  
>evening, when the Trent's claimed they were.

>1. Anomalous reverse shadowing can easily be shown to occur

>under common conditions. In the case of the Trent photos, all  
>that is needed is a cloud blocking direct sunlight from the sun  
>in the west, the light passing over the cloud and scattering off  
>of dust and/or clouds to the east.

A similar effect, but closer to the Sun and potentially  
brighter, could have occurred closer to sunrise when the May 11  
Sun might have been behind the Trent's house, to the right. I  
understand that the precise position of the house wall and the  
camera have not been determined, yet.

>3. The clear absence of hard shadowing anywhere in the photos.  
>If you doubt this, spend 2 minutes and take a look at the power  
>pole across the street in photo 1. Where is the dark shadow on  
>the left and the bright sunlit side on the right that Sheaffer's  
>direct-sunlight hypothesis would demand? Answer me that.

>4. Ironically the lower power line from which Trent supposedly  
>hung his model would cast a distinct shadow on the oil tank next  
>to the garage if the sunlight was direct. Even if the morning  
>sun was covered by fog causing a more diffuse light source, the  
>shadow should be much fainter but still detectable. There is no  
>such shadow in either photo. I discovered the existence of this  
>shadow when I recreated the scene in a computer ray tracing  
>program and placed the light source where the sun would be at  
>various times in the early morning.

I understand that the precise location of the garage, house wall  
and wires has not been determined. What data did you use for  
your ray tracing exercise?

>5. Using the same ray tracing model and actual morning sun  
>positions on May 11, I also discovered that it was impossible to  
>recreate the eave shadows shown in the photos at any time of  
>morning. Earlier in the morning, the sun is too far north to  
>recreate the proper north-south position of the shadows

Could you be clearer on this last statement? I measured the  
shadow edge and compared it to the corner of the roof eave, the  
resulting 15 degree altitude could have been caused by morning  
Sun about an hour after sunrise, or at other times if caused by  
reflection from nearby clouds.

You seem to have a fixation on Robert Shaeffer. I  
preferred my own measurements, which I shall try to refer  
to in future so as not to disturb you too much.

Condon picture #23 - 12 degrees shadow elevation  
Condon picture #24 - 15 degrees elevation  
3 degrees = 15-20 minutes between pictures

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Dennis Stacy** <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 23:51:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:41:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 18:33:25 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>If Trent was so intent on carrying out a hoax to the point of  
>carefully camouflaging a suspension thread, why would he leave  
>the means of suspension (i.e. the power lines) visible in the  
>photos ? All he had to do was reframe the pictures to eliminate  
>the power lines.

<snip>

David,

You amaze me.

Regardless of whether the Trent photos were hoaxed or not, Trent wouldn't have had to have in mind the idea of camouflaging a suspension thread one way or the other, as he would have no foreknowledge that such a suspending thread (assuming same was actually employed) could be ascertained by advanced photogrammetric (sp?) analysis.

Put simply, it wouldn't have been a concern. So your question as to why he would include the power lines in the photographs is nothing more than a rhetorical straw man of your own reasoning.

Eliminate the power lines and other points of reference, and what have you got? A saucer shape against a sky background, with no points of reference whatsoever.

I like the Trent photographs. I just don't know if they're real, but I do know your above line of reasoning isn't. In fact, it's eerily similar to the line of reasoning you accuse skeptics of assuming.

Dennis Stacy

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## A Year In The Live of Mars

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:47:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:47:09 -0400  
Subject: A Year In The Live of Mars

Source: discovery.com

[http://www.discovery.com/news/briefs/20000523/space\\_mars.html](http://www.discovery.com/news/briefs/20000523/space_mars.html)

A Year In The Live of Mars

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May 23, 2000 - NASA has made more than 20,000 images of Mars available as a Web-based photo album.

The pictures taken by the orbiting Mars Global Surveyor constitute the single largest one-time release of images for any planet in the history of solar system exploration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said Monday.

The archive covers one Mars year, 687 Earth days, beginning in September 1997 and extending through August 1999.

Many of the pictures have such high resolution that objects on the surface the size of a school bus can be seen.

This great clarity has revealed numerous geologic features on the Red Planet, including dunes, slopes and exposed layers of rock, in unprecedented detail. Astronomers have been puzzling over the origin of these formations, which have no obvious analog on Earth.

"Perhaps it is because water is the dominant force of erosion on Earth, even in the driest desert regions. But on Mars that force of change may have been something else, like wind," Ken Edgett, a scientist on Surveyor's camera team, said in a statement.

The release allows anyone with Internet access to explore Mars in much the same way as planetary researchers do, said Ken Edgett, staff scientist at Malin Space Science Systems, a San Diego firm that operates Surveyor's camera.

"They can experience them the same way that Mars Global Surveyor scientists do - one at a time, no captions or explanations, just 'Here it is. What does it show me?' " Edgett said.

Mars Global Surveyor was launched on Nov. 7, 1996, and arrived at Mars on Sept. 12, 1997. It has completed more than 5,000 orbits of the Red Planet.

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## Re: What's New At Project 1947

From: **Asgeir W. Skavhaug** <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 11:50:02 +0200  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 06:09:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: What's New At Project 1947

>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 21:56:12 -0400  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:58:34 -0400

>Subject: What's New At Project 1947

>WHAT'S NEW AT PROJECT 1947

><http://www.project1947.com/new.htm>

>"New Top Secret Document Discovered," a slightly  
>updated version of the April 2000 MUFON Journal  
>article on the formerly Top Secret Telecon Transcript TT  
>#1524 from USAF, Europe, Intelligence to USAF HQ  
>Director of Intelligence on UFO activity in Europe and the  
>recovery operation of a "flying saucer" seen by a high  
>ranking Swedish officials in 1948.

<snip>

>Best regards,  
>Jan Aldrich  
>Project 1947  
><http://www.project1947.com/>

Jan & List:

Referring to the following URL:

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/jtt.htm>

and with the following excerpt:

"USAFE saved the block-buster for the last part of the message. An object had crashed into a Swedish lake. "A technical expert near his home on the edge of the lake" was the witness. USAFE informed DI that the Swedes had recovery operations for the crashed object under way. Anyone familiar with the 1946 "Ghost Rockets" knows that a number of the these earlier reports claimed objects had allegedly come down in Scandinavian lakes. A 1946 Secret letter from the Commander US, Naval Forces, Europe, commented on an earlier 1946 recovery attempt from a lake in Norway.

The Navy was very much interested in what might be found. While they were willing to render assistance, there were two problems: the lack of Naval equipment and experts for that type of work in Europe at the time, and the lack of an invitation to assist from the Norwegian government. The Commander, US Naval Force Europe, felt that the matter required authorization from US political authority to proceed. [5]. Nothing further officially is known about the Norwegian lake crash, but the "technical expert" in the USAFE Swedish lake report was identified in another Top Secret DI 1948 document now at Maxwell AFB [6]."

The incident in Norway mentioned above, might have been the

incident reported here (but, many other similar incidents /sightings are also found here):

<http://www.ufo.no/english/articles/pre47-1.html>

with the following excerpt:

"18 Jul 1946; Mjøsa;

Between 12:00 and 12:30, several witnesses observed two V1-like objects coming in low, about 50 m height, from west. The witnesses first heard a strong whistling sound, not exactly like an aircraft. The objects were flying so low as to cause the trees to sway. They both impacted in Lake Mjøsa, about 2 km from the western shore and about 7 km from Minnesund. They were cigarshaped, about 2,5 m long, with about 1 m long wings placed about 1 m behind the nose. The front and back parts were shining like metal, but the middle section including the wings were dark. The wings seemed to flap a little. No fire or light were seen. The objects were close together, one in front of the other, and their trajectory were like when you throw a stone. When they impacted in Lake Mjøsa, the water splashed several meters in the air. No explosion was heard. The sky was clear, and the water calm. Some of the witnesses were Sigvart Skaug, his wife, son, and daughter, and Nils & Gustav Tosterud.

(Newspapers, etc., referring the incident:)

AFTENPOSTEN, 19 Jul 1946, 1; 20 Jul 1946, 1+5+14.  
BUSKERUDS BLAD, 20 Jul 1946, 1.  
DRAMMENS TIDENDE, 20 Jul 1946, 1.  
FREMtiden, 20 Jul 1946, 1.  
GÖTEBORGS-TIDNINGEN, Jul 1946.  
HD, 20 Jul 1946.  
SVD, 20 Jul 1946.  
MT, 21 Jul 1946, 18.  
AFTENPOSTEN, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
ARBEIDERBLADET, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
FREMtiden, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
MORGENBLADET, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, v 15/n 2 - Mar/Apr 1969, 18.  
OFFICIAL UFO, Oct 1976, 61.  
Gross: THE MYSTERY OF THE GHOST ROCKETS,  
1982, 14-5.  
AFU NEWSLETTER, 27 - Jan/Dec 1984, 4. "

Lake Mjøsa is the largest lake in Norway, located in the county of Hedemark, with the cities of Hamar, Lillehammer (1994 Winter Olympic Games) and Gjøvik at its shorelines.

Best regards,

Asgeir

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## Virus Watch!

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 02:56:40 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 06:24:14 -0400  
Subject: Virus Watch!

Dear List Readers:

Norton Anti-Virus just detected a virus on my machine. It was sent from one "Alberto Bonisoli" with the unlikely email address of <[Bonisoli@datacom.bg](mailto:Bonisoli@datacom.bg)> i.e. somewhere in Bulgaria.

The virus detected was identified by NAV as " W97M.Proverb.A ", a variant on the W97M family which infects phony Microsoft Word97 documents.

No harm is done unless you open the MSW document itself, i.e. if you click on the attachment.

I never heard of Alberto Bonisoli, but I sent him a nice thank-you note. Evidently I was on his email list, so some of you may be as well; thus this message.

Beware! (and have that Anti-Virus software up and running!)

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: I've been getting goofy letters from overseas asking about VHS tapes (Alien Interview, secret Nazi UFOs etc.) plus magazine subscriptions etc. The only thing I ever sold was my \*U\* Database software. If anyone knows why this should start up now, I would appreciate a kind note! -LH

[Readers should set a filter to trash any messages from the offending address above - assuming they don't know of an 'Alberto Bonisoli']

"goofy letters"? Do you mean snail-mail? Or 'Message' as in e-mail? --ebk]

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**Chuck Shramek 12-27-50 - 05-23-2000**

From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 09:44:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 13:41:22 -0400  
Subject: Chuck Shramek 12-27-50 - 05-23-2000

This morning I had a telephone call from a good friend of mine asking me if I had heard the latest. I wasn't sure which latest he was referring to, so I told him no. "It's all over the net" he said, "Chuck Shramek has died." He caught me by surprise. "What did you say?" I asked in disbelief. "Shramek died?" I stopped for a second. "Damn, that is a shock" I kind of mumbled. I had known Shramek for years although he and I had never "met". I first made Chuck's acquaintance when he was a caller on my old radio show "UFOs Tonite!" Over the next few years Chuck was a frequent caller on the program. He always proved to have a great sense of humor, was erudite and generally a joy to talk to. Then the "Comet" happened.

It was November of 1996 and the huge story of the day was the Hale Bopp Comet. A beautiful and fiery display in the heavens, Hale Bopp was wowing all. One evening in November the Art Bell program received a call from Shramek. An amateur astronomer, Shramek had been "imaging" the comet with his 10" SC telescope and a CCD camera. In the photo Shramek took there appeared to be another body close to the comet that had a "ring like" form around this mysterious body. Shramek called it a "Saturn Like Object". He emailed it to Bell who quickly placed it on his website. The storm broke!

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From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 11:42:39 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 13:43:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 23:39:57 -0300  
>From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>No its suggests that they would not have to use sophisticated  
>props but would have to have had considerable experience, time  
>and trial runs to get just two "quick" shots. It doesn't add up.  
>We sometimes spend hours just getting the lighting right in  
>controlled conditions. I find it hard to believe that the Trents  
>fooled the experts for 50 plus years with a box camera.

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## Re: Non-UFO Question

From: John W. Auchettl <[Prauf@aol.com](mailto:Prauf@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 08:17:57 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 13:45:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 15:53:57 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Non-UFO Question

Jim (De Capo) Mortellaro Said:

>First, you've used the wrong word. It is not expert  
>it is Ex-Spurt. Which is to say, "A has-been drip."

<snip>

>If you follow those rules, you will always sell books,  
>be a real Ex-Spurt and become known as the Mensche  
>Capo di Tutti Mensche Capos.

<snip>

>Jim Mortellaro, Capo

Dear Jim, EBK & List,

Jim defined an "Expert" as:

Spelling = "Ex-Spurt"  
Definition = "A has-been drip"

Using the long abused Ox-Ford Dictionary (GTX Edition) and that is the 'not so concise version' and Oz-Australian Edition MKIII 8-), you can also characterize "Expert" as:

Spelling: = "Xspurt"  
Definition = [1]. "An unknown quantity under pressure"  
              [2]. "An unknown quantity who gush or issue suddenly to show marked activity or energy for a short period then is throw or forced out suddenly"

Regards to Jim & all,

John W. Auchettl  
Director PRA Research

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 13:16:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 13:51:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:07:31 +0200  
>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Bruce wrote:

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 10:25:50 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 19:27:47 -0400  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

<snip>

>We are then - in my opinion (and considering also the "large"  
>uncertainties and many assumptions in the photo analyses) -  
1>eft with the two "most likely" explanations, being ranked  
>according to subjectively estimated probabilities as follows:

>1) A hoax, with an approx. 0.999 999 999..... probability,  
>(or, at least 99.999 999 999..... % chance).

>or,

>2) A real UFO, with an approx. 1/1,000,000,000(,00.....)  
>probability (or, the odds against such an event is at least a  
>billion to one.....).

>Thus, the conclusion is that 2 possible explanations were left;  
>either a hoax or a real, extraterrestrial UFO. However, only  
>some extraordinary evidence would have been required for the  
>possibility of the extraordinary, real UFO alternative, and the  
>two photos are certainly not such evidence, as they can "easily"  
>be hoaxed.

<LOL>

After all this discussion you have arrived at approximately where I started over 25 years ago. I assumed that I could prove Hartmann of the Condon report was wrong in claiming that "all factors investigated"... were consistent with the claim of the witnesses that an "extraordinary flying craft" went by. So, now you can look forward to many year of careful analysis to see if your probabilities change. Too bad you are too late to talk to the witnesses. But you can watch Terry Halstead's video interview of them.

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## Re: Chuck Shramek 12-27-50 - 05-23-2000

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 14:31:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 22:40:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Chuck Shramek 12-27-50 - 05-23-2000

>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 09:44:51 -0700  
>From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
>Subject: Chuck Shramek 12-27-50 - 05-23-2000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>he was referring to, so I told him no. "It's all over the net"  
>he said, "Chuck Shramek has died." He caught me by surprise.  
>"What did you say?" I asked in disbelief. "Shramek died?" I  
>stopped for a second. "Damn, that is a shock" I kind of mumbled.

I was shocked too -- then I felt the sizable loss.

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>I first made Chuck's acquaintance when he was a caller on my old  
>radio show "UFOs Tonite!" Over the next few years Chuck was a  
>frequent caller on the program. He always proved to have a great  
>sense of humor, was erudite and generally a joy to talk to. Then  
>the "Comet" happened.

Still a very deeply mysterious thing for all the subsequent  
denial, dismissal, and discounting.

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>Hale Bopp Comet. A beautiful and fiery display in the heavens,  
>Hale Bopp was wowing all. One evening in November the Art Bell  
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>another body close to the comet that had a "ring like" form  
>around this mysterious body. Shramek called it a "Saturn Like  
>Object". He emailed it to Bell who quickly placed it on his  
>website. The storm broke!

Wowing a selected few, I would amend. For all it's unusual  
behavior it was addressed in a subdued manner, badly  
photographed, and now poorly and inaccurately remembered. The  
biggest celestial event of our time...

>Shramek was attacked across the board from all corners of the  
>skeptical world. Alan Hale, co-discoverer of the Hale Bopp  
>Comet, accused Shramek of "promoting government conspiracies,

Horaciously twisted shorts with a lemon twirl! We all 'know'  
that 'those' never happen!

>promoting the work of fringe writers that include Richard  
>Hoagland and Zecharia Sitchin."

Yeah, well -- Sitchin's a tough ball to field for the  
skeptical-bunkers, and I sympathize with their murmuring  
consternation, but at the same time am hugely entertained by it.  
Suck it up boys!

>Now let's stop for just a second. All Shramek did was photograph  
>the Comet and report on this mysterious object.

Exactly (!) -- his report was exactly as I would have given it

in exactly the way I would have heard it. How DARE anyone presume to tell me what I should or should not be listening to. As I have written numerous times BEFORE Chuck's tragically premature death, I COMMEND him for facing the anomaly and having the GUTS to give us some unfiltered news. This especially when I believe it highly likely that he was largely RIGHT, but that's another post.

>He never claimed it was anything but odd.

We agree! It must be fact! <g>.

>He checked his computer  
>database program and could not locate any star that might have  
>been the [or a likely] object. He was baffled and said so.

See preceding comment.

>So he did what  
>anyone who knew Chuck would expect Chuck to do, retaliate by  
>explaining how he feels about the term "butthead astronomers!"  
>Vintage Shramek.

...And missed already.

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And! As I have written, no reflection on Mr. Shramek one wit or startled periwinkle.

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>tale did not die down for several years and Chuck was always  
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>yes, I should also note that Chuck was very quick to take note  
>and report to the public NASA's peccadillos when it concerned  
>the truth about items like Mars, the Moon, UFOs and fabricated  
>statements about all of the above.

Any 'lie' that Chuck Shramek told was likely a lie that told a truth. If he TOLD the truth and a half, it was only because he was tired of hearing half the truth.

>Chuck succumbed to cancer on May 23, 2000. He was 49 years of  
>age. I will miss him.

Me too. I never got to speak to Chuck, but I listened to him, appreciated him, and was inspired by him..

I wrote him only one piece of E-Mail, several ago out of the blue, asking him to covertly look in on a mutual friend who was feeling kind of low. We had never even been introduced. In a few days I got a return E-mail. "Done," he had written.

I'll miss his wit, courage, and sense of ethics. He was a true original, and (I'd bet) originally true.

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>UFO Magazine  
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<http://www.alienview.com>

'Updated All the TIME''

<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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## The COMETA Report

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 22:43:35 -0400  
Subject: The COMETA Report

Stan Friedman wrote:

Three quick items re the COMETA Report:

1. Has anybody seen any other newspaper pick up on the Boston Globe Story of May 21?
2. I have noted 5 different listings for Willard H. Miller via the People Finder of Netscape. Anybody know anything about him? He is mentioned in the Globe story, but no real clues are given as to who he is or where he is (if he is legitimate).
3. For those who would like a copy of the 90 page English Translation of the COMETA Report, I am making copies available, as noted on Coast to Coast a few weeks ago, for only \$10. including first class postage from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. Or call toll free 877-457-0232 to use VISA or Master Card..

Stan Friedman

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 14:56:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 22:36:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 11:42:39 +0100  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>have used up in previous unsuccessful attempts. And surely the  
>point about a box camera is that the picture quality is fairly  
>basic and does not allow too close an examination.

If you assume that every researcher that spoke with the Trents was completely taken in by their seeming innocence, and couldn't see through their fakery, your point is well taken.

To say that it is possible that they had faked the photos is probably accurate, but that doesn't make it likely.

Steve

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From: James Easton <[voyager@ufoworld.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 01:19:59 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 23:15:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Regarding:

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 20:49:01 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:43:47 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Bruce wrote:

>Nor can the fakery of the Trents be supported with any fact...  
>And, all the circumstantial evidence points against it. In fact,  
>the only argument for a hoax is "flying saucers don't exist...  
>there is no evidence that they exist..... therefore the Trents  
>faked their pictures"

Bruce,

On its own, that's a prevailing argument.

Surely we understand by this time how the popularised 'flying saucer' perception was founded on that misconstrued simile, which Kenneth Arnold used to describe the undulating flight characteristics of those nine 'bat-like' objects.

If the chances of anything coming from Mars are a million to one, the odds on it looking like a 'flying saucer' with a funnel are even more remote.

In addition to this foremost obstacle, the Trents story is blatantly suspicious, even if it were absolutely true.

They claim that a flying saucer came out of nowhere, headed towards their farm where they waited with a camera, spool already loaded, the 'saucer' conveniently almost stopped overhead and they were able to take two high quality photographs before it took off and nothing like it was ever seen again.

[As we know, the only comparative image, supposedly from a photograph taken near Rouen in northern France, has no confirmed origin].

I agree it seems doubtful the Trents created a sophisticated hoax and prefer the scenario suggested by our 'alien spacecraft' being an outdoor light cover, or something similarly mundane.

One problem is how the object moved between shots - looks like it can't have been blowing about in a strong wind as foliage in the second photo seems to be completely undisturbed compared to the first.

I'm also not comfortable with the idea that someone risked injury by tying an object to overhead electrical wires, yet it seems the most conceivable explanation in a hoax scenario.

Where any fake saucer would probably have been suspended, how high were these overhead wires?

Incidentally, although I would expect these photos were taken in the sequence we believe and not the other way around, is there a

reason we can be sure about this? Did anyone ever confirm what was on the other negatives from that roll of film, ruling out the possibility these were the two 'best' shots from a longer sequence?

Coming back to purported events, the following summary, edited to remove references, is taken from:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/500511.htm>

Witness I [Mrs Trent] was feeding rabbits in the back yard, S of the house and E of the garage when the object was first sighted, apparently toward the NE. Witness II [Mr Trent] was apparently in the house at this moment, as three of the accounts refer to Witness I calling to him and running into the house to fetch him from the kitchen, although one account states that they had "been out in the back yard," and "both saw it at the same time."

Immediately after they both saw the object, apparently as it was still in a NE direction, moving slowly toward the W, they thought of their camera. Witness II ran to the car, thinking it was there, but Witness I remembered it was in the house and brought it. Witness II took the camera, which was already loaded. The roll of film had been purchased during the winter and already had two or three shots on it.  
[End]

Is it a bird, is it a plane... wouldn't most people try to determine what the object was? Why did Mrs Trent immediately believe it to be something extraordinary - this far away object almost certainly being indistinct?

Accepting the most common account, which places Mr Trent in the house, considerable time must have elapsed since that initial observation, e.g.:

- Mrs Trent is in the back yard and sees an unidentified object
- she calls to Mr Trent
- Mrs Trent runs into the house and tells him there's something in the sky which she wants him to take a look at
- they both go outside to see if the object is still there
- although it might still have been distant, they decide this aerial artefact is sufficiently notable that it should be photographed
- searching for his camera, Mr Trent runs to his car, however, Mrs Trent recalls the camera is actually in the house and goes to find it
- she locates the camera and returns with it
- Mr Trent focuses on the object, which it's presumably now evident could be a flying saucer, and as it has obligingly almost hovered in front of him, he is duly able to look down at the viewfinder and fix the aerial vehicle close to centre frame
- he moves to the right and again has time to focus and frame, obtaining another relatively excellent result.

Did the Trents ever express any fear that an unidentified object, maybe a flying saucer, was coming increasing close to their farm?

When it was allegedly moving extremely slowly and just about hovered whilst the photographs were taken, didn't they wonder if it was about to land (what about those Martians with death rays!)?

Of course, it might not have been clear until the last minute how they may be encountering a flying saucer, which brings us back to that question of why a distant, unidentified object - which was possibly, or likely to be, an aircraft - should have generated such excitement in the first place.

You have noted:

>Of more importance is the fact that everyone who knew the Trents  
>told me that the idea of a hoax was beyond them... they just  
>didn't have the mental capacity to think of anything outside  
>their range of daily activities.

Far from being incapacitated, what actually distinguishes this case is how the Trents were extraordinarily alert - to the extent they apparently predicted this was to be an occurrence which should be committed to film.

I'm sure we can all think of cases where claimed witnesses lamented how they never thought about using an available camera or camcorder.

>>Man, you must really think the Trents were stupid!

>You got it, man!

Evidently not so.

James Easton.

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Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 02:07:40 +0100  
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Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Almost a year ago, I published the following:

Voyager Newsletter - Issue No. 6

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/v06.txt>

Date: 29/06/99  
Re: Trent Photographs  
UFO Research List

There's a 'UFO' photograph which may not be well known and which depicts an object similar to the 'flying saucer' photographed by Paul Trent on 11 May, 1950.

[...]

All I can ascertain is that the more recent photograph was apparently taken by Herr Walter Schilling, on 3 Jul 1977, in Hamburg, Germany.

My source is a 1993 CD-ROM entitled, 'UFO'.

Although the CD-ROM contains numerous hoaxed photographs, some of the other material is interesting and maybe not so well known.

Of the Schilling photograph, it states:

"Herr Walter Schilling observed and photographed a flying disc with a curious rotating, fluorescent periscope-like mast. The object was very close to the ground and was tilted at an angle as it cast a 30ft shadow on the grass to its right".

The reason why I suspect it's an obvious fake, aside from it being the archetypal and mythical 'flying saucer', will, I'm sure, be evident on seeing the full sized photograph. There's a copy on my web site at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/schilling.jpg>

Another (inferior quality) copy, plus further material from this CD-ROM can be found at:

<http://www.xs4all.nl/~pro/033.htm>

So, what became of Herr Schilling's photograph?

I may have been overly optimistic in expecting to find further references to it. Do any of our colleagues in Germany perhaps know more about this 'Trent look-alike' case?

[End]

It was subsequently confirmed that Schilling was, perhaps no great surprise, apparently a well known hoaxer and much worse.

That acknowledged, if we take the 'flying saucer' from his photo, scale and rotate it comparative to the object shown in

the Trent photographs, are there notable similarities - see:

[http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/trent\\_x.jpg](http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/trent_x.jpg)

Taking this exercise further, I copied the scaled and rotated Schilling saucer into a Trent photo and this comparison can be seen at:

[http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/trent\\_y.jpg](http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/trent_y.jpg)

Although there may arguably be striking similarities, the unanswered question is where Schilling's hoax 'saucer' came from.

If, and I doubt this, it was modelled on the Trent photos, then that offers an explanation.

Otherwise, if Schilling had used an available saucer-like object which he thought might look like a 'flying saucer', we do have to ask what earthly artefact so resembled the purported alien spaceship technology which the Trents astonishingly managed to capture on film.

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## Re: Chuck Shramek 12-27-50 - 05-23-2000

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>From: Don Ecker <[decker@ufomag.com](mailto:decker@ufomag.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 09:44:51 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 13:41:22 -0400  
>Subject: Chuck Shramek 12-27-50 - 05-23-2000

>Chuck succumbed to cancer on May 23, 2000. He was 49 years of  
>age. I will miss him.

I will too.

Rebecca  
Not Feeling Very Clever At The Moment

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><snip>

>>>What if only one detail is shown to be inconsistent with the  
>>>story told by the witnesses? What if this is a demonstrated time  
>>>of 15-20 minutes between pictures that were supposed to have  
>>>been taken within seconds?

>>Again with your imaginary 15 to 20 minute time lag. There is no  
>>demonstrable shift in the shadows. All I see you doing is  
>>mindlessly parroting Robert Sheaffer's arguments without  
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>What imaginary 15-20 minute time lag? I measured the shadows and  
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in the shadows is little more than a bad joke.

Bruce Maccabee did photometric measurements directly off the  
negatives. You can't get any better data than that. Results:  
no shadow shifts.

Correct me if I am wrong, but I am assuming that the photos you  
are using are the low-resolution #23 & #24 ones (which you  
mention at the end) included on the Net Condon Web site at:

<http://www.ncas.org/condon/text/case46.htm>

No way can you authoritatively determine whether the shadows  
have shifted from such low resolution images. Garbage in --  
Garbage out.

I have scans from first generation prints (courtesy of Bruce)  
that have resolutions 6 times better than these Condon site  
JPGs, and I still don't feel comfortable reaching any  
conclusions about shadow movements based on these images. When I  
do look at my higher-resolution JPGs, I see no vertical shift in  
the shadows, none at all. The bottom edge of the eave shadows  
seems even with the top edge of a horizontal trim board in both  
photos.

Bruce's measurements from the negatives are the gold standard here, and there are no shadow shifts.

><snip>

>>>And what if another detail shows that the picture was taken  
>>>at another time of day than the witness story?

>>Another of Sheaffer's attacks on the photos, which has also been  
>>shown to be incorrect.

>Wrong, again, David. I made my own measurements which showed  
>that the shadow shifted down, something which could have been  
>caused by a rising morning Sun.

First of all, no shadow shifts. Second of all, all the evidence I cited below that the shadows were not caused by morning sun.

>>Sheaffer claimed that the eave shadows on the east wall of the  
>>garage could only be caused by direct morning sunlight and  
>>are totally inconsistent with the photos being taken in the  
>>evening, when the Trent's claimed they were.

>>1. Anomalous reverse shadowing can easily be shown to occur  
>>under common conditions. In the case of the Trent photos, all  
>>that is needed is a cloud blocking direct sunlight from the sun  
>>in the west, the light passing over the cloud and scattering off  
>>of dust and/or clouds to the east.

>A similar effect, but closer to the Sun and potentially  
>brighter, could have occurred closer to sunrise when the May 11  
>Sun might have been behind the Trent's house, to the right.

Using your claimed elevation figures of 12 deg for photo 1 and 15 deg for photo 2, a May 11 date, and the sun's azimuth's of 76.6 deg and 79.5 deg respectively for those elevations, and running this through my ray tracer, the house would have cast a large shadow across the right side of the oil tank, the garage, and up onto the corner of the roof.

However, there are no such shadows, are there? Thanks for demolishing your own argument. The absent house shadow shall be dutifully added to the list of arguments that the photos were not taken in direct morning sun. It's an angle I hadn't considered before.

Once again, thanks!

>I understand that the precise position of the house wall and the  
>camera have not been determined, yet.

The position of the house wall is known to an accuracy of about 1 foot. The camera positions are currently known to within a foot or two (and more accurate values should be soon available as the computer models are refined).

This really has no substantial effect on the arguments. E.g., I used a house wall placement at the most extreme positions to minimize the house shadows cast on the tank and garage. But they are still there. Too bad for your side.

>>3. The clear absence of hard shadowing anywhere in the photos.  
>>If you doubt this, spend 2 minutes and take a look at the power  
>>pole across the street in photo 1. Where is the dark shadow on  
>>the left and the bright sunlit side on the right that Sheaffer's  
>>direct-sunlight hypothesis would demand? Answer me that.

I notice you skipped responding to this point which absolutely disproves direct sunlight. The pole is completely out in the open yet there is almost no shadowing. The ambient lighting is obvious very diffuse. Trying to quibble over the exact placement of the house, or wires, or camera positions can't save you here.

>>4. Ironically the lower power line from which Trent supposedly  
>>hung his model would cast a distinct shadow on the oil tank next  
>>to the garage if the sunlight was direct. Even if the morning  
>>sun was covered by fog causing a more diffuse light source, the  
>>shadow should be much fainter but still detectable. There is no  
>>such shadow in either photo. I discovered the existence of this  
>>shadow when I recreated the scene in a computer ray tracing  
>>program and placed the light source where the sun would be at

>>various times in the early morning.

>I understand that the precise location of the garage, house wall  
>and wires has not been determined. What data did you use for  
>your ray tracing exercise?

I think you mean the placement of the house and wires relative to the garage. The wires are attached to the top center of the south wall of the house (see Hartmann's 1967 on-site photo on the Condon Web site page). Again this placement is known to within about a foot. So is the position of the house. The other ends of the wires were probably attached to the back center of the garage near its peak, though this still isn't certain. However, when I do attach it there in the ray tracing program and then look at from different perspectives (those of the two Trent photos and the Hartmann photo), I am able to recreate the positions of the wire as shown in the photos.

No matter how you want to fiddle with the placement of the wire, it is still going to cast a shadow slanting across the tank in direct morning sunlight, just as the house casts a shadow on the tank and garage at the times you claim the photos were taken.

You lose again.

>>5. Using the same ray tracing model and actual morning sun  
>>positions on May 11, I also discovered that it was impossible to  
>>recreate the eave shadows shown in the photos at any time of  
>>morning. Earlier in the morning, the sun is too far north to  
>>recreate the proper north-south position of the shadows

>Could you be clearer on this last statement? I measured the  
>shadow edge and compared it to the corner of the roof eave, the  
>resulting 15 degree altitude could have been caused by morning  
>Sun about an hour after sunrise,

The shadows are cast in two dimensions, not one. Sure, you can get a 15 degree sun elevation in the morning on any day of the year, but can you simultaneously get the sun's azimuth and elevation right to cast the shadows as shown May 11 in the Trent photos? The answer is no.

Here's a table of the sun's azimuth and elevation in the morning on May 11 at Trent's position:

Time	Azimuth	Elevation
6:30 a.m.	70.7	6.0
7:00	75.7	11.1
7:15	78.3	13.7
7:30	80.8	16.3
8:00	85.8	21.5
8:30	91.1	26.8

At no time in the morning can you recreate the eave shadow angles with direct sunlight.

>or at other times if caused by reflection from nearby clouds.

If you are going to argue reflection from clouds, then you have already conceded defeat, because reflection from clouds can also account for the shadows if the pictures were taken in the evening. That was exactly my point (and Bruce Maccabee's point some time ago).

If the shadows are caused by cloud reflections, then you can no longer claim that the shadow patterns are inconsistent with the Trent's story of when the photos were taken. Nor can you claim that shadow movements, even if they did exist, are evidence of hoaxing, since they are no longer tied to movement of the sun in the sky.

>You seem to have a fixation on Robert Shaeffer.

No, I noticed you just rehashing all of his discredited arguments and then using them as "evidence" that the Trents hoaxed the photos.

>I preferred my own measurements, which I shall try to refer  
>to in future so as not to to disturb you too much.

> Condon picture #23 - 12 degrees shadow elevation

> Condon picture #24 - 15 degrees elevation  
> 3 degrees = 15-20 minutes between pictures

As I said before, garbage in, garbage out. Your shadow movements are as imaginary as your direct sunlight. There is nothing here to discredit the Trents.

David Rudiak

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To which Bob replied:

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>>reported the result on this list:

David responded:

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>indistinct shadows from the best possible data available (either  
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Let's see....

We can measure the shadows on the garage, the ground, the house, the power lines, the trees, the poles, the roof, the pigs and the cows and the hired help. And with all due respect to Bob's efforts, none of this amounts to squat. The object of interest is still a fuzzy, black and white "thing" floating in the middle of a blank sky with no reference points what so ever. It doesn't go behind anything and is too small and grainy to ascertain its identity or origin other than it looks suspiciously like a milk can lid. In essence, you've got information on everything in the bloody picture except the damned UFO!

Is it the real thing? Personally, I'd like to think so. But the bottom line is that you can ray trace until the cows come home (and I think they've long since gone to bed) but you won't get any closer to authenticating the UFO than a casual observer would by looking at the photos with the naked eye.

Finally, David wrote:

>You lose again.

Probably the most revealing bit of information you've passed on,  
yet, David.

I grow bored repeating the obvious...

Roger

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Wrong, again, David. I made my own measurements which showed that the shadow shifted down, something which could have been caused by a rising morning Sun.

Let's try some more measurments and More Analysis:

Using Large Magnifications (blowups):

Measuring above the knot that appears prominently above the oil tank in both photos:

the spacing between apparent horizontal shadow edge and the lower of two board gaps just below the shadow edge in photo 1:  
 $16 \text{ mm}/10.75 = 1.49 \text{ mm}$  on negative; fuzziness at least  $1/4 \text{ mm}/10.75 = 0.02 \text{ mm}$  (10.75 is the magnification of the print)  
Hence we have  $1.49 \pm 0.02 \text{ mm}$ .

The spacing between apparent horizontal shadow edge and the lower of the two board gaps in photo 2:  $11.5 \text{ mm}/8.25 = 1.39 \text{ mm}$  on negative; fuzziness at least  $1/4 \text{ mm}/8.25 = 0.03 \text{ mm}$  on negative

These two distance just calculated lie on the surface of the wall along essentially the same vertical line (above the knot in the wood).

Thus one might conclude from this that the shadow image moved down the wall image by  $1.49 - 1.39 = 0.1 \text{ mm}$  going from photo 1 to photo 2. Since the distance of the camera from the wall was about 25 ft for photo 1 and 30 ft for photo 2, use 28 ft average and estimate (with 100 mm focal length) that the actual distance on the wall that 0.1 mm image distance corresponds to is  $0.1 \text{ mm}/100 \text{ mm} \times 28 \text{ ft} = (336 \text{ inches})/1000 = 0.336 \text{ inches}$ . If the edge of the roof were about 7 inches from the wall measured horizontally (a measurement perpendicular to the wall) (this distance is essentially correct according to recent measurements of the actual garage which is still there!) then the angle of the light source moved by about  $\arctan(.336/7) = 2.7 \text{ degrees}$  UPWARD!!!.

\_However\_, the camera was farther from the wall in photo 2 than it was in photo 1, so any dimension will appear smaller on the negative. How much farther in photo 2 than in photo 1?

Measuring the vertical dimension of the image of the tank (top of tank image to bottom of tank image) near the right end I find:

photo 1 :  $108 \text{ mm}/8.25 = 13.1 \text{ mm}$  on the negative

photo 2:  $119 \text{ mm}/8.18 = 14.5 \text{ mm}$  on negative

Now, there is a horizontal parallax effect that is obvious from the shift in camera positions (Trent moved about 5 ft to his right and backward several feet to take the second shot. The horizontal parallax makes it more difficult to compare distances measured horizontally on the garage, such as the spacing between rafter ends, in order to determine the relative distances of the camera from the wall.. However, the vertical parallax is slight (perhaps 6 inches over about 30 ft, the approximate distance of Trent from the corner of the garage when he took the second shot).

Thus we can say to a good approximation that the ratio of his distance from the wall near the corner in photo 1 divided by the distance for photo 2 is the inverse of the ratio of the heights of the tank images. That is, for photo 2 he was  $14.5/13.2 = 1.106$  times farther from the wall than for photo 1. Hence any VERTICAL measure on the wall when compared between photos 1 and 2 must be scaled by this ratio. (Note: this works because all the vertical shadow measurements are on the same plane - the wall surface. )

Thus, if the vertical measure of the spacing between the lower of two board gaps and the horizontal shadow edge in photo 1 is 1.49 mm, then that same distance should appear in photo 2 as  $1.49/1.106 = 1.35 \text{ mm}$ . In other words, if there were NO movement of the shadow we would expect the spacing between IMAGES to be 1.35 mm simply because of the increased distance of the camera from the wall.

Now, note that this expected spacing is a trifle LESS than the 1.39 mm distance that was measured in photo 2. That means that either the measurements are difficult and that a difference of 0.03 mm in image measurement falls within the error bounds or the shadow in photo 2 was actually HIGHER on the wall than in photo 1..

In other words, the 0.03 mm difference could be a result of the inability to get really precise measurements at this level of accuracy or it could be interpreted as meaning that the shadow actually moved UP the wall by an amount  $(0.03 \text{ mm}/100 \text{ mm}) \times 28 \text{ ft} = 0.1 \text{ inches}$  corresponding to an angle  $\arctan(0.1/7) = 0.8$  degrees. In other words, the "angular motion" interpretation is that the light source moved downward 0.8 degrees.

So you can take your choice. Is there "fuzziness" in the measurement or did the sun set in the morning?

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Now let's look at the vertical shadow edges of the eave rafters. Did they move sideways?

First consider the spacing between the first short (not the one that sticks way out) and second rafter ends at the right side of the garage wall (image). (2 by 4's spaced about 2 feet). In photo one the center to center (or vertical edge to edge) spacing is  $4.89 \pm 0.05 \text{ mm}$  from densitometer and traveling microscope measurements. In photo 2 the same dimension is  $4.96 \pm 0.05 \text{ mm}$ .

The ratio is  $4.96/4.89 = 1.014 \pm 0.01$ .

(A remarkable near coincidence of values since we know he was 1.106 times farther from the wall when taking photo 2. How to explain this? The angle of view was different. In photo 1 the actual spacing between rafter ends was foreshortened by the cosine of his viewing angle (angle between the wall and the line to the camera). When taking photo 2 he was at a different angle, more perpendicular to the wall, so the foreshortening was less. That is the cosine factor was closer to unity for the second shot. Based on his distance alone we would expect the spacing of the rafter images to be about  $4.89/1.106 = 4.42 \text{ mm}$ . However, we



measured 4.96, so the ratio of the cosine foreshortening factors must be  $4.96/4.42 = 1.122$ . Now, of course, there are lots of combinations of cosine factors, corresponding to lots of pairs of viewing angles (pair: angle for photo 1 and angle for photo 2) which could give this ratio. To find out what the angles actually were we would need at least one (and then we could calculate the other). However, it is not necessary to know the actual angles to determine if the shadows of the eave rafters moved between shots.)

The distance from the center of the shadow under (just to the left of) the SECOND short eave rafter from the right (corner of the garage image) to the edge of the garage wall at the level of the vertical center of the shadow (got that?) is  $5.1 \pm 0.05$  mm in photo 1 and the same distance is  $5.22 \pm 0.05$  in photo 2. Now the combination of angle and distance changes which caused the spacing between rafter ends to increase from 4.89 to 4.96 would cause the same relative increase in the spacing of the rafter shadows if there were no shadow motion between pictures. I find

$5.1 \pm 0.05$  mm in photo 1 times  $1.014 \pm 0.01 = 5.07$  to  $5.27$ mm.

This result clearly encompasses  $5.22 \pm 0.05$  mm. Hence it appears that the slight increase in distance of the shadow, which was interpreted as a result of motion of the light source, can be attributed to the fact that Trent took the second photo from a different location.

CONCLUDE: any seeming position shift of shadows can be attributed to changes in position of the camera. (unless the sun wa setting in the morning :) )

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>that offers an explanation.

Trent photos -- 1950. Schilling photo 1977. The Trent photos  
are certainly among the most famous and widely circulated UFO  
photos of all time. But to our friend, its a stretch that  
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>spaceship technology which the Trents astonishingly managed to  
>capture on film.

Keep it up James. Your logic is so incredible that even  
debunkers cringe when they read it.

David Rudiak

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>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>Michel Algrin  
>Attorney-At-Law  
>Director of COMETA

Dear Mr. Algrin,

The last thing we need right now is more legal actions directed  
at researchers in the field trying to uncover the truth of these  
matters.

I am sure Stan Friedman was only trying to get the COMETA  
document out to other researchers who badly need full access to  
an English translation. He will most certainly retract his  
offer, now that he knows of your concern.

If it is your intention to publish an English translation,  
please get on with it. It should have been done simultaneously  
with the French publication. Its absence has made it much  
easier for the top-tier American media to ignore the report and  
much harder for people like myself to motivate journalists to  
take on the report. Fortunately, one such journalist, Leslie  
Kean, has done so with predictable positive results.

There is great support and interest in this country for COMETA. We want you to proceed with further investigations and expand your field of study.

Right now it is critical that we support each other, not sue each other. There are already enough obstacles being placed in our path by opponents of full disclosure of the UFO/ET reality. No need to add more of our own.

Regards,  
Stephen Bassett  
Paradigm Research Group  
X-PPAC

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## Happy Birthday... Belated - And A Question

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 13:52:08 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 17:44:22 -0400  
Subject: Happy Birthday... Belated - And A Question

Dear EBK, Lister Twisters and Entities Lurching ...  
Lurking. Sorry,

Yesterday, 24 May, 2000, was the birthday of one Mr. Robert Zimmerman, aka, Bob Dylan. I thought it fitting, in light of the latest count (832.5) of posts on the subject of the Mac, Minnie and Willy photos, to mention this. I have always claimed that there is a line in a Bob Dylan song to fit every occasion. This one's no different. I believe the appropriate take is from "Maggie's Farm." It goes, (You) ... "Sing while you save, but I just get bored ..."

He never worked on Maggie's Farm again.

Let me also take this opportunity to send a message to Jenny Randles. I have attempted to research information regarding engine and light shut down in the presence of UFO's. In your book, "The UFO Conspiracy" subtitled "From The Official Case Files of the World's Leading Nations," I found ample numbers of cases where such occurred.

Levelland - Pendle Hill - as well as numerous documented cases of military and commercial aircraft having their electronics affected adversely. Only in one case in the entire book (if memory serves) where a witness's car engine and lights shut down, he turns the ignition key (in a Vauxhall I think) and nothing happens. After the UFO leaves, " ... the engine starts back up .."

Jenny, do you have any further detail on this issue? Did the engine really just start up? Or did the operator attempt to start it, and it worked? This issue is rather critical to my own experience with my mother, father and myself on the way to the Adirondack Mountains from the Bronx on vacation. It was about 4:30 AM, dark and very suddenly misty on the New York State Thruway. This was in the 50's I think, or when the Thruway was brand spanking new.

None of the three witnesses may recall whether the car started or was started by dad. Each of our memories is different or non-existent in this matter. I do still require more info, more data in this matter.

And after this I promise never to work on Maggie's Farm no more.

Jim Mortellaro, Still searching, after all these years.

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## Stan Deyo - A Lecture Night In Queensland, Oz

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Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 17:49:36 -0400  
Subject: Stan Deyo - A Lecture Night In Queensland, Oz

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Author of  
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The Viniticator Scrolls

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So be Early :) and don't miss out "limited seating".  
Venue Kimberley Park Community Centre  
Corner of Roselea Rd & Lyndale Street,  
Shailer Park Queensland

Regards Diane Harrison

Director Of The Keith Basterfield Network Australasia  
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>Date: Thursday, May 25, 2000 11:16 AM  
>Subject: Re: COMETA Report

>Mr Friedman,

>I received your @ mail. I assure you the will of COMETA to  
>prohibit any diffusion and sale of some translation of its  
>Report. COMETA does not want royalties. It is very clear.  
>COMETA hopes sincerely that you send one e-mail to UFO UpDates  
>- Toronto explaining that there was an error in your first  
>e-mail (24 May 2000) and that you do not sell translation of  
>COMETA Report. I thank you for me for sending a copy of it to  
>put a term at this business.

>Best regards.

>Michel Algrin  
>Attorney-At-Law  
>Director of COMETA

>N.B. COMETA Report quoted in its bibliography a book of  
>reference which gives an account of your works.

Mr. Algrin:

One problem with Email is that one does not always know who the sender is... that is why I gave you my fax and phone numbers. I notice you haven't returned the favor.

There is indeed a Michel Algrin listed in the Translation of the COMETA report as an attorney-at-law. I have no way of knowing who you are, however, especially since you have used the terms "plagiarize" and "counterfeit".

I do not have my name on the translation nor my address. I did not change a word. I do not claim the report as my work. To the best of my knowledge it is true copy of what might be described as an official translation. Counterfeit? Plagiarize? Doesn't sound like an attorney to me. Many free copies were provided to journalists in an attempt to get them to do articles.

You mention there is a reference in the bibliography that gives an account of my work. The only thing that comes close is Jerome Clark's 1990 work. That was, of course, done before my 1992 book "Crash at Corona: The Definitive Story of the Roswell Incident" (with co-author Don Berliner), or my 1996 book TOP SECRET/MAJIC or my CD ROM or videos or a bunch of papers. I have, of course, written about such topics as UFO propulsion, magnetoaerodynamics, etc in, for example, my 1969 Congressional Testimony when I was working as a nuclear physicist on Nuclear Rockets and in Aeronautics and Astronautics, Physics Today, etc...

I trust that as an attorney, if you are indeed Michel Algrin, you are aware that there are libel laws? I even won a libel

action in the UK a number of years ago.

Before I write saying "I made an error," in trying to make available copies of an important piece of work, (otherwise unavailable) I would like to see a fax from you on your letterhead.

I would like an apology for your suggesting I was counterfeiting or plagiarizing. I would also like to know just when you plan to publish the translation so I can inform people as to how they will eventually be able to obtain your "official" version. Then I could say "no more sales by me" in good faith.

For all I know you are some noisy negativist posing as Michel Algrin to keep people from obtaining the information in the COMETA Report.

I should add that I have had a problem with people making totally false claims about me on the internet...

My fax number is 506-450-3832. I don't hide and would happy to provide you with a copy of my letterhead if you provide a fax number. Perhaps you would be interested in publishing my books in French?

Stanton T. Friedman

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 21

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May 25, 2000  
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### CHUPACABRA STRIKES AGAIN IN CHILE

Chupacabras struck again last week at two locked henhouses in Lebu Alto, a farm village on the outskirts of the city of Concepcion, which is 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Santiago de Chile, the national capital.

According to the Chilean newspaper Diario El Sur, "The attacks occurred in two different locations, and in both, witnesses claim having seen a beast with similar characteristics. The attacks on the henhouses in the Lebu commune by an unknown being bolsters the existence of the mythic 'Chupacabras' in the area, more specifically in the province of Arauco."

"In the early morning hours yesterday (Saturday, May 13, 2000) in the Lebu Alto section, two families claimed to have been victims of strange events which caused the deaths of 24 hens."

"The event, confirmed by the Lebu Carabineros (Chile's national police--J.T.) took place at 4 a.m. on Saturday morning when an unidentified resident heard a noise in her henhouse. Getting out of bed and going outside, she found that her dogs were calm--even fearful--despite the fact that something was going on in the henhouse. As she approached the gate, she told police, she managed to see a rounded figure jump away from the chicken coop and go around the base of a nearby hill," the Cerro La Cruz. "Upon entering the henhouse, the witness confirmed that 17 of her 19 hens were dead with visible signs of tearing."

"Shortly afterward, the chicken coop of a neighboring farm was also attacked, and another resident gave a similar account. At 8 a.m., the Carabineros were notified of these events. Police elements reported to the scene and verified the animals' deaths. The carcasses were collected and sent to Concepcion for further analysis."

In its May 15, 2000 edition, Cronica, the other newspaper of Concepcion, made the claim that three Chupacabras had been captured by the Chilean army near a local copper mine and turned over to the custody of agents of the USA's Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Cronica reported, "Radio Pudahuel and (TV) Channel 13 transmitted news reports indicating that a family of strange creatures--possible 'Chupacabras'--had been found by military personnel in the vicinity of the Radomiro Tomic (copper) mine within the Second Region."

"According to information provided by Radio Pudahuel,

it was a female, a male and a cub--a story which has the ring of The X-Files around it--and were delivered to agents of the USA's FBI agency which arrived at Calama from Santiago (where the USA federal police have an office in their embassy) The creatures quietly would have been taken to the USA"

"No further mention of the event was made, but police sources told Cronica that the capture of the specimens was real and that everything had transpired as was originally told" on Radio Pudahuel. (See Diario El Sur for May 14, 2000 and Cronica for May 15, 2000. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros, Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico y tambien Gloria Coluchi para esas historias.) (Editor's Comment: If the report about the Radomiro Tomic mine is true, then this is the third report we've seen this year of a "secret team," either FBI or NASA, hunting for aliens in South America. See UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 5 and 20 for the earlier stories.)

#### MYSTERIOUS BLACK PANTHER SIGHTED IN ITALY

Italian ufologists are investigating reports of a large black panther said to have killed and mutilated livestock in the province of Tarquinia, 110 kilometers (66 miles) north of Rome.

"In Tarquinia, numerous reports of a ferocious animal, said by some to be a panther, have circulated." In late February, "a cow was found dead in a field 1.5 kilometers from a stock breeding farm located just south of Aurelia Bis. The animal had been in the field for two or three days. The flesh had been stripped from its bones, and all that remained was the spine. People in the area continually talk about the problem."

"The last sighting was on the border with Tuscania (Italy's Tuscany province--J.T.) Umberto Angelini was horseback riding in a farm area near Pisciarello when he spotted the strange creature a considerable distance away."

According to Comandante Amorevole of the local Carabinieri (Italy's national police--J.T.), "'Angelini was a good distance away, not in close proximity to the animal. He was about 400 meters away from the field, and he saw a great black animal--a beast able to rip the flesh right off the carcass of any animal weighing 60 kilograms and carrying it away..'"

The Carabinieri "excluded the possibility of the animal being an escaped lion or tiger. They also excluded as the culprit a selection of other known predators." (Grazie a Alfredo Lissoni di Centro Ufologico Nazionale d'Italia per questo rapporto.)

#### MOTORIST ENCOUNTERS A RED UFO IN AUSTRALIA

In early April 2000, a 35-year-old man "was driving towards Paraburdoo, north of the Tropic of Capricorn and just south of Karratha and Port Hedland in the Hamersley (Mountain) Range" in the state of Western Australia when he encountered a UFO.

"He was driving at night and saw a red light ahead of him. The light paced his car no matter what speed he drove at."

"After some time he stopped because he felt that the light was just playing games with him, and because he realized he had bent his steering wheel by gripping it so hard. The light also stopped about 500 metres ahead of him."

"The witness then decided he had had enough so he planted his foot and accelerated toward the light. The red light then rose into the air, changed into a white light and produced a spotlight beam down toward the road. It then went further up into a storm cloud which it seemed to illuminate from the inside for a while, and then it disappeared."

"When the witness reached the next petrol station stop, he asked a lady there if anyone had seen anything similar. At first she seemed reluctant to comment, but then she opened up and said that people had had similar sightings in the area." (Many thanks to ufologist Simon Harley-Wilson and Diane Harrison of the Australian

UFO Research Network for this story.)

#### RADAR SPOTS "GHOST PLANES" IN LAKE MICHIGAN TRIANGLE

For the past five weeks, air traffic controllers at the O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Illinois have been seeing images of "ghost planes" on their radar sets, usually in the skies of the Lake Michigan Triangle.

The Triangle is an area of Lake Michigan which runs from Ludington, Michigan south to Benton Harbor, Mich., then across the lake to Manitowoc, Wisconsin and then back to Ludington.

According to the Chicago Sun-Times, "False radar images have been popping up on the screens of O'Hare International Airport's air traffic controllers, forcing pilots to take sudden turns unnecessarily."

"At least a dozen 'ghost planes' have been reported during the last few weeks, the newspaper said, citing documents from the Terminal Radar Approach Control Center in Elgin, Illinois (population 78,000)."

"Controllers said that at least a few times they have ordered pilots to take sudden turns to avoid what appeared to be planes on their radar, potentially putting passengers at risk."

"'The ghosting is a complete terror for air traffic controllers,' said Charles Bunting, president of the Elgin local the National Air Traffic Controllers Association."

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman Tony Molinaro "said there have been 13 ghost images in the last five weeks rather than the usual eight or nine the FA would normally expect in this time period., 'meaning we shall need to look into them.'"

"But Mike Egan, vice president of the controller's union at Elgin, accused the FAA of playing down the problem. 'Maybe 130, but not 13,' Egan said Friday (May 19, 2000). 'We had a couple of them today, as a matter of fact. They know there's a problem.'" (See the Chicago Sun-Times for My 21, 2000. Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr. for this newspaper article.) (Editor's Comment: It's possible that the recent upsurge in solar activity is behind this phenomenon. Either causing the "ghost plane" echoes themselves. Or by "opening the Triangle" and allowing the O'Hare radar sets to sweep the skies of the past...or the future.)

#### DAZZLING UFO SEEN ON LAKE ERIE'S SOUTH SHORE

On Sunday, May 21, 2000, at 11:30 a.m., Sarah M. was at Sheffield Lake, Ohio (population 9,800), a town on the southern shore of Lake Erie, when she spotted a dazzling gleam in the sky.

According to Sarah, the UFO approached from the north, over Lake Erie, and then shot away to the east. She described the object as "a shape about like an oval and a square. It was very bright. I practically had to use sunglasses. Was going slowly but not too slow. Really bright, almost like the sun's rays. It was about 15 feet tall and about 30 feet long, and was about 200 feet (60 meters) above the ground.," with an estimated speed of "about 30 miles per hour on approach and 60 miles per hour flying away."

Sheffield Lake is on Ohio Route 6 approximately 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Cleveland. (Email Form Report)

#### MORE "BIG WAVE" DREAMS REPORTED BY READERS

UFO Roundup has received more reports from readers about dreams involving a giant tidal wave.

Steven M. had a dream in which he saw a giant tidal wave hitting New York City. He writes, "Funny-- I had the 'tidal wave' dream, too. I was quite surprised to read in UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 18 that others have had the same dream."

"But during my dream, prior to the arrival of the tidal wave, people were watching fireworks. I am skeptical of prophecy and do not consider myself a prophet.



Nevertheless, I am a little apprehensive about the Fourth of July."

"P.S. In my dream, after the tidal wave, there were good communities rebuilding in a spirit of cooperation and hope."

Jay S. formerly a resident of Melbourne, dreamed of a giant 1,000-meter-high tidal wave hitting Sydney, Australia. He writes, "More surprising for me to read, while reading your UFO report, were stories of a tidal wave in people's dreams. I, too, have had such a dream."

"It is daytime. It seems to be afternoon, but it is still very light outside, a clear blue sky, and I am inside an apartment, looking toward a picture window with a view out to sea. All I can see is water and the horizon beyond. Near the window, within the apartment, is my mother."

"Suddenly, I see an enormous wave rise up out of the sea. It is huge and black in colour. It is so big. I instantly realize we are about to die, that there is no possible escape from it. Feeling the sudden surge of fear and helplessness, I crumple to the floor and crawl with hardly any energy into the side hall, where I lay awaiting the wave's dreadful impact. I then wake up!"

"Where did I feel this happened? I remember the dream as being in Sydney, the apartment as being situated on South Head, looking out to sea, probably around Dover Heights or environs. If Dover Heights is correct, then the wave in my dream was enormous, maybe a kilometer in height."

"Let's hope the wave-dream phenomena people are having aren't prophetic ones! Where do I live now? In the mountains of Victoria!"

On Thursday, May 18, 2000, just before 1:45 a.m., your editor had another "weird weather" dream. In this dream I was merely an observer, not a participant.

It was night. I was looking out a window at teeming rain and gale-force winds. I heard a noise and looked up, and I saw the underside of a helicopter. It was a large bulky model with landing skids instead of wheels. The helicopter was about 75 feet directly overhead. I could barely hear its engine in the howling wind. I was very much surprised to see a helicopter up in such rough weather.

The helicopter descended to about 30 feet, directly over the window, and began shining a bright spotlight. My gaze followed the beam across a large plaza filled with people. It was absolute panic. They were running every whichway, bouncing off each other, pushing, shoving and shouting, intent only upon running away.

After a moment, I recognized the place--the Praca Guerra in Diamantina, a mountain city in the state of Minas Gerais in Brazil. Windblown orange roof tiles shattered against the stone walls of the Cathedral of Santo Antonio. Hurricane winds bent the royal palm trees almost double.

I knew something was very wrong. Hurricanes rarely go that far down into the South Atlantic. And Diamantina is high up in the Serra do Espinhaco, about 220 kilometers (132 miles) north of Belo Horizonte. Having a hurricane there is as unlikely as having one in Denver, Colorado, USA.

All at once, army trucks pull up in front of the Banco do Brasil, and out come the soldiers. They are wearing black raingear and blue helmets. But they're carrying automatic rifles, not riot batons and plastic shields.

Seeing them, the civilians stampede out of the plaza, heading up the Rua Quintanda. The people are terrified. Officers shout orders, and the troops fall in, forming two-man columns. And I wake up. Check the clock--1:45 a.m. Grab the notebook and jot down the details.

Now I haven't been to Diamantina in 22 years. Ana Maria and I visited the town in 1978, toured the homes of Xica da Silva and former Brazilian president Juscelino Kubitschek, and saw the caverns of Gruta da Salitre, rumored to be the entryway into the "Inner World." I can't understand why it would figure so prominently in my dreams.

If this was indeed a "dream of the Last Days," Diamantina could be in for a rough time in the future.

PEOPLE'S RALLY AT GROOM  
LAKE SET FOR JUNE 6

An expected 300 to 500 concerned citizens are expected to gather at the Area 51-Groom Lake facility south of Rachel, Nevada on Tuesday, June 6, 2000.

The rally will begin at 6 a.m. at the restricted boundary line on Groom Lake Road in Lincoln County, Nevada, and will last about three hours.

The Area 51 People's Rally was started by Norio Hayakawa of Torrance, California to protest USA federal government secrecy around the Groom Lake Test Facility and the environmental and other damage that may have been done to workers at the facility. (Editor's Note: In 1999, President Clinton issued an executive order exempting Area 51 and the Groom Lake contractors from any liabilities stemming from violation of USA environmental laws.)

Hayakawa has recently retired from Area 51 research and has passed on his mission to Joerg Arnu, a part-time resident of Rachel, Nevada.. Arnu is also the webmaster for Dreamland Resort, the official home page of Rachel's well-known establishment, The Little Ale-e-Inn.

Rally organizers will hold a press conference at The Little Ale-e-Inn in Rachel on Monday, June 5. That evening, there will be a camp-out at the border of the restricted Groom Lake facility for those who will be attending the rally at 6 a.m. on Tuesday morning. (Many thanks to Norio Hayakawa for this news release.)

SHUTTLE ATLANTIS ON FLIGHT  
TO RENDEZVOUS WITH ISS

"After a month's delay, space shuttle Atlantis and its seven astronauts rocketed away" from Cape Canaveral Friday, May 19, 2000, "on a mission to fix the international space station (ISS)."

"The shuttle lifted off in a spectacular dawn launch, its exhaust plumes glowing as the sun peeked out over the Atlantic" The shuttle's "two spent solid-rocket boosters painted parallel pink streaks in the sky as they tumbled into the ocean."

On early Sunday morning, May 21, 2000, Atlantis "docked at the unfinished \$60 billion outpost," the International Space Station. "After eight hours of sleep, the seven Atlantis astronauts began making preparations for the riskiest portions of their docked operations."

"Astronauts Jeff Williams and James Voss ventured out of the shuttle about 10 p.m. Sunday to begin work on the outside of the seven-story station."

Construction tasks for the mission include repair of a USA-made 209-pound crane whose base has loosened since it was first installed a year ago; assembly of the Russian-built 45-foot (14-meter) telescoping construction boom; replacement of a faulty communications antenna; and installation of various cables and handrails for future spacewalkers.

This is the first space mission for rookie Jeff Williams. Other crew members include Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev, Susan Helms and Mary Ellen Weber, who operates the shuttle's 90-foot robot arm. Helms is expected to return to the space station in February 2001 as a member of the first permanent crew.

"During five days of docked operations, mission commander James Halsell and pilot Scott Horowitz will use the shuttle's thrusters to boost" the space station's orbit to about 235 miles (376 kilometers).

Due to recent surges in solar activity, the space station's orbit had fallen to only 208 miles (332 kilometers), and boosting the station into a higher orbit is a mission priority. (See the Milwaukee, Wis. Journal-Sentinel for May 20, 2000, "Shuttle Atlantis finally lifts off," page 4 and USA Today for May 22, 2000, "Shuttle starts repair mission to space station," page 3A.)

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1972: UTAH'S MYSTERIOUS

## GADIANTON CANYON

One of the strangest Highway Space Warp (HSW) cases took place in southeastern Utah near the railroad crossing of Modena, on the edge of the Escalante Desert.

There's a slickrock canyon just north of Modena that bears the name of Gadianton. It's a name that brings a shudder to God-fearing Latter-Day Saints.

"Among the freighters who hauled supplies to Pioche (Nevada) in the seventies (1870s--J.T.) there grew up a legend that a rocky gorge near the Nevada Line was haunted by the Gadianton robbers, a terroristic brotherhood which the Book of Mormon explains as having sprung up among the Nephites and Lamanites in the century before Christ."

The Gadiantons were a mysterious sect of assassins quite similar to the Bruder Schweigen of Germany or the Crna Ruka of Yugoslavia.

"Wide-eyed freighters told tales of rocks closing the way, and of the canyon folding up to entrap them."

Eventually the old Gadianton tales were forgotten in Utah's Iron County. Until May of 1972, when four coeds from Southern Utah University (SUU) were driving back to their dorm in Cedar City after spending Saturday at a local rodeo in Pioche. (All names have been changed to protect the witnesses' confidentiality--J.T.)

Janna North had the wheel of her father's 1971 Chevrolet Nova, and Carol Abbott was in the passenger seat. Sitting in the back seat were Lisa Rochefort and Bethany Gordon. It was after 10 p.m. when the girls crossed the Utah-Nevada state line nine miles (14 kilometers) east of Modena. And they were anxious to get back to the campus before their housemother, Mrs. Mortensen, locked the dorm doors.

That stretch of Utah Highway 56 is pretty desolate, all sand and sagebrush and ocotillo and Spanish bayonet, with the red sandstone bluffs on the northern horizon. So the girls were pretty happy when they finally spotted the Union Pacific railroad crossing at Modena. But just past the rails, Janna noticed something strange. Two sets of blacktop highway headed off into the desert--one veered sharply to the southeast, the other shooting northeast toward the canyon country further north.

"Which one do we take?" asked Carol.

"Left," Janna said. She knew that Cedar City was 46 miles (73 kilometers) to the northeast, and she guessed that the canyon road would bring them home much sooner.

Five minutes later, the Chevy entered the red-rock canyon. Janna, who had been chatting with her friends, suddenly noticed that the car's headlights were shining more brightly on the pavement. Looking closer, she let out a gasp. The white centerline was gone. Instead of black asphalt, they were driving on white cement..

"Janna, up ahead!" Carol exclaimed.

Janna gasped. The highway ended abruptly at a rocky cliff face. Janna stepped down hard on the brake pedal. Fishtailing slightly, the Chevy screeched to a stop in front of the cliff.

"Oh, great! A dead end!" Putting the gear into reverse, Janna swung the car's nose around. "You'd think they'd put up a few warning signs."

"Now we've got to go all the way back to Modena," Bethany complained.

"We're never going to make curfew," Lisa said.

"We'll make good time once we're back on the state highway," Janna assured them.

Tense minutes passed. Janna began to feel uneasy. They were still rolling along, hemmed in by red canyon walls. But they should have been back out in the open desert by this time.

The canyon gradually gave way to open country. The girls gasped. Instead of moonlit desert, they saw grain fields on the right and a large lake, with stands of ponderosa pine, on the left.

Carol looked around in awe. "This sure ain't Modena!"

"We must've gotten turned around back there," Janna said, her gaze darting back and forth. "Where

the hell are we?"

Up ahead Janna spied a roadhouse (tavern--J.T.) and an adjacent parking lot. It seemed to have a neon sign, but she couldn't read it. What should have been letters were brightly-lit squiggles and curly cues. Some men came out of the building.

"There are some guys," Carol said.

Bethany let out a giggle. "Are they cute?"

"Let's find out." Lisa began rolling down the rear passenger window.

"Lisa! We don't have time for this," Janna said.

"Relax!" Hastily she touched up her lipstick.

"I'm only going to ask them how to get back to the highway."

As Janna slowed down, she noticed a good deal of consternation among the men. As if they'd been startled by some unknown animal. Sticking her head out the window, Lisa said, "Hi! We're--" And she let out a terrified scream.

"Lisa! What--!?" Janna turned in her seat.

"Get out of here!" the girl screamed, frantically rolling up the window. "Punch it, Jana!"

Bethany shrieked, "Step on it!"

Tires sitting sand, the Chevy zoomed away from the building. Janna stepped down hard on the gas pedal. The lake flew by on her left.

"Oh, my God! They're coming after us!"

Bethany shouted. "Janna, faster!"

Janna glanced in her rear-view mirror, and what she saw turned her blood to ice. They were being chased, but not by any vehicle that had ever been built in Detroit.

Four queer-looking automobiles followed in their wake. Egg-shaped vehicles mounted on tricycle wheels. That is, with two large wheels in the front and a smaller wheel in the rear. A single bright white headlight shone from the front of each pursuing "car." They made a strange whirring or buzzing sound as they rolled along.

"Janna, go faster! They're gaining on us!"

Ahead the road led back into a red-rock canyon. Janna's Chevy plunged into it at 80 miles per hour. The road was so narrow, it seemed to hem them in. The Chevy's tires kicked up a billowing cloud of dust. They could no longer see their pursuers.

Minutes later, they roared out of the canyon, back into the familiar desert. All at once, the road vanished. The headlights showed nothing but sagebrush and ocotillo. The Chevy bucked and jostled like a wild bronc. Janna hit the brakes. Too late! The car sideskidded down an arroyo and came to rest at the bottom.

Shaking uncontrollably, the girls emerged from the car. Miraculously they were unhurt. The Chevy took the worst of it, with three flat tires, numerous dings in the front bumper and a missing hubcap. Jenna took one look and clapped both hands to her forehead. "Oh, no-no-no! My dad's going to kill me!"

Lisa, however, was near-hysterical. She sat on the ground, hugging the knees of her bell-bottom blue jeans, weeping and moaning. She kept mumbling, "They-they weren't human..."

The girls stayed with the car until sunrise. Then they walked a couple of miles due south. Boy, were they glad when they found the familiar blacktop of Highway 56. An hour later, they flagged down a cruiser of the Utah Highway Patrol and told their story.

Trooper Vic Lundquist, who investigated the case, noted several circumstances that were never adequately explained.

(1) There were no tire tracks showing where the Chevy had left Highway 56 in Modena.

(2) Tire tracks from the wrecked Chevy extended only 200 yards back into the desert and ended abruptly.

(3) No one could explain how the Chevy had gotten nearly two miles north of Highway 56 without leaving any physical trace of its passage through the rough desert terrain.

(4) Although volunteers searched diligently, no trace of the Chevy's right front hubcap was ever found.

If Utah's Gadianton Canyon is, as some people claim, a gateway to another dimension, then perhaps Janna's missing hubcap is a prime exhibit--an "alien artifact"--on display in a museum on that parallel Earth. (See the book Utah: A Guide to the State by Hastings House Publishers, New York, N.Y., 1945, page 298.)

Today's Quote: "If God had wanted me to exercise, he would have put diamonds on the ground." Joan Rivers.

We'll be back in seven days with 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: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
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Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 00:10:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 08:03:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 23:14:32 -0400 (EDT)  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 23:50:28 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Let's see....

>We can measure the shadows on the garage, the ground, the house,  
>the power lines, the trees, the poles, the roof, the pigs and  
>the cows and the hired help. And with all due respect to Bob's  
>efforts, none of this amounts to squat.

Squat?? The shadows tell us if the photos are consistent with the Trent's story. Debunkers and skeptics and cynics like yourself have falsely claimed that they are inconsistent and the Trent's (for incomprehensible reasons) lied about the time of day when the photos were taken, therefore lied about everything else.

But the shadows when carefully analyzed show no such thing. The photos were not taken in direct morning sunlight and remain completely consistent with the Trent's story of them being taken shortly before sunset.

>The object of interest  
>is still a fuzzy, black and white "thing" floating in the  
>middle of a blank sky with no reference points what so ever. It  
>doesn't go behind anything and is too small and grainy to  
>ascertain its identity or origin other than it looks  
>suspiciously like a milk can lid. In essence, you've got  
>information on everything in the bloody picture except the  
>damned UFO!

Rubbish! As you very well know, relative luminance values can be used to determine whether the object was more likely to be a close object (hence a hoax) or a distant object (real). Luminance measurements are consistent with a distant object. If it was a hoax, then you have to account for the overly bright shadowed bottom of the object.

If Trent had tossed an object, we very likely would have seen some rotation of the offset "tower" on top and large motion blur in both photos. Result: No detectable rotation and no expected motion blur. Instead there is zero motion blur in photo 1 and only slight motion blur in photo 2, completely consistent with the Trent's story of how the object was moving when the photos were taken and the known shutter speed of the camera. It also turns out to be consistent with Trent's estimate of the elapsed time between photos.

We can, therefore, at the very least, rule out a tossed object and focus our attention on a suspended model. We can also begin

to wonder how the Trent's managed to square their stories so exactly with these very subtle photo details which are apparent only upon extreme magnification.

If Trent had used an obvious suspension thread, then it could have been detected and we wouldn't be having this conversion. Hoax would have been proven a long time ago. Results: No detectable thread.

Photos were taken from two different vantage points. The positions in the sky relative to surrounding objects of known position can be readily determined and again used to test for hoax vs. the real thing. Results: The jury is still out, but it is obvious that recreating the various photo details would not have been easy and requires a lot of jumping through logical hoops. That doesn't mean hoax is impossible, just very unlikely.

>Is it the real thing? Personally, I'd like to think so. But the >bottom line is that you can ray trace until the cows come home >(and I think they've long since gone to bed) but you won't get >any closer to authenticating the UFO than a casual observer >would by looking at the photos with the naked eye.

In other words, you know it must be a hoax, so you don't want to be confused with facts. That's classic debunkerism.

>Finally, David wrote:

>>You lose again.

I love being quoted completely out of context. The comment was made regarding multiple pieces of evidence in the photos that disproved that they were taken in direct morning sun.

>Probably the most revealing bit of information you've passed on, >yet, David.

Huh?

>I grow bored repeating the obvious...

You lose again Roger. All you've done is argue by proclamation. To your discerning eye it is nothing but a fake. But you have failed utterly to provide one single argument based on the photos themselves that actually demonstrates that it is a fake, or even that it is likely a fake.

If it was a fake, then take us through step by step and show us how it was faked. Your hoax scenario must account for the actual photo details. You repeatedly denigrate such details, and I'm not surprised, because they totally discredit any of your simplistic hoax scenarios, such as tossed pie pans.

The details in the photos CAN be used to test whether a hoax scenario would work or not. I grow bored repeating the obvious....

David Rudiak

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Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:16:28 -0400  
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>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 14:56:36 -0400  
>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 11:42:39 +0100  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>Why do we have to assume that the Trents had to get it right in  
>>just two shots? We don't know how many rolls of film they might  
>>have used up in previous unsuccessful attempts. And surely the  
>>point about a box camera is that the picture quality is fairly  
>>basic and does not allow too close an examination.

>If you assume that every researcher that spoke with the Trents  
>was completely taken in by their seeming innocence, and couldn't  
>see through their fakery, your point is well taken.

>To say that it is possible that they had faked the photos is  
>probably accurate, but that doesn't make it likely.

I'm not particularly taking one side or another here, just  
pointing out that to assume the Trents only took two photographs  
and wouldn't have had a few earlier practice shots, is not a  
very logical argument.

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Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 20:20:32 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:18:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 01:19:59 +0100  
>From: James Easton <[yoyager@ufoworld.co.uk](mailto:yoyager@ufoworld.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>I'm also not comfortable with the idea that someone risked injury  
>by tying an object to overhead electrical wires, yet it seems the  
>most conceivable explanation in a hoax scenario.

It's just too simple a suggestion that they were able to turn  
the electricity off, I suppose? Has anybody actually checked for  
switches, plugs, fuses, etc?

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John Rimmer  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:20:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>Mister the Director of list UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Dear Sir,

>I took note with great surprise of the message of Stan Friedman  
>on your list (24 May 2000) in which he proposes to sell a  
>translation in English of the 90 page 'COMETA Report: What Should  
>We Prepare For?'.  
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>Stan Friedman did not aquire any authorization from us. I point  
>out that COMETA Report is protected (page 4) by the Copyright  
>and that all reproduction, in whole or in part, translation and  
>adaptation rights are reserved for all countries.

>COMETA is going to publish the translation of this Report in  
>English in the United States.

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Steve

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## [canufo] AQU-QAU Sighting Reports

From: Gilles Milot <[milotg@magnola.com](mailto:milotg@magnola.com)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 17:07:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:30:51 -0400  
Subject: [canufo] AQU-QAU Sighting Reports

Quebec Association Of Ufology

Hi dear members of the list,

You will find attached two sighting reports that we are presently investigating. It's our goal to publish all valuable reports we will received. If you wish to contact the witnesses please contact us first. Your comments are welcome.

BTW, the witness of the sighting report 2000-002a first called the Canadian Ministry of National Defense to report his sighting and they gave him the AQU phone number. The AQU phone number is not in the phone book.

However, I understand that the number has been published many times in newspapers and magazines and is in the files of the Greater Montreal Reference Center but nobody from the Ministry ever contacted me on that subject.

My feelings on the matter are divided. OK, if the Ministry has decided to send us all the calls they received on UFO reports but what about the alleged government cover-up? Is this a part of the cover-up itself? And are we all filed in some dark cabinets? Well I think I'm going too far, yeah! Too much movies too.

Gilles Milot  
Quebec Association Of Ufology

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Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:33:03 -0400  
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>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 23:14:32 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>Could you be clearer on this last statement? I measured the  
>>shadow edge and compared it to the corner of the roof eave, the  
>>resulting 15 degree altitude could have been caused by morning  
>>Sun about an hour after sunrise,

>The shadows are cast in two dimensions, not one. Sure, you can  
>get a 15 degree sun elevation in the morning on any day of the  
>year, but can you simultaneously get the sun's azimuth and  
>elevation right to cast the shadows as shown May 11 in the Trent  
>photos? The answer is no.

>Here's a table of the sun's azimuth and elevation in the morning  
>on May 11 at Trent's position:>

>Time	Azimuth	Elevation
>6:30 a.m.	70.7	6.0
>7:00	75.7	11.1
>7:15	78.3	13.7
>7:30	80.8	16.3
>8:00	85.8	21.5
>8:30	91.1	26.8>

Are these for daylight saving time?

DST didn't begin until Mother's Day, if I recall correctly.

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 19:22:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:14:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 01:19:59 +0100  
>From: James Easton <[voyager@ufoworld.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Regarding:

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Sun, 21 May 2000 20:49:01 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 02:43:47 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Bruce wrote:

>>Nor can the fakery of the Trents be supported with any fact...  
>>And, all the circumstantial evidence points against it. In fact,  
>>the only argument for a hoax is "flying saucers don't exist...  
>>there is no evidence that they exist..... therefore the Trents  
>>faked their pictures"

>Bruce,

>On its own, that's a prevailing argument.

>Surely we understand by this time how the popularised 'flying  
>saucer' perception was founded on that misconstrued simile, which  
>Kenneth Arnold used to describe the undulating flight  
>characteristics of those nine 'bat-like' objects.>

>If the chances of anything coming from Mars are a million to one,  
>the odds on it looking like a 'flying saucer' with a funnel are  
>even more remote.

Poor comparison. We know something about Mars and the "chances"  
you mention. We don't know anything about what alien flying  
craft are supposed to look like.

>In addition to this foremost obstacle, the Trents story is  
>blatantly suspicious, even if it were absolutely true.

Sure. I was suspicious.  
Then I investigated.  
Gradually, I became less suspicious.

>They claim that a flying saucer came out of nowhere, headed  
>towards their farm where they waited with a camera, spool already  
>loaded, the 'saucer' conveniently almost stopped overhead and  
>they were able to take two high quality photographs before it  
>took off and nothing like it was ever seen again.

This is a trivializing way to put it. They did not claim the  
saucer "came out of nowhere." They were not "waiting" with a  
loaded camera. It didn't "conveniently almost stop overhead."

>[As we know, the only comparative image, supposedly from a  
>photograph taken near Rouen in northern France, has no confirmed  
>origin].

Yes.

>I agree it seems doubtful the Trents created a sophisticated hoax  
>and prefer the scenario suggested by our 'alien spacecraft' being  
>an outdoor light cover, or something similarly mundane.>

So it was a hoax using an outdoor light cover?  
How about a 4 - 5 " pie pan?

>One problem is how the object moved between shots - looks like it  
>can't have been blowing about in a strong wind as foliage in the  
>second photo seems to be completely undisturbed compared to the  
>first.

True.

>I'm also not comfortable with the idea that someone risked injury  
>by tying an object to overhead electrical wires, yet it seems the  
>most conceivable explanation in a hoax scenario.

That's a no-brainer. 110 volts only. Stand on a chair. Throw  
a thin thread or fishline . non-conductive...over the wire.

>Where any fake saucer would probably have been suspended, how  
>high were these overhead wires?

I don't recall my calculations offhand but probably about 10 ft  
at the location of the "saucer."

>Incidentally, although I would expect these photos were taken in  
>the sequence we believe and not the other way around, is there a  
>reason we can be sure about this? Did anyone ever confirm what  
>was on the other negatives from that roll of film, ruling out the  
>possibility these were the two 'best' shots from a longer  
>sequence?

Trents have been consistent in saying which came first. I doubt  
that the original "analyst," Bill Powell ,. compared edges with  
other pictures in the roll to assure which came first.

>Coming back to purported events, the following summary, edited to  
>remove references, is taken from:

><http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/500511.htm>

>Witness I [Mrs Trent] was feeding rabbits in the back yard, S of  
>the house and E of the garage when the object was first sighted,  
>apparently toward the NE. Witness II [Mr Trent] was apparently in  
>the house at this moment, as three of the accounts refer to  
>Witness I calling to him and running into the house to fetch him  
>from the kitchen, although one account states that they had "been  
>out in the back yard," and "both saw it at the same time."

>Immediately after they both saw the object, apparently as it was  
>still in a NE direction, moving slowly toward the W, they thought  
>of their camera. Witness II ran to the car, thinking it was  
>there, but Witness I remembered it was in the house and brought  
>it. Witness II took the camera, which was already loaded. The  
>roll of film had been purchased during the winter and already had  
>two or three shots on it.

[End]

>Is it a bird, is it a plane... wouldn't most people try to  
>determine what the object was? Why did Mrs Trent immediately  
>believe it to be something extraordinary - this far away object  
>almost certainly being indistinct?>

She told me repeatedly... and others as well... that at first  
she thought she was seeing a parachute moving through the  
sky. Then she realized there was no man underneath and then as it  
got closer that it was something really unusual... She suggested  
that she believed it was some military device. She never used  
the term "flying saucer" when I talked to her for in two dozen  
conversations spread over several years. Obviously it was close  
enough for her to see some details at the time she first saw it.

>Accepting the most common account, which places Mr Trent in the  
>house, considerable time must have elapsed since that initial  
>observation, e.g.:

>- Mrs Trent is in the back yard and sees an unidentified object

>- she calls to Mr Trent

Time from first observation maybe 5 seconds

>- Mrs Trent runs into the house and tells him there's something  
>in the sky which she wants him to take a look at

and bring the camera Perhaps she didn't run into the house, but simply yelled from where she was and waited for him.

>- they both go outside to see if the object is still there

Yes and he starts taking the pictures.

>- although it might still have been distant, they decide this  
>aerial artefact is sufficiently notable that it should be  
>photographed

Yup

>- searching for his camera, Mr Trent runs to his car, however,  
>Mrs Trent recalls the camera is actually in the house and goes  
>to find it

Nope. Already had camera when he ran out.

>- she locates the camera and returns with it

See above

>- Mr Trent focuses on the object, which it's presumably now  
>evident could be a flying saucer, and as it has obligingly  
>almost hovered in front of him, he is duly able to look down at  
>the viewfinder and fix the aerial vehicle close to centre frame

Time to this point... maybe 10-15 seconds, depending upon how long it took him to find the camera in the house and rush outside.

>- he moves to the right and again has time to focus and frame,  
>obtaining another relatively excellent result.

Yup

>Did the Trents ever express any fear that an unidentified  
>object, maybe a flying saucer, was coming increasing close to  
>their farm?

No.

>When it was allegedly moving extremely slowly and just about  
>hovered whilst the photographs were taken, didn't they wonder if  
>it was about to land (what about those Martians with death  
>rays!)?

She never said they were afraid, only surprised and excited at seeing what they apparently believed was a military vehicle. (This is what Paul said in repeated interviews... he was afraid that he might get into trouble for taking the pictures, especially after the FBI came and interviewed them)

>Of course, it might not have been clear until the last minute  
>how they may be encountering a flying saucer, which brings us  
>back to that question of why a distant, unidentified object -  
>which was possibly, or likely to be, an aircraft - should have  
>generated such excitement in the first place.

See above.

>You have noted:

>>Of more importance is the fact that everyone who knew the Trents  
>>told me that the idea of a hoax was beyond them.. they just  
>>didn't have the mental capacity to think of anything outside  
>>their range of daily activities.

>Far from being incapacitated, what actually distinguishes this  
>case is how the Trents were extraordinarily alert - to the



>extent they apparently predicted this was to be an occurrence  
>which should be committed to film.>

Predicted? Clearly there was some "alertness" level to the sudden observation of a strange object.

>I'm sure we can all think of cases where claimed witnesses  
>lamented how they never thought about using an available camera  
>or camcorder.

Yes

>>>Man, you must really think the Trents were stupid!

>>You got it, man!

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## NUFORA Conference Cancelled

From: Carolyn Buckley <[cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com](mailto:cosmiccarrie@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 02:10:56 +0000 (GMT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:17:21 -0400  
Subject: NUFORA Conference Cancelled

Dear All,

The proposed NUFORA Conference on 10th June 2000 at the Patten Arms Hotel in Warrington, UK, has been cancelled due to financial constraints. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 22:25:55 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:21:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 15:08:24 -0300  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 17:58:37 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>>To: [fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net) <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Date: Thursday, May 25, 2000 11:16 AM  
>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report

>Mr. Algrin:

>One problem with Email is that one does not always know who the  
>sender is... that is why I gave you my fax and phone numbers. I  
>notice you haven't returned the favor.

>There is indeed a Michel Algrin listed in the Translation of the  
>COMETA report as an attorney-at-law. I have no way of knowing  
>who you are, however, especially since you have used the terms  
>"plagiarize" and "counterfeit".

<snip>

>For all I know you are some noisy negativist posing as Michel  
>Algrin to keep people from obtaining the information in the  
>COMETA Report.

Stan's suspicions may be well-founded. How many French attorneys  
have AOL accounts? I wasn't aware that America Online had gone  
international.

Since I am an AOL member and have access to member lists and  
member profiles, I did a simple search. Among AOL's 20 million  
or so members, there are none listed who go by the name of  
Algrin, Michel or otherwise. And there is no member profile for  
an AlgrinM.

This could very well be some "noisy negativist" logging on under  
another name. AOL allows up to 5 separate e-mail accounts and  
screen names per member account.

On the off-chance that this was a genuine e-mail from the real  
Michel Algrin, my apologies. However, since this was posted to  
UpDates by a non-member and seems highly suspicious, I think  
List members should be aware of the information above.

David Rudiak

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## Trenta Luna, Medzu Mare... Basta

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:52:11 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:25:36 -0400  
Subject: Trenta Luna, Medzu Mare... Basta

Dear EBK, Lister Twisters and En Tities,

Those of you who know me understand that I never stick my nose where it does not belong. Having finally confessed to this failing, I must break with tradition and make a comment or two. I know, this is unusual, but bare with me. Bear with me.

This Trent stuff. Some really bright people have already looked into this scenario, such as Bruce Maccabee and so many others, many of whom have several axes to grind. Actually, no one has been able to prove conclusively, that the photos were faked. It's just one of those really strange thingies that happen occasionally which, after years of analysis, anyone with half an ounce of common sense just has to come to two conclusions. These are, in order of importance ...

1) The forkina horse IS dead so stop beating it. It aint even moving for cripes sake.

2) The Trent photos show something highly unexplainable. It is called an Unidentified Flying Object, a UFO. See?

Now, can we get back to say, oh, Hoagies theories on stereoptican Mars jive? Or maybe how NASA has been able to keep the lunar, Martian and other secrets about how lizards took over nine out of ten astronauts whilst in space? Huh?

Know wonder Dylan got bored with protest.

Jim

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## PRG Press Release- 5/26/00

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <[ParadigmRG@aol.com](mailto:ParadigmRG@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:37:27 -0400  
Subject: PRG Press Release- 5/26/00

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Press Release

May 26, 2000

Washington, DC - The Boston Globe has published an important article bearing on the UFO/Extraterrestrial question in the Focus Section of its Sunday, May 21st issue entitled: "Science and Society: UFO theorists gain support abroad, but repression at home."

Written by freelance journalist, Leslie Kean, the article places particular emphasis on the COMETA Report published in France on July 17th, 1999 in a special issue of VSD Magazine.

COMETA (in English, Committee for In-Depth Studies) is notable because it is composed of former high ranking members of the French government such as: General Bernard Norlain, commander of the French Tactical Air Force and military counselor to the prime minister; Air Force General Denis Letty; Andre Lebeau, head of the National Center for Space Studies (the French NASA) and the French Institute of Higher Studies for National Defense, a government financed strategic planning agency; as well an admiral, national chief police, scientists and weapons engineers.

The report titled 'UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For?' makes it quite clear that UFO/ET sightings should be extensively re-examined and the most likely explanation for the evidence to date is the "extraterrestrial hypothesis". Significantly, it admonishes the United States government for its repressive policies regarding public interest in the phenomena.

The Paradigm Research Group believes the COMETA report marks a significant break in ranks by a U.S. ally over the sequestration of the truth regarding extraterrestrial related phenomena. The United States government faces the embarrassing prospect of another nation bringing an end to the formal cover-up in place since 1947.

While it is not inappropriate for the disclosure process to proceed in such fashion - the UFO/ET question is not an 'American' issue - the United States will certainly lose considerable political influence, if its management of the UFO/ET issue is forced into the open by actions of an allied nation.

Leslie Kean will appear on Coast to Coast AM with Mike Siegel, at 10 PM PST, Friday, May 26. It is the largest late night radio talk program in the U.S. She will also be a guest on Dreamland with Whitely Strieber, a national program aired on most of the same radio stations, on Sunday, May 28 at 9 PM PST. These programs broadcast on WWRC AM 570 in the DC metro area.

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 06:47:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:43:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 20:17:34 +0100  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>>If you assume that every researcher that spoke with the Trents  
>>was completely taken in by their seeming innocence, and couldn't  
>>see through their fakery, your point is well taken.

>>To say that it is possible that they had faked the photos is  
>>probably accurate, but that doesn't make it likely.

>I'm not particularly taking one side or another here, just  
>pointing out that to assume the Trents only took two photographs  
>and wouldn't have had a few earlier practice shots, is not a  
>very logical argument.

Speculation is certainly in order, but I don't believe there are any indicators to support this line of reasoning. This event took place some 48 years ago, and those who were directly involved are not able to defend themselves, which happens to make them an easy target for criticism. IMO the Trent's didn't behave as if they were attempting to create a hoax, or as if they were caught up in a practical joke that had gotten out of hand. Researchers through the years have spoken to the Trents and came away believing they were sincere folk, who really didn't believe they had photographed a craft from another world. Of course, like most of us I'm only able to view this through the eyes of others who have written on the subject and have to understand that this view may be filtered through the belief structure of those investigators (at least as far as their impression of the Trents is concerned).

Aside from the actual photographs there is very little that we can actually go back to and re-investigate so many years down the road. Investigators at the time, both military and otherwise, did not come away from their investigation with the idea that these photos were hoaxed, and without some sort of recently discovered evidence to the contrary it would seem to reflect more about the beliefs of those who generating the speculation than it would those who were the subject of that speculation.

Of course, this is only a..... er..... speculation.

Steve

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## Browse 20,000 New Additions To Mars Gallery

From: [NASANews@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:NASANews@hq.nasa.gov)  
Date: Mon, 22 May 2000 15:40:23 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:49:38 -0400  
Subject: Browse 20,000 New Additions To Mars Gallery

Donald Savage  
Headquarters, Washington, DC      May 22, 2000  
(Phone: 202/358-1727)

Mary Hardin  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA  
(Phone: 818/354-0344)

Dr. Ken Edgett  
Malin Space Science Systems, San Diego, CA  
(Phone: 858/552-2650 x500)

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PUBLIC INVITED TO BROWSE 20,000 NEW ADDITIONS TO MARS PHOTO GALLERY

More than 20,000 new images of the planet Mars taken by NASA's Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft are now available in a web-based photo album -- the single largest one-time release of images for any planet in the history of solar system exploration.

The 'picture postcard' scenes in the new images reveal the Red Planet, often said to be the most Earth-like planet, as an alien, bizarre and puzzling world.

"These are exciting times for Mars scientists and this release of images is in my opinion something unprecedented in the Mars science business," said Dr. Ken Edgett, staff scientist at Malin Space Science Systems, San Diego, CA. "People everywhere with Internet access will be able to take their own personal journey of exploration and discover Mars via these pictures. They can experience them the same way that Mars Global Surveyor scientists do -- one at a time, no captions or explanations, just 'Here it is. What does it show me?'"

The archive of images now covers a period that spans one Mars year (687 Earth days), beginning in September 1997 with pictures taken during the aerobraking phase and extending through August 1999 when Global Surveyor was well into its mapping mission. Many of the pictures have such high resolution that objects on the surface the size of a school bus can be seen.

According to the Mars Orbiter Camera imaging team, placing these images within NASA's Planetary Data System for archiving is an important step in the Mars Global Surveyor mission that permits the public to examine the original data and make discoveries "for themselves."

"Putting these data into perspective is very difficult. We have focused on 'themes.' Layers on the Martian surface are the biggest 'theme' or 'finding' of the imaging investigation so far. To a geologist, layers record history and they are the most geologically important, profound thing we have seen," said Dr. Michael Malin, principal investigator for the camera system at Malin Space Science Systems. "We see layers in the walls of canyons, craters, and troughs. We see layers in both the north and south polar regions. We see them in the craters on top of volcanoes, we see them in pits at the bottoms of impact craters, we see them virtually everywhere that some process has exposed

the subsurface so that we can see it from above."

"Seeing Mars up close through the narrow angle camera has been a humbling experience. We often find surfaces for which there are no obvious analogs on Earth, like certain ridges that look like dunes. Our terrestrial geologic experience seems, at times, to fail us," Edgett said. "Perhaps it is because water is the dominant force of erosion on Earth, even in the driest desert regions. But on Mars that force of change may have been something else, like wind. The ridges seen in places like the Valles Marineris floors are strange. They aren't dunes because they occur too close together, their crests are too sharp, their slopes too symmetrical. They often appear to be a specific layer of material that has undergone erosion -- we just wish we knew what processes are involved that cause this kind of erosion."

The camera system uses a "push-broom" technique that systematically builds up pictures of the surface directly below one line at a time as the spacecraft orbits Mars. The wide-angle lens provides a complete low-resolution global map of the planet every day showing surface features and clouds at a resolution of about 4.6 miles (7.5 kilometers). The narrow-angle telescope takes close-up pictures of small areas with a resolution of about 5 feet (1.5 meters). Because of the extremely high data volume of the high-resolution images, controllers cannot use this mode continuously. Instead, they painstakingly plan which areas they want to target.

Mars Global Surveyor was launched on November 7, 1996 and arrived at Mars on September 12, 1997. The spacecraft has made more than 5,000 orbits of and has been systematically mapping the Red Planet since March 1999.

Mars Global Surveyor is managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA's Office of Space Science, Washington, DC. The camera system was built and is operated by Malin Space Science Systems, San Diego, CA. JPL's industrial partner is Lockheed Martin Astronautics, Denver, CO, which developed and operates the spacecraft. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The archive of images can be found at:

[http://www.msss.com/moc\\_gallery/](http://www.msss.com/moc_gallery/)

A subset of the images can be seen at:

<http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov/new>

and

<http://mars.jpl.nasa.gov/mgs>

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## Re: [canufo] AQU-QAU Sighting Reports

From: Gilles Milot <[milotg@magnola.com](mailto:milotg@magnola.com)>  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 17:53:49 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:15:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: [canufo] AQU-QAU Sighting Reports

Quebec Association Of Ufology

>You will find attached two sighting reports that we are  
>presently investigating. It's our goal to publish all valuable  
>reports we will received. If you wish to contact the witnesses  
>please contact us first. Your comments are welcome.

>BTW, the witness of the sighting report 2000-002a first called  
>the Canadian Ministry of National Defence to report his sighting  
>and they gave him the AQU phone number. The AQU phone number is  
>not in the phone book.

<snip>

I just finished a phone call with the witness who confirmed that he did call the Ministry of National Defence at St-Hubert, he gave me the phone number) and then following his request to report a UFO sighting, a woman told him that she will connect him to the person responsible for these type of reports. (As per the witness these were her exact words.)

Then, the witness was connected directly to my phone.

He never heard a ring, which of course I heard because I answered the phone. But now I understand why he was so confused on the phone and asked me who the hell I was and the name of my office.

When I introduced myself, he was even more surprised that first, there is an organisation that investigates these reports and second, that I was living in Laval and that I was not in the army.

You can imagine what kind of conversation we had :-))).

The surprising thing is that I am connected with the Candian National Defence Department without knowing it.

BTW, the connection was, according to the witness, very fast as if my number was pre-programmed or was in the office next door.

Tomorrow I will phone them and will keep the list informed.

Gilles

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## CAUS Files Appeal Notice

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:24:28 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:24:28 -0400  
Subject: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

Source: Cosmiverse - The Online Portal For Space  
and Science Enthusiasts

<http://www.cosmiverse.com/paranormal.html>

CAUS Files Appeal Notice

May 24, 2000 08:32 CDT

Arizona-based Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) filed its notice Tuesday that it will appeal a U.S. Circuit Court decision to dismiss its lawsuit against the Department of Defense.

The suit was filed early last year, after the department declined to release documents relating to triangle-shaped and other unidentified flying objects. CAUS had filed a Freedom of Information Act request for any documents, reports or other information about such objects held by the Defense Department. After requiring the Defense Department to define its search parameters, Judge Stephen McNamee dismissed the suit in March.

"Not only was the DoD search inadequate and unreasonable, it was a sham. No wonder they conveniently omitted (triangle-related) terms in their original affidavits," said Gersten in March.

"This is proof that the DoD treated the CAUS request as a typical request for UFO information and did not take it seriously."

Following the dismissal of the lawsuit Mar. 30, CAUS immediately launched an Internet campaign to raise \$10,000 to appeal the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

"CAUS officially began the appellate process by filing its Notice of Appeal in the U.S. District Court in Phoenix. Within a few weeks CAUS will be sent a briefing notice that will schedule the date for filing the CAUS brief. The appeal will be heard in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco," said CAUS attorney Peter A. Gersten on Tuesday. He thanked Morgan Clements ([www.ufosightings.net](http://www.ufosightings.net)) for its contribution of the filing fee for the appeal, as well as the nearly 500 CAUS members who contributed to "this important and necessary step in our struggle to obtain our unconditional and absolute right to know the truth about UFOs, other intelligences and their interaction with our species."

That said, Gersten said he's taking his first leave of absence from CAUS, and going on vacation until June 10, visiting friends and associates in New York.

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## Two Million Watch For ET

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:29:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:29:26 -0400  
Subject: Two Million Watch For ET

Source: Cosmiverse - The Online Portal For Space  
and Science Enthusiasts

<http://www.cosmiverse.com/paranormal.html>

Two Million Watch For ET

May 25, 2000 08:32 CDT

The University of California Berkeley reported a cosmic milestone this past week: It signed on its two millionth home computer in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

In partnership with the Planetary Society in an organization known as SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), the university is leveraging the (now 4 million) eyes of PCs owners to process the voluminous data it receives as it scans the universe for signs of life. Computer users download a SETI screen-saving program that processes the data. Remembered as the location of the sci-fi thriller "Contact," the data is retrieved from a radio telescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Participants have logged 280,000 years worth of computing time, said the Planetary Society. "Should a home computer ever detect an alien signal, its user will merit a place in the history books as one of the humans who opened the door to an incredible new view of the cosmos," the society said.

Those wanting to join in the search can download the screen saver at one of the following Web sites: <http://planetary.org> or <http://setiathome.berkeley.edu>

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:39:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:08:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 22:25:55 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>Online had gone international.

>Since I am an AOL member and have access to member lists and  
>member profiles, I did a simple search. Among AOL's 20 million  
>or so members, there are none listed who go by the name of  
>Algrin, Michel or otherwise. And there is no member profile for  
>an AlgrinM.

>This could very well be some "noisy negativist" logging on under  
>another name. AOL allows up to 5 separate e-mail accounts and  
>screen names per member account.

>On the off-chance that this was a genuine e-mail from the real  
>Michel Algrin, my apologies. However, since this was posted to  
>UpDates by a non-member and seems highly suspicious, I think  
>List members should be aware of the information above.

Maybe our honorable moderator has retained the original message  
with headers. If so, he might wish to forward a copy to:

[abuse@aol.com](mailto:abuse@aol.com)

depending on the result of your search, David. Impersonating a  
lawyer and making threats would certainly violate the user  
agreement with AOL. I have taken such action more than once and  
have found AOL to be quite cooperative and aggressive in  
responding.

Regards,

Terry

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:12:18 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:12:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:39:20 -0400  
>From: Terry Blanton <[commengr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commengr@bellsouth.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 22:25:55 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>[abuse@aol.com](mailto:abuse@aol.com)

<snip>

A useful suggestion Terry - I've pasted, below, an excerpt from my  
my query to AOL.

ebk

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[Begin Excerpt]

Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 08:57:27 -0400  
From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
Subject: A Potential Legal Matter...  
X-Sender: [blcwvt41@POP2.sympatico.ca](mailto:blcwvt41@POP2.sympatico.ca)  
To: [abuse@aol.com](mailto:abuse@aol.com)  
Cc: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
Message-id: <[4.2.0.58.20000526084456.00b1e800@POP2.sympatico.ca](mailto:4.2.0.58.20000526084456.00b1e800@POP2.sympatico.ca)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Pro Version 4.2.0.58  
Content-type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hello 'abuse' folk,

In view of the litigious potential in the message below, can you  
confirm that the sender, is who he says he is?

My thanks for your assistance,

Errol Bruce-Knapp,  
Moderator, UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Return-path: <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
Received: from smtp26.bellglobal.com by 1.pop2.sympatico.ca  
(PMDf V5.2-33 #41556) with ESMTp id <[0FV300220YUSKN@1.pop2.sympatico.ca](mailto:0FV300220YUSKN@1.pop2.sympatico.ca)> for  
[blcwvt41@pop2.sympatico.ca](mailto:blcwvt41@pop2.sympatico.ca); Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:16 -0400 (EDT)  
Received: from im013.mx.aol.com (im013.mx.aol.com [152.163.225.3])  
by smtp26.bellglobal.com (8.9.3/8.8.5) with ESMTp id FAA27553 for  
<[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>; Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:01 -0400 (EDT)  
Received: from [AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com) by im013.mx.aol.com (mail\_out\_v27.9.)  
id 1.28.617e2c1 (3868) for <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>; Thu,  
25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
From: [AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)  
Subject: COMETA Report Freidman  
To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
Message-id: <[28.617e2c1.265e482d@aol.com](mailto:28.617e2c1.265e482d@aol.com)>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
X-Mailer: AOL 5.0 for Windows sub 30  
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Mister the Director of list UFO UpDates - Toronto

Dear Sir,

I took note with great surprise of the message that Stan Friedman passed on  
your list (24 May 2000) in which he proposes to sell a translation  
in English of 90 page COMETA Report: "What should we prepare for?".

[End Excerpt]

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Joe Murgia <[Ufojoel@aol.com](mailto:Ufojoel@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:12:59 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:52:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 22:25:55 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Stan's suspicions may be well-founded. How many French attorneys  
>have AOL accounts? I wasn't aware that \_America\_ Online had gone  
>international.

What? AOL has been international for a long time. And the fact  
that the guy has no member profile means absolutely nothing.  
Unless he filled out a member profile, he wouldn't have one.

This guy may be a fraud and he may be for real. But Stan has an  
easy answer. Just have the guy fax Stan on a company letterhead.  
In the meantime, the speculation is a waste of time. It looks l  
ike paranoia.

Joe in Tampa

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: **Craig Beasley** <[craig\\_beasley@usa.net](mailto:craig_beasley@usa.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:24:22 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 10:39:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

Hello List,

This COMETA report seems to be a pretty major event, and it's grabbed a lot of attention. While so many people are focusing on this, are there any other items/events getting under our radar, so to speak?

An idle thought...

Craig

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 10:31:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 10:41:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:12:59 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Joe Murgia <[Ufojoel@aol.com](mailto:Ufojoel@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 22:25:55 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
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>>have AOL accounts? I wasn't aware that \_America\_ Online had gone  
>>international.

>What? AOL has been international for a long time. And the fact  
>that the guy has no member profile means absolutely nothing.  
>Unless he filled out a member profile, he wouldn't have one.

Yes, <http://www.aol.fr/> is owned by:

CompuServe, Inc. (NET-COMPUSERVE)  
5000 Arlington Centre Blvd.  
Columbus, OH 43220  
US

Netname: COMPUSERVE  
Netnumber: 149.174.0.0

Coordinator:  
Crone, David (DC411-ARIN) [hostmaster@COMPUSERVE.COM](mailto:hostmaster@COMPUSERVE.COM)  
614-457-8600 (FAX) 614-457-0348

Domain System inverse mapping provided by:

ARL-NAME-SVC-1.COMPUSERVE.COM149.174.211.5  
DUB-NAME-SVC-1.COMPUSERVE.COM149.174.213.5

Record last updated on 13-Apr-1999.  
Database last updated on 26-May-2000 06:10:59 EDT.

according to <http://whois.arin.net/>. This is not surprising  
since AOL did not have a significant presence in France at the  
time of the CompuServe acquisition.

Researching the owner of the mail server which handled the  
mystery man's mail:

America Online (NET-ANS-BNET8)  
12100 Sunrise Valley Drive  
Reston, VA 20191  
US

Netname: AOL-BNET  
Netblock: 152.163.0.0 - 152.163.255.255

Coordinator:  
America Online, Inc. (AOL-NOC-ARIN) [domains@AOL.NET](mailto:domains@AOL.NET)  
703-265-4670

Domain System inverse mapping provided by:

DNS-01.NS.AOL.COM	152.163.159.232
DNS-02.NS.AOL.COM	205.188.157.232

Record last updated on 02-Dec-1999.  
Database last updated on 26-May-2000 06:10:59 EDT.

This indicates that the email to this list originated in the US since the mail server IP address (152.163.225.3) is within the above netblock.

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>easy answer. Just have the guy fax Stan on a company letterhead.  
>In the meantime, the speculation is a waste of time. It looks  
>like paranoia.

Not paranoia, just curiosity.

Regards,

Terry

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:47:49 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 10:53:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>3. For those who would like a copy of the 90 page English  
>>Translation of the COMETA Report, I am making copies available,  
>>as noted on Coast to Coast a few weeks ago, for only \$10.

>>Stan Friedman

>Stan Friedman did not acquire any authorization from us. I point  
>out that COMETA Report is protected (page 4) by the Copyright  
>and that all reproduction, in whole or in part, translation and  
>adaptation rights are reserved for all countries.

Friedman's response:

"I would like an apology for your suggesting I was counterfeiting or plagiarizing. I would also like to know just when you plan to publish the translation so I can inform people as to how they will eventually be able to obtain your "official" version. Then I could say "no more sales by me" in good faith.

For all I know you are some noisy negativist posing as Michel Algrin to keep people from obtaining the information in the COMETA Report."

The real issue is not Michel Algrin, real or not, but the posted copyright on the report itself. It seems to me that the easiest thing that Stanton Friedman could do in good faith is to contact COMETA directly, point to the copyright notice on page 4, which Michel Algrin (whether he is the real Algrin, or not) referenced in the first message, and ask for their permission to sell this translation, or negotiate a right to distribute their forthcoming translation. Stanton Friedman did not contest Michel Algrin's contention that the copyright notice is as described and on page four of the COMETA report. Neither has he indicated any willingness to seek out their permission, or that he has attempted to seek them out originally for their permission.

My suggestion to Stanton Friedman is to take the initiative and contact COMETA directly, tell them what he is doing and what he wishes to continue doing and negotiate an arrangement for the rights to sell this translation and COMETA's translation when available. With his marketing identity and continuous exposure, an arrangement of mutual interest and satisfaction should be easily negotiated between Friedman and COMETA. Since Friedman has admitted not producing this translation:

"I do not have my name on the translation nor my address. I did not change a word. I do not claim the report as my work."

He has nothing vested into this report and the \$10.00 he is charging is strictly for postage/handling which means that there is a profitmargin built into his \$10.00 fee for making this report available to the masses desiring it.

Will the real Stanton Friedman please stand up?

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
There Is Something      | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
    Going On!           ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,  
Salvador Freixedo ( O O ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----
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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Jean-Luc Rivera <[JLRIV1@aol.com](mailto:JLRIV1@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 11:39:24 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:06:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 22:25:55 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 15:08:24 -0300  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 17:58:37 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>>>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>>>To: [fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net) <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>Date: Thursday, May 25, 2000 11:16 AM  
>>>Subject: Re: COMETA Report

>>Mr. Algrin:

>>One problem with Email is that one does not always know who the  
>>sender is... that is why I gave you my fax and phone numbers. I  
>>notice you haven't returned the favor.

>>There is indeed a Michel Algrin listed in the Translation of the  
>>COMETA report as an attorney-at-law. I have no way of knowing  
>>who you are, however, especially since you have used the terms  
>>"plagiarize" and "counterfeit".

><snip>

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>have AOL accounts? I wasn't aware that America Online had gone  
>international.

Dear David,

For your information, AOL is in a lot of different countries  
which is one of its strenghts.. And yes, even french attorneys  
do have computers and go on the web.

French people are on the web, even do speak english and are list  
members -with AOL accounts -, like myself and Gildas  
Bourdais:-))))

>Since I am an AOL member and have access to member lists and  
>member profiles, I did a simple search. Among AOL's 20 million  
>or so members, there are none listed who go by the name of  
>Algrin, Michel or otherwise. And there is no member profile for  
>an AlgrinM.

>This could very well be some "noisy negativist" logging on under  
>another name. AOL allows up to 5 separate e-mail accounts and  
>screen names per member account.

Personnally knowing Michel Algrin and having spoken on the phone  
with him about this, I can assure you he is the genuine Michel

Algrin.

And I am the genuine Jean-Luc Rivera. :-)

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:08:16 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:09:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

A quick search on the internet produced some locations with summary reports of the French COMETA report. Michel Algrin, as the point of contact for permissions, was cited at the beginning of the following summaries by Gildas Bourdais:

from <http://www.netowne.com/ufos/important/cometa.htm>

"The French Report on UFOs and Defence: a short presentation  
by Gildas Bourdais

It must be stressed here that this is an independant report, written by a private association called COMETA. It is summarized here with the approval of the authors.

To translate and publish the report itself, in part or in its integrality, permission should be asked by writing to the administrator of the association COMETA, Mr Michel Algrin, 25, boulevard Saint-Germain, 75005 Paris, France."

from [http://www.cninews.com/CNI\\_French.html](http://www.cninews.com/CNI_French.html)

"The following exclusive report first appeared as part 1 of the August 1, 1999 edition of CNI News. We regard it as one of the most significant stories ever carried in CNI News. Thanks to our French colleague and correspondent Gildas Bourdais ([GBourdais@aol.com](mailto:GBourdais@aol.com)) for providing this report on the historic new UFO assessment from France. The following text has been approved for publication by members of COMETA, the "Committee for In-depth Studies" which produced the UFO report. Requests for translation and publication rights to the full report should be addressed to Mr. Michel Algrin, 25 boulevard saint-Germain, 75005 Paris, France."

Apparently, the real Michel Algrin's address is directly available on the internet. Also, anyone wishing to be extra cautious can contact the French weekly VSD who published the COMETA report in its entirety July 16, 1999, "Les Ovni Et La Defense: A quoi doit-on se préparer?" and get the above referenced addresses.

The following CUFOS site also has Gildas Bourdais' summary, but the references above were not included on their internet page:

<http://www.cufos.org/cometa.html>

A separate summary report by Perry Petrakis from SOS OVNI is available at:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/news/cometa.html>

Perry Petrakis/SOS OVNI's viewpoint of the COMETA report is contrary to COMETA's viewpoint and should be read by all for its distinct insights.

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart [ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net) | So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
There Is Something | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
Going On! ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,  
Salvador Freixedo ( O O ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 12:40:14 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:12:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 19:20:53 -0400  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 23:14:32 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>The shadows are cast in two dimensions, not one. Sure, you can  
>>get a 15 degree sun elevation in the morning on any day of the  
>>year, but can you simultaneously get the sun's azimuth and  
>>elevation right to cast the shadows as shown May 11 in the Trent  
>>photos? The answer is no.

>Here's a table of the sun's azimuth and elevation in the morning  
>on May 11 at Trent's position:>

>>Time	Azimuth	Elevation
>>6:30 a.m.	70.7	6.0
>>7:00	75.7	11.1
>>7:15	78.3	13.7
>>7:30	80.8	16.3
>>8:00	85.8	21.5
>>8:30	91.1	26.8>

>Are these for daylight saving time?

>DST didn't begin until Mother's Day, if I recall correctly.

Yes, this is for DST.

According to the newspapers, DST began April 30. Mother's Day sounds about right. Each town had to vote whether to go on DST. E.g. Salem and Forest Grove voted April 10 to do so. I don't know if the McMinnville city council also so voted, but it would be foolish not to adopt the same time standard as the bigger burgs around you. So I assume yes.

David Rudiak

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: **Virgil Priscu** <[docv@netvision.net.il](mailto:docv@netvision.net.il)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:41:00 +0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:15:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 09:24:22 -0500 (CDT)  
>From: Craig Beasley <[craig\\_beasley@usa.net](mailto:craig_beasley@usa.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Hello List,

>This COMETA report seems to be a pretty major event, and it's  
>grabbed a lot of attention. While so many people are focusing on  
>this, are there any other items/events getting under our radar,  
>so to speak?

>An idle thought...

>Craig

Hello All,

I read the Cometa Report (called: "Les OVNI et la Defence: A quoi  
doit-ons se preparer?" The UFOs And The Defence: To What Must  
We Prepare").

As it happend I was in France in August last year and I bought  
it from the newsstand in the train station in Paris .

Very good material . Worth reading.

Virgil

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From: **Virgil Priscu** <[docv@netvision.net.il](mailto:docv@netvision.net.il)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:52:57 +0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:18:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

Hello,

BTW - the Cometa report was completely ignored by the public in France. I bought it from a news stand. On display and completely ignored.

I think I was one of the few customers buying it.

Virgil

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Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 15:24:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:35:50 -0400  
Subject: Re:

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Téléphone: In file  
Profession: Storeman  
Education Level: College  
Was the witness alone or with others?: Alone

2-SIGHTING

Place of sighting:  
Chateauguay, Quebec (Approx 30 km SW from Montreal)  
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From: Gilles Milot <[milotg@magnola.com](mailto:milotg@magnola.com)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 15:24:25 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:36:50 -0400  
Subject: QU-QAU Sighting Report May 24, 2000

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From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 17:02:46 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:40:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:47:49 -0700  
>From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>3. For those who would like a copy of the 90 page English  
>>>translation of the COMETA Report, I am making copies available,  
>>>as noted on Coast to Coast a few weeks ago, for only \$10.

>>>Stan Friedman

>>Stan Friedman did not acquire any authorization from us. I point  
>>out that COMETA Report is protected (page 4) by the Copyright  
>>and that all reproduction, in whole or in part, translation and  
>>adaptation rights are reserved for all countries.

>Friedman's response:

>"I would like an apology for your suggesting I was  
>counterfeiting or plagiarizing. I would also like to know just  
>when you plan to publish the translation so I can inform people  
>as to how they will eventually be able to obtain your "official"  
>version. Then I could say "no more sales by me" in good faith.

>For all I know you are some noisy negativist posing as Michel  
>Algrin to keep people from obtaining the information in the  
>COMETA Report."

>The real issue is not Michel Algrin, real or not, but the posted  
>copyright on the report itself. It seems to me that the easiest  
>thing that Stanton Friedman could do in good faith is to contact  
>COMETA directly, point to the copyright notice on page 4, which  
>Michel Algrin (whether he is the real Algrin, or not) referenced  
>in the first message, and ask for their permission to sell this  
>translation, or negotiate a right to distribute their  
>forthcoming translation. Stanton Friedman did not contest Michel  
>Algrin's contention that the copyright notice is as described  
>and on page four of the COMETA report. Neither has he indicated  
>any willingness to seek out their permission, or that he has  
>attempted to seek them out originally for their permission.

>My suggestion to Stanton Friedman is to take the initiative and  
>contact COMETA directly, tell them what he is doing and what he  
>wishes to continue doing and negotiate an arrangement for the  
>rights to sell this translation and COMETA's translation when  
>available. With his marketing identity and continuous exposure,  
>an arrangement of mutual interest and satisfaction should be  
>easily negotiated between Friedman and COMETA. Since Friedman  
>has admitted not producing this translation:

>"I do not have my name on the translation nor my address. I  
>did not change a word. I do not claim the report as my work."

>He has nothing vested into this report and the \$10.00 he is  
>charging is strictly for postage/handling which means that there  
>is a profitmargin built into his \$10.00 fee for making this  
>report available to the masses desiring it.

>Will the real Stanton Friedman please stand up?

As might be expected, without giving any indication, Ed has shown only 1/4 of my second message to Algrin and none of my first. I specifically asked about purchase of their publication and offered to pay royalties, and provided phone and fax numbers and asked of we could talk. I also asked for a letterhead. There is no address given for COMETA in the volume. No letter head has been provided. Algrin (if real) doesn't want sales or royalties.

Ed, do you think you might just possibly get facts in hand before putting computer in gear? Or is that too much to ask? One might think you would have learned something from the ridiculous charges you made about me and the documents in RG 341. Willing to tell us yet who your source of the totally false information was??

As it happens this translation was arranged for by FUFOR while in contact with COMETA and was paid for by Lawrence Rockefeller not by COMETA. My latest attempt to pin down publication date (last night) indicated that no arrangements have been made yet for US Publication by COMETA.

Ed, I suggest that you sit down. I have stood up and tried to provide a service to the UFO community. Originally copies were made so that I could distribute a number of them free to people like Jeff Rense, Edgar Mitchell, the local CP reporter, etc.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 13:41:55 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:45:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Source: Cosmiverse - The Online Portal For Space  
> and Science Enthusiasts

><http://www.cosmiverse.com/paranormal.html>

>CAUS Files Appeal Notice

>May 24, 2000 08:32 CDT

>Arizona-based Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) filed its  
>notice Tuesday that it will appeal a U.S. Circuit Court decision  
>to dismiss its lawsuit against the Department of Defense.

<snip>

>Following the dismissal of the lawsuit Mar. 30, CAUS immediately  
>launched an Internet campaign to raise \$10,000 to appeal the  
>decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

<snip>

>That said, Gersten said he's taking his first leave of absence  
>from CAUS, and going on vacation until June 10, visiting friends  
>and associates in New York.

A guy heading a \_non-profit\_ organization saying he won't be  
doing anything for free and then taking a vacation after a fund  
raiser. Am I the only one seeing this?

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXpose: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open  
Mind...and remember; what's real isn't important unless you're  
vacationing on someone else's money.  
<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXpose)  
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### Re: The COMETA Report

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 16:42:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 19:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

List,

Last year, Patrick Huyghe and I tried to arrange the translation and publication in English of the COMETA Report.

Let's be diplomatic and just say that the French were difficult to deal with. What we thought of as a public service project, they seemed to regard more as a commercial one. In short, many conditions on distribution were imposed, so that it was clear that copyright was a major concern. Eventually, we withdrew our proposal (which was to publish both an English print and Web version of the Report). Or it might be more accurate to say that we simply ceased pursuing the project.

In any event, as long as some of us are touting \$10.00 books to which we may, or may not, hold the operative copyright, may Patrick and I direct your attention to the following:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380802651/qid=959370159/sr=1-1/102-8 871222-9999201>

And apropos, or not, of anyone and anything, I was listening to a National Public Radio program today in which the author of "Flags of Our Fathers" was interviewed. I believe his name was James Bradley; at any event, the author's father was one of the six soldiers who raised the American flag over Iwo Jima.

I assume we've all seen the picture, since it's the most widely reproduced one in the history of photography.

During a discussion of myths surrounding the picture, Bradley related how he had just recently attended a dinner for which 300-350 people paid to attend in honor of the local hometown "hero", long reknowned as the man who had walked the flag up to the top of Mount Suribachi (sp?).

The only problem, Bradley discovered, was that the man was on a boat three miles offshore at the time the flag was hoisted.

(Similar discoveries have recently surfaced in the records of soldiers who claimed to have participated in a massacre of civilians during the early days of the Korean war -- indicating that a claim to bad fame, phenomenologically speaking, is apparently just as seductive as a claim to good fame. Or does anyone remember Henry Lee Lucas, if I have the name right? James "Deliverance" Dickey also inflated his own service record, admirable as it was. In the latter case, Dickey's son and autobiographer referred to it as the "pilot syndrome" -- who wanted to be a lowly center or guard [or tail-gunner] in the retelling, when you could portray yourself as the school quarterback/pilot, as long, of course, as the latter wasn't around to naysay you?)

Any analogy with anything ufological, BTW, is wholly in the eye of the beholder -- or purely coincidental. (Just in case the name Philip Corso fleetingly surfaces in anyone's consciousness, or, God forbid, that of Jesse Marcel, Frank Kaufmann, or Glenn Dennis.)

But it's also interesting that Bradley Sr., who was there, refused interviews and never spoke of his experiences, even to his own immediate family, 'til the day he died.

To each his own, apparently. Which is why it is almost impossible to ascribe motives to hoaxers, who are first and foremost individuals, or at least the usual assumptions of motive, ie., personal profit, etc.

The crop circle scene should have shown us that, if nothing else did, or has yet managed to. In other words, those who have profited most therefrom have not been the original hoaxers, but the hoaxed.

Well, the world is full of irony, isn't it?

In other words, hoaxers apparently get 'paid' in their own private, highly subjective currency, not necessarily the accepted coin of the predominant realm, that is, you and me.

We no more know why a real hero would spend his life denying same, than we know why a false hero would claim same.

Pardon the syntax.

Dennis Stacy

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## Aliens Ate My MBA

From: John W. Auchettl <[Praufu@aol.com](mailto:Praufu@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 11:10:59 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 09:08:42 -0400  
Subject: Aliens Ate My MBA

EBK & Researchers,

This article appeared in the UK "Guardian" on Tuesday May 9, 2000. It was by John Crace, and titled "Aliens Ate My MBA". Although Sci-Fi may not be appropriate to this forum, I think the article has some important information into the changing face of our culture & academia.

I have also place the profiles of the two main organisers of the conference for the list, that's if you want to get a copy of the papers.

It's a revealing insight.

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THE ARTICLE:

"Brown is the new black, grey is the new brown and science fiction is the new media studies. Well, not quite. Universities may be desperate to get bums on seats, but no one has yet stooped to making Star Wars a degree subject. But all is not lost for those with an unhealthy interest in flying saucers, as there is a growing band of academics who are using science-fiction as a semi-serious paradigm for re-examining traditional subjects from a different angle.

The fun started lasted year [1999] when Warren Smith and Matthew Higgins of Leicester University and Martin Parker and Geoff Lightfoot of Keele University published a joint paper in the journal, Organization, entitled Amazing Tales: Organization Studies as Science Fiction. None of them expected much feedback, but out of the woodwork came a host of other sci-fi academics, keen to link their parallel lives and universes into the mainstream of their working lives.

So last September the worlds of secretaries and X-Filing clerks, management and chaos theories, enterprise and the Starship Enterprise merged at a conference organised by Leicester University's management centre. More than 50 international delegates from disciplines including astronomy, physics, history, literature, cultural, film and media studies and management knuckled down to the nitty-gritty of utopias, corporate powers and cyberpunk. And that's not the end of it, as the best of the papers are being published by Routledge in book format sometime next year.

For someone who spends so much of his time with his head in the asteroids, Smith, a lecturer in organisational studies, is resolutely downbeat about the place of sci-fi in academia. He and his co-authors make no great claims for sci-fi as a means of improving organisation studies, but rather see it as another window through which the subject may be viewed. "Organisation science is just as fictional as science fiction, voodoo or Chinese medicine," they say. "Or just as true, which amounts to saying the same thing. It is not so much a question of legislating that 'anything goes' but recognising it, and then allowing that recognition to license the exploration of some

rather empty spaces."

This may sound a wilfully Dadaist approach, but even die-hard sceptics have to concede that sci-fi has offered illuminating insights into the way we view the world. Plato got the ball rolling with his Republic, and the genre was continued by Thomas More with Utopia, Samuel Butler with Erewhon and William Morris with News from Nowhere. The tradition may owe its existence in part to a desire to escape the confines of political censorship, but today's management gurus, such as Alvin Toffler and Charles Handy, have known no such constraints as they dabble in their generally well-received crystal-ball gazing.

The 20th century was perhaps more noted for its dystopias than its utopias, with George Orwell's 1984, and Aldous Huxley's Brave New World well to the fore - and the theme has been picked up by contemporary sci-fi writers, such as William Gibson, and film-makers. "Within academia there's a slight tendency to regard literature as the upmarket end of sci-fi, and to see film as decidedly lowbrow mainstream, because books allow themes to become more fully developed," says Smith. "But even the blockbusters tell us something. Take Star Wars - The Phantom Menace. The Federation clearly resembles the Japanese, suggesting a stereotypically uniform management system."

Hollywood's contribution to the debate is worth a PhD or two with films like Bladerunner, Alien, Robocop, Brazil and Total Recall. But TV, too, with Dr Who and Star Trek, has also helped define human relationships with new technologies and ideas. But sci-fi doesn't just have a reflective role, it is also predictive. Science is sometimes as much about creative leaps of the imagination as tough deductive reasoning, and science fantasists have had their fair share of successes.

Arthur C. Clarke predicted the geostationary satellite and Isaac Asimov developed the three laws of robotics that are frequently cited as fact within cybernetics. However, as Smith, Higgins, Parker and Lightfoot point out, Asimov would be horrified as he spent his last 40 years exposing the contradictions and dangers inherent in even such apparently universal and applicable laws.

On a lighter note, they also observe that management change consultants have plundered sci-fi as a resource for thinking about alternative scenarios for strategic planning, and that Wess Roberts has used the "secrets" of Captain Picard from Star Trek: The Next Generation to sell his particular brand of charismatic leadership.

But as any sci-fi fan knows, every utopia has its obverse, and sci-fi has also come perilously close to doing for us all. "It has been suggested that the 1940s film, Murder In the Air, was the basis for the proposed US Star Wars defence programme in the 1980s," says Smith.

"Ronald Reagan would have known the film well and might have given his backing for the lasers in space programme on this basis."

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Warren Smith:

Warren Smith has degrees from the University of Warwick, University of Lancaster and a PhD. from Keele University. He is currently a lecturer in Organizational Studies at the University of Leicester. Current research interests include ethics and marketing, the 'virtual' and concepts of organisation and community, science fiction and organisation and violence and spectacle.

Matthew Higgins:

Matthew Higgins BA (Hons.) MA. graduated in Sociology from Staffordshire Polytechnic and Marketing from the University of the West of England. Matthew is currently a Research Associate in the Management Centre at the Department of Economics, University of Leicester. He is also studying for his Ph.D. at Keele University which is examining cause-related marketing and the ethics. His research interests include representations and marketing, popular culture, ethics, and social marketing in the voluntary sector. Matthew is also involved in a collaborative

research project on branding and community with a mutual  
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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 18:28:56 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 09:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 17:02:46 -0300  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:47:49 -0700  
>>From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
>>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>As might be expected, without giving any indication, Ed has  
>shown only 1/4 of my second message to Algrin and none of my  
>first.

Friedman, you are full of it. There are only two messages from  
you up to this point posted to UFO UpDates:

Your original message offering for sale a translation of a  
copyrighted COMETA report which expressly prohibits anyone from  
selling such a translation without prior approval. No where in  
the message do you address Algrin in any way whatsoever.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m24-016.shtml>

The second message of yours where you responded online to Algrin  
and which I quoted from:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m25-008.shtml>

In this message, you refused to revoke the standing offer placed  
on the first message and proceeded to question whether or not  
Algrin was the real Algrin. As if somehow that was relevant. The  
fact is you got caught red-handed trying to peddle a copyrighted  
item without ever bothering to get permission before you put on  
your marketing hat on. Since Algrin's original message to this  
list, you have not shown any good faith in either wanting to  
revoke your apparent illegal offer, or contacting COMETA  
independently of Algrin and directly. Instead, you have gone  
into your logical fallacy mode and have switched this discussion  
from the copyright abuse issue which stands on its own in spite  
of whether or not the real Algrin ever brought it up in the  
first place and attacked the messenger instead.

>I specifically asked about purchase of their publication and  
>offered to pay royalties, and provided phone and fax numbers  
>and asked of we could talk.

Not in the two messages posted above. The first message you  
offered to sell for \$10.00 something that is copyrighted

protected and which you ignored. The second message you tried to build a straw man around Algrin himself and avoided any mention that you, Stanton Friedman, have been caught red-handed attempting to peddle an item that is copyright protected without ever securing permission in the first place.

>Ed, do you think you might just possibly get facts in hand  
>before putting computer in gear? Or is that too much to ask?

Which part does Algrin have wrong? Have you previously applied to COMETA for permission to sell their product? Where have you rescinded your offer to provide translations of the original, also copyright protected, on this list that you announced your offer?

>As it happens this translation was arranged for by FUFOR while  
>in contact with COMETA and was paid for by Lawrence Rockefeller  
>not by COMETA.

What gives you the right to sell it? Answer the above questions.

>My latest attempt to pin down publication date  
>(last night) indicated that no arrangements have been made yet  
>for US Publication by COMETA.

What gives you the right to sell it? Answer the above questions.

>Ed, I suggest that you sit down. I have stood up and tried to  
>provide a service to the UFO community.

At \$10.00 a pop for something you had no involvement in creating. Please, spare the horsemanure it costs you that much to copy ninety pages and postage. It is not even relevant.

>Originally copies were  
>made so that I could distribute a number of them free to people  
>like Jeff Rense, Edgar Mitchell, the local CP reporter, etc.

Then what happened? Tells us why you decided to capitalize on this opportunity and sell this report for \$10.00 a pop? A report originally created and copyrighted by COMETA including any translations attempted from the original, a report you had no input into, a translation you had no input into. Tells us how much of that \$10.00 is going to COMETA for creating the original, or how much is going to FUFOR for arranging the translation you are peddling? It doesn't appear FUFOR charged you anything for arranging the translation themselves? In another message Steve Kaeser stated that FUFOR is giving the translation away to journalists. Did they know ahead of time that Stanton Friedman was going to be selling the translation to anyone wanting one for \$10.00 a pop?

What bothers me is that Stanton Friedman had the opportunity to do the right thing twice, and twice he has instead decided to do the wrong thing and now appears to feel justified in attacking messengers instead. You had the opportunity to contact COMETA first before you decided to sell their report for \$10.00 a pop. You did not.

You had the opportunity to contact COMETA independently and directly after Algrin notified you that you were in violation of COMETA's copyright. You did not, and instead decided to posture online building a strawman argument as to whether or not Algrin was legitimate, as if he wasn't legitimate, then it was alright for Stanton Friedman to continue violating COMETA's copyright. Unadulterated garbage, but standard Friedman.

It is apparent that the real Stanton Friedman has stood up. He should be easily recognizable by anyone on this list that has followed this thread.

Ed Stewart --

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Ed Stewart [ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net) | So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
There Is Something | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
Going On! ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,  
Salvador Freixedo ( O O ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
-----ooOO-( )-OOoo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 21:23:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 09:21:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 14:20:27 -0400 (EDT)  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:08:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 00:10:08 -0500  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 08:03:39 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

Previously, I wrote:

>>Let's see....

>>We can measure the shadows on the garage, the ground, the house,  
>>the power lines, the trees, the poles, the roof, the pigs and  
>>the cows and the hired help. And with all due respect to Bob's  
>>efforts, none of this amounts to squat.

David responded:

>Squat?? The shadows tell us if the photos are consistent with  
>the Trents' story. Debunkers and skeptics and cynics like  
>yourself have falsely claimed that they are inconsistent and the  
>Trent's (for incomprehensible reasons) lied about the time of  
>day when the photos were taken, therefore lied about everything  
>else.

David,

I see that you've resorted to fabrication.

Please indicate in which post I ever claimed that the photos were inconsistent with the time of day they were supposedly taken. Also, please indicate where I ever said the photos were inconsistent with the Trent's story. In fact, please indicate where I ever said the Trents lied to Bruce. And finally, indicate in which post that I EVER said the photos were fake!

You can't because I never said those things. Others might have, but I never did. In fact, I never even implied it. You are so dead set on proving the Trents right and, more importantly, me wrong that you didn't even stop to check your facts. But then, the devil is in the details, right David? ;)

Now, while you are desperately digging for some kind of quote to nail me with, why don't you count the number of times that I said that I'd prefer to believe that the photos are real. Also, while you are at it, why don't you count the number of times that I said there isn't enough proof, one way or the other, to say whether the photos are real or not!

All I have ever maintained is that what you and Bruce consider evidence of the Trents' honesty is nothing of the sort. That doesn't mean that they lied. It means that neither you, not

anyone else, can possibly know WHAT they really think. That is how this discussion got started.

Regarding the "technical analysis" that you feel is essential to supporting the Trents' story, I wrote:

>>The object of interest  
>>is still a fuzzy, black and white "thing" floating in the  
>>middle of a blank sky with no reference points whatsoever. It  
>>doesn't go behind anything and is too small and grainy to  
>>ascertain its identity or origin other than it looks  
>>suspiciously like a milk can lid. In essence, you've got  
>>information on everything in the bloody picture except the  
>>damned UFO!

You replied:

>Rubbish! As you very well know, relative luminance values can be  
>used to determine whether the object was more likely to be a  
>close object (hence a hoax) or a distant object (real).

You are absolutely right, David. Luminance levels can be used  
(very roughly) to determine the distance of an object.

But not in this case.

Why? Because we don't know what the reflective values of the  
"mystery object" are beforehand. Now why is this important?  
Because without having the values of the object as a baseline  
for comparison, then we don't know what the changes in luminance  
indicate. It is just that simple and you know this to be true  
(or should). If you want to assume that the object has a  
particular value to start with, that's okay. But then you are  
obviously just guessing and the results would be no more  
conclusive than just looking at the photo and saying, "Gee, it  
kind of looks real." Which is what I did because that's really  
all ANYONE can do. There just isn't any enough info in the  
photos to consider unless you make assumptions, which you  
obviously have.

Regarding such, David wrote:

>Luminance measurements are consistent with a distant object. If  
>it was a hoax, then you have to account for the overly bright  
>shadowed bottom of the object.

No, David, YOU have to account for the overly bright shadowed  
bottom of the object. You are the one that says the object is  
distant. Is it your position that the bottom would not be as  
bright if it were up close? The case could be made either way.  
Sure, tones lighten due to atmospheric haze in the distant, but  
then again, footcandles also fall off the farther away they get  
from the source. In one scenario, it would get darker, in the  
other it would get lighter. Is the object shiny or dull? Is it  
painted flat or glassy? Is the bottom the same as the rest of  
the object? If the bottom were shiny or mirrored, then who knows  
what we're seeing in that part of the photo. This may all seem  
silly to you, but unless you know what the reflective values of  
the "mystery object" are beforehand (and you absolutely do not),  
such analysis is nothing short of a guess.

Moving on, I wrote:

>>Is it the real thing? Personally, I'd like to think so.

Hey David! If you're still at the top of this post, look down  
here! I previously said I'd like to think the damned thing is  
real! David? David?.....Oh well.

In closing, I offered:

>>But the  
>>bottom line is that you can ray trace until the cows come home  
>>(and I think they've long since gone to bed) but you won't get  
>>any closer to authenticating the UFO than a casual observer  
>>would by looking at the photos with the naked eye.

Unbelievably, David claims:

>In other words, you know it must be a hoax, so you don't want to  
>be confused with facts. That's classic debunkerism.

>You lose again Roger. All you've done is argue by proclamation.  
>To your discerning eye it is nothing but a fake. But you have  
>failed utterly to provide one single argument based on the  
>photos themselves that actually demonstrates that it is a fake,  
>or even that it is likely a fake.

Wow! What can I say, David. Your statement is so full of inaccuracies.....

Again, I have never said that it is a fake. I have maintained that it could be a fake and that there isn't enough info to tell one way or the other; especially if that info is derived by judging the Trents honesty or intent, which cannot be quantified or measured in any scientific way.

The only proclamations made in this thread are yours suggesting that the Trents' story can be supported by an analysis that is impossible to complete due to insufficient data. None the less, you have repeated the mantra that measuring the luminance values are a bone fide way to support your case despite the obvious lack of a base line for comparison. If you want to believe this, that's okay by me. But don't peg me as a "debunker" because I see the obvious flaw in your reasoning. Don't misquote me to prop up a weak defense on your part. And don't demand that others prove you wrong when you obviously don't understand the very procedure you depend on for your position. Your technical analysis is so flawed it is obvious that you have no idea what you are doing and how little it proves. In doing so, you do the Trents very little service.

In the end, you can believe the Trents if your gut feeling tells you to, there's nothing wrong with that. Since I'd like to believe the shots are real, then my gut says they are telling the truth, also. But, unlike you, I won't prop up that statement with false science or presume to know someone else's intent.

I have no problem if the photos turn out to be fake. I have even fewer problems if they turn out to be real.

How much clearer can I make myself?

Later,

Roger Evans

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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Here's a table of the sun's azimuth and elevation in the morning  
>on May 11 at Trent's position:>

>Time	Azimuth	Elevation
>6:30 a.m.	70.7	6.0
>7:00	75.7	11.1
>7:15	78.3	13.7
>7:30	80.8	16.3
>8:00	85.8	21.5
>8:30	91.1	26.8

I should amend these values slightly. They are for McMinnville, not the Trent farm, which was about 11 miles WSW of McMinnville.

The correct values for the Trent farm on May 11,1950, at Lat 45 d 06' N, Long 123 d 20' W are (and carrying further on into the morning):

Sunrise 5:49 a.m.

Time (PDT)	Azimuth	Elevation
6:30 a.m.	70.5	5.9
6:45	73.1	8.4
7:00	75.6	10.9
7:15	78.1	13.5
7:30	80.7	16.1
7:45	83.2	18.7
8:00	85.8	21.4
8:15	88.4	24.0
8:30	91.0	26.7
8:45	93.7	29.3

Evening values are:

7:00 p.m.	281.3	14.2
7:15	283.8	11.7
7:30	286.4	9.1
7:45	288.9	6.6
8:00	291.5	4.1
8:15	294.1	1.8
8:30	296.7	0.4

Sunset 8:31

I would like to say a few more words about the eave shadows and the morning sun argument. Skepti-bunker Robert Sheaffer pointed out that the end rafter seemed to cast a shadow right on the edge of the garage, indicating the end of the shadow, indicating that the sun would have had an azimuth of close to 90 degrees. I would agree up to this point.

Then Sheaffer added that this meant that the photos were taken

at around 7:30 Pacific Standard Time (or 8:30 Pacific Daily Time). Looking up at the about table, the sun's azimuth is indeed about 90 degrees at 8:30 PDT. 8:15 might also work.

Unfortunately, notice that the sun's elevation angle is between 24 and 27 degrees from 8:15 to 8:30 PDT, about double what it should be. If you go back an hour to 7:15 to 7:30, the shadow elevation angles are probably about right, but the sun's azimuth is about 10 degrees further north.

There is no time on the morning of May 11 when you can get the proper combination of sun elevation and azimuth to reproduce the shadows on the wall. If you get the right height, the shadows are cast too far south. If the sun is square to the wall to get the proper N/S position, the sun is too high and the shadows cast are much too low. Sheaffer neglected to mention this. (I wonder why?)

These are just irrefutable mathematical facts. To this we can also add two other irrefutable facts that must be true if direct morning sunlight was responsible for the shadows. The wires from which Trent supposedly hung his model would be casting shadows slashing across the oil tank against the garage and across the upper garage wall. But these shadows aren't there in the photos. They would be easily detectable, unless the light source was quite diffuse.

The other missing item in the photos is the expected shadow cast by the Trent house on the right side of the garage before about 7:30, when the elevation angle of the sun was about right to account for the garage rafter shadows.

Thus Sheaffer's hypothesis is refuted by astronomy and what is actually present (or missing) in the photos.

David Rudiak

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## Re: COMETA Report

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 11:31:21 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 13:46:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report

EBK:  
Here is the first item from "Algrin" and my response.  
Stan Friedman

-----Original Message-----

>From: [AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com) <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>To: [fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net) <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Date: Thursday, May 25, 2000 6:19 AM  
>Subject: COMETA Report Friedman

>Mister the Director of list UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Dear Sir,  
>I took note with great surprise of the message that Stan  
>Friedman passed on your list (24 May 2000) in which he  
>proposes to sell a translation in English of 90 page  
>COMETA Report: "What should we prepare for?".

>Stan Friedman did not require any authorization of us.

>I point out that COMETA Report is protected (page 4) by the  
>Copyright and that all reproduction, in whole or in part,  
>translation and adaptation rights are reserved for all the  
>countries.

>COMETA is going to publish the translation of his Report  
>in English in the United States.

>The advertisement of Stan Friedman causes us damage.

>I will take legal action against him for counterfeit and  
>plagiarism and also against all people who would buy her  
>translation.

>I ask you to publish this message on your list.

>Michel Algrin  
>Attorney-At-Law  
>Director of COMETA

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
To: [AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com) <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2000 8:04 AM  
Subject: Re: COMETA Report Friedman

Mister Algrin:

Can we talk? My phone number is 506-457-0232 in Fredericton, NB  
Canada one hour ahead of New York. My fax number is  
506-450-3832.. My goal is to spread facts about UFOs. As I  
understand it, the translation was done many months ago and has  
had no distribution. The Boston Globe article is splendid  
publicity. Do you want a royalty for the small sales I have  
done.? Do you have copies available I can purchase and  
distribute? I have sold many copies of my own books, papers,  
videos, CDROM. It is perhaps unfortunate that none of my work

was referenced in the report, but that hasn't stopped me from saying good things about it.

Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist, lecturer, author.

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 12:05:05 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 13:56:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 18:28:56 -0700  
>From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 17:02:46 -0300  
>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 07:47:49 -0700  
>>>From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>>>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
>>>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>As might be expected, without giving any indication, Ed has  
>>shown only 1/4 of my second message to Algrin and none of my  
>>first.

>Friedman, you are full of it. There are only two messages from  
>you up to this point posted to UFO UpDates:

>Your original message offering for sale a translation of a  
>copyrighted COMETA report which expressly prohibits anyone from  
>selling such a translation without prior approval. No where in  
>the message do you address Algrin in any way whatsoever.

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m24-016.shtml>

>The second message of yours where you responded online to Algrin  
>and which I quoted from:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/may/m25-008.shtml>

>In this message, you refused to revoke the standing offer placed  
>on the first message and proceeded to question whether or not  
>Algrin was the real Algrin. As if somehow that was relevant. The  
>fact is you got caught red-handed trying to peddle a copyrighted  
>item without ever bothering to get permission before you put on  
>your marketing hat on. Since Algrin's original message to this  
>list, you have not shown any good faith in either wanting to  
>revoke your apparent illegal offer, or contacting COMETA  
>independently of Algrin and directly. Instead, you have gone  
>into your logical fallacy mode and have switched this discussion  
>from the copyright abuse issue which stands on its own inspite  
>of whether or not the real Algrin ever brought it up in the  
>first place and attacked the messenger instead.

>>I specifically asked about purchase of their publication and

>>offered to pay royalties, and provided phone and fax numbers  
>>and asked of we could talk.

>Not in the two messages posted above. The first message you  
>offered to sell for \$10.00 something that is copyrighted  
>protected and which you ignored. The second message you tried to  
>build a straw man around Algrin himself and avoided any mention  
>that you, Stanton Friedman, have been caught red-handed  
>attempting to peddle an item that is copyright protected without  
>ever securing permission in the first place.

>>Ed, do you think you might just possibly get facts in hand  
>>before putting computer in gear? Or is that too much to ask?

>Which part does Algrin have wrong? Have you previously applied  
>to COMETA for permission to sell their product? Where have you  
>rescinded your offer to provide translations of the original,  
>also copyright protected, on this list that you announced your  
>offer?

>>As it happens this translation was arranged for by FUFOR while  
>>in contact with COMETA and was paid for by Lawrence Rockefeller  
>>not by COMETA.

>What gives you the right to sell it? Answer the above questions.

>>My latest attempt to pin down publication date  
>>(last night) indicated that no arrangements have been made yet  
>>for US Publication by COMETA.

>What gives you the right to sell it? Answer the above questions.

>>Ed, I suggest that you sit down. I have stood up and tried to  
>>provide a service to the UFO community.

>At \$10.00 a pop for something you had no involvement in  
>creating. Please, spare the horsemanure it costs you that much  
>to copy ninety pages and postage. It is not even relevant.

>>Originally copies were  
>>made so that I could distribute a number of them free to people  
>>like Jeff Rense, Edgar Mitchell, the local CP reporter, etc.

>Then what happened? Tells us why you decided to capitalize on  
>this opportunity and sell this report for \$10.00 a pop? A report  
>originally created and copyrighted by COMETA including any  
>translations attempted from the original, a report you had no  
>input into, a translation you had no input into. Tells us how  
>much of that \$10.00 is going to COMETA for creating the  
>original, or how much is going to FUFOR for arranging the  
>translation you are peddling? It doesn't appear FUFOR charged  
>you anything for arranging the translation themselves? In  
>another message Steve Kaeser stated that FUFOR is giving the  
>translation away to journalists. Did they know ahead of time  
>that Stanton Friedman was going to be selling the translation to  
>anyone wanting one for \$10.00 a pop?

>What bothers me is that Stanton Friedman had the opportunity to  
>do the right thing twice, and twice he has instead decided to do  
>the wrong thing and now appears to feel justified in attacking  
>messengers instead. You had the opportunity to contact COMETA  
>first before you decided to sell their report for \$10.00 a pop.  
>You did not.

>You had the opportunity to contact COMETA independently and  
>directly after Algrin notified you that you were in violation of  
>COMETA's copyright. You did not, and instead decided to posture  
>online building a strawman argument as to whether or not Algrin  
>was legitimate, as if he wasn't legitimate, then it was alright  
>for Stanton Friedman to continue violating COMETA's copyright.  
>Unadulterated garbage, but standard Friedman.

>It is apparent that the real Stanton Friedman has stood up. He  
>should be easily recognizable by anyone on this list that has  
>followed this thread.

>Ed Stewart --

I have forwarded the full text of my communications with  
"Algrin". to EBK. One reason for questioning who he is (i.e. is

he really an attorney?) is his use of the totally inappropriate terms plagiarism and counterfeit, and furthermore his making no effort to determine the facts of the matter. Despite my request he provided no phone or fax number. Incidentally he has not provided a letterhead nor any further response, nor any indication of wherein COMETA has been damaged by my offering copies (many have commented to me that the price is reasonable especially since it includes 1st Class Postage). We all see loads of copyright items on the Internet including, for example, a version of the Zeta Reticuli Incident. Complaints are made about the US Government withholding information. Here we have a quasi-government organization whose report was first published in July 1999, withholding it from publication. Not offering to sell copies, nor to accept a royalty.

I had copies for months made for reporters whom I hoped would do a big article of the sort done by Leslie Kean. The report came up in a show I did with Jeff Rense not long ago and I mentioned I had a copy of the Translation. He asked about distributing it and having to make a decision on the spot, I said yes.

I could hardly send a letter to COMETA in Response to "Algrin's" angry email. Mail from here would take at least a week.

I should add that several people have expressed gratitude for my making this available since there didn't seem to be any other place to get a report so favorably covered by The Boston Globe.

One reason I have made copies of "Blue Book Special Report 14" available (no copyright problem in the USA, but there would be in the UK where the government must be paid for publication of government documents) is that it seems inappropriate to talk about something and then say "sorry, you can't have a copy, even though it has been translated". One might think that the distribution of free copies would be even more damaging to COMETA.

Any international copyright attorneys out there?

I am sorry if I have caused distress to FUFOR and COMETA. Causing distress to Ed Stewart sort of goes with the territory.

By the way, I understand Leslie Kean was on with Mike Siegel last night. Anybody know if she said anything about availability?

Stan Friedman

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## Arthur C. Clarke Knighted

From: Steven L. Wilson, Sr <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 13:22:35 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 13:59:45 -0400  
Subject: Arthur C. Clarke Knighted

Friday, 26 May, 2000, 15:06 GMT 16:06 UK

Arthur C. Clarke Knighted

The private ceremony was held at the UK High Commission in Colombo.

The science fiction writer, Arthur C Clarke, has been knighted, more than two years after the title was conferred on him.

UK High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Linda Duffield, presented the "Award of Knight Bachelor" to the novelist at a ceremony in Colombo, where he resides.

The investiture ceremony was delayed until Sir Arthur was cleared of charges of paedophilia, brought against him after an article published in the Sunday Mirror.

Sir Arthur has always maintained his innocence.

He was due to travel to London earlier this year to receive the award from the Queen, but was unable to do so because of post polio syndrome.

I Have Every Reason To Be Happy

Sir Arthur C Clarke

"I feel like a lobster," Sir Arthur, who is confined to a wheelchair, is reported to have said.

"I have every reason to be happy and, yes, I am very happy," Sir Arthur said at the ceremony at the high commissioner's residence.

The private ceremony was attended by many of the author's close friends.

Arthur C Clarke, 82, is regarded as a space-age visionary, who predicted space travel in 1945, long before rockets were tested.

One of the best known science fiction authors, Sir Arthur has written more than 80 books, including the classic 2001: A Space Odyssey.

He has made Sri Lanka his home and has lived on the island since 1956.

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## 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Sunday, May 27, 2000

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**  
Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 15:11:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 15:11:57 -0400  
Subject: 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Sunday, May 27, 2000

Tomorrow night, Sunday, on 'Strange Days... Indeed':

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/// Dennis Stacy  
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Dennis Stacy was the editor of the monthly MUFON UFO Journal from 1985 to 1997. He received the 1995 Donald E. Keyhoe Journalism Award for a six-part series on UFOs that appeared in Omni Magazine. He is also the author of The Marfa Lights: A Viewer's Guide, and, most recently, he co-edited UFOs 1947-1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers with Hilary Evans.

Dennis' is, along with Patrick Huyghe, the co-author of the recently published 'The Field Guide to UFOs: A Classification Of Various Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Based On Eyewitness Accounts' - [Quill, 2000]

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/// Patrick Huyghe  
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Patrick Huyghe is the author of the first volume in this series, 'The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials' (Avon Books, 1996). His articles on UFOs have appeared in the New York Times, Omni, and other magazines. With Dennis Stacy, he also edits and publishes The Anomalist, a print and web-based journal

<http://www.anomalist.com/>

that explores the mysteries of science, history, and nature.

From the Introduction To 'The Field Guide to UFOs'

<http://www.anomalist.com/books/fgufo.html>

The late J. Allen Hynek, Air Force astronomy consultant for Project Blue Book and founder of the Center for UFO Studies that now bears his name, once referred to the sheer number of UFO reports as an "embarrassment of riches." The numbers would certainly seem to bear him out. One Gallup public opinion poll revealed that nine percent of the adult American population, equivalent to about 11 million people at the time, had seen what they thought was a UFO. Extrapolated worldwide and over time, the number of UFO witnesses from the last half century alone easily extends to the tens, if not hundreds, of millions--only a minuscule fraction of which are ever reported to the military, law enforcement officials, or civilian UFO research organizations. The most commonly reported reason for failing to make a report public is fear of ridicule from one's family, friends, neighbors, colleagues.

This inherent embarrassment of numbers includes an embarrassment of forms as well. While the general public perceives flying saucers and Unidentified Flying Objects as one and the same, the reports paint a dramatically different picture. Indeed, the classic "flying saucer"--imagine a spinning, disc-shaped



object with a smaller, rounded dome or canopy in the center--is on a par with such Hollywood stereotypes as the prostitute with a heart of gold and the stolid, solitary gunslinger. In reality, so-called "daylight discs," as they are referred to by ufologists (those who study UFOs as a hobby or avocation), constitute but a small percentage of all UFOs reported. The overwhelming majority of UFO reports belong to what Hynek called "nocturnal lights," those amorphous blobs of variously colored lights seen singly or in formation against the dark background of the night.

Obviously, if we had had, say, 37 million reports of the same object since Kenneth Arnold's landmark 1947 sighting, we would all be more or less agreed that an invasion of advanced and presumably extraterrestrial technology was now well under way. But the fact of the matter is that UFOs are routinely reported in a vastly bewildering variety of shapes, forms, and behavior. It's one thing to contemplate that we're being visited on a regular, if not daily basis, by extraterrestrial visitors. But it's quite another to posit the position that planet Earth represents little more than a convenient truck stop on some intergalactic highway, a brief stopover between one edge of the Milky Way and the other for every passing vehicle of alien manufacture and its occupants.

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1-800-561-CFRB [In Ontario]  
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Next week, our guest will be Chupacabra Researcher Scott Corrales

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Ed Stewart <[ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 11:32:33 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 15:44:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 12:05:05 -0300  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>Any international copyright attorneys out there?

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Administrator of the Association COMETA  
Mr. Michel Algrin  
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75005 Paris  
France

Ed Stewart  
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Ed Stewart [ufoindex@jps.net](mailto:ufoindex@jps.net) | So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
There Is Something | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
Going On! ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,  
Salvador Freixedo ( O O ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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## Filer's Files #21 -- 2000

From: **George A. Filer** <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 17:15:02 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 07:39:58 -0400  
Subject: Filer's Files #21 -- 2000

Filer's Files #21 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern  
May 27, 2000, [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com) (609) 654-0020  
Web Site at [www.filersfiles.com](http://www.filersfiles.com). - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, Pioneer of psychiatry, stated in 1954:

"A purely psychological explanation is ruled out... the discs show signs of intelligent guidance, by quasi-human pilots... the authorities in possession of important information should not hesitate to enlighten the public as soon and as completely as possible" (Dr. Carl Jung on Unidentified Flying Objects, 'Flying Saucer Review', Vol.1, #2, 1955.)

Unfortunately, however, there are good reasons why the UFOs cannot be disposed of in this simple manner. It remains an established fact, supported by numerous observations that UFOs have not only been seen visually but have also been picked up on the radar screen and have left traces on the photographic plate. It boils down to nothing less than this: that either psychic projections throw back a radar echo, or else the appearance of real objects affords an opportunity for mythological projections." ('A Fresh Look at Flying Saucers', Time, August 4, 1967.)

### UFO REPORTS DECREASE WITH SOLAR STORMS

Mark Buitron writes, "I was happy to see a recent report from Filer's Files #20 mentioning the Solar Magnetic connection to the UFO sighting levels. In 1998, I also came to the conclusion that there was such a connection. I compared data from 1994 through 1996 and found proof that during large Solar Magnetic events and storms the UFO levels dropped in many cases to near Zero. I wrote and posted a report called the 'UFO Scheduler' in which I used these findings. In that report I also pointed out that UFO sightings peaked during times when the four inner planets around the sun lined up in certain configurations. My theory was that the UFO entities were using the planetary configurations to conduct most of their interplanetary flights. I suggested several reasons why such configurations would have increased the efficiency of their missions. I knew that some UFO types did not seem to match the Solar Magnetic theory. What I discovered was that when solar magnetic clouds reached levels of what scientists called B(nT) of 10, that nearly all UFO types ceased to be seen near earth. In the few cases when they were seen, such as when a large cylinder UFO the ships seemed to be in some distress, as in wobbling a great deal. More interestingly I found that FTs (Flying Triangles), other polygons, and spheres tended to ignore these magnetic storms. Only when B(nT) levels reached 15 or greater, did these types of craft tend to diminish.

My conclusions were these: 1. Large cylinders, saucers, cones, and falling fireballs represent incoming shuttle or packet ships from space. Smaller ships associated with these such as small saucers, also tend to avoid solar magnetic storms, mainly because they are associated with these incoming mother ships. 2. Flying Triangles are a kind of earth based TRACTOR-Workhorse. They especially are used during periods when incoming motherships may be experiencing trouble, such as during solar storms. 3. Small spheres appear to be a kind of earth based jeep. They often are used as beacons when they are seen to be stationed in one spot for long periods of time. They too ignore solar storms. I mentioned in 1998, that by 2000, the

UFO groups would be experiencing a drop off of interest because I saw the coming solar storm period as a period when UFO levels would be dropping off. Thanks to: Mark Buitron [al\\_sadr@yahoo.com](mailto:al_sadr@yahoo.com)

#### STS 101 SHUTTLE SPACE WALK AND UFO?

200 MILES ABOVE EARTH -- Cliff Rowe reports he was watching day three of the STS 101 shuttle/space station live Internet broadcast May 21, 2000, between 12:30 AM and 2:30 AM. I had the shock of my life while watching the astronauts on the Internet as they performed their duties working outside of the shuttle. Suddenly in the black background of space, a silvery disk with a slight dome on top appeared just to the right of the shuttle and stayed fixed in that spot for a few seconds. It held its position for ten seconds and then shot off to the left and disappeared. The image of the bright silver disk was very sharp and distinct, in fact it was more defined than the image of the astronauts hanging on to the space station. A minute later, another light appeared to the left of the space station, but seemed to be further away and not as sharp. It also stayed fixed for a few seconds then it suddenly disappeared. All of this took place during the time the astronauts began working on the shuttle arm on the outside of the shuttle and before they returned to the shuttle bay. It is possible I was seeing a camera reflection but this film should be examined. Does anyone have a copy of NASA of day 3 broadcast? Thanks to Cliff Rowe [ufo@husa.cc](mailto:ufo@husa.cc) cliff rowe <[husa@flash.net](mailto:husa@flash.net)>

#### DELAWARE FOOTBALL SHAPED UFO

WILMINGTON -- On May 17, 2000, a truck driver traveling north on I-495 when he noticed a big bright light traveling north over the Delaware River at 12:35 AM. The trucker at first thought it was a blimp, but when he got a real good look, the entire "body" was white/gray and totally illuminated like the full moon. It was football-shaped two rows of strobing white lights top and bottom with no other colors. It was very low in the sky, and was moving at a medium speed. The witness stated, "It was the strangest and most spectacular thing I've ever seen." Unfortunately, I could not pull over and get out of my truck to see if it made any noise, and I did not have a CB in the cab. All I know, I used to be in the USAF and this object was definitely NOT an airplane or a blimp. I did not see any wings or stabilizers or a cockpit. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director National Reporting Center, [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).  
[www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com)

#### NORTH CAROLINA SILENT CRAFT OVER HEAD

CHARLOTTE -- On May 10, 2000, I saw a UFO when I was riding my bike to the store to get some beer. It was a clear night and I had just left the store and was enjoying the ride back home when I felt like I was being watched. I noticed some of the street lights went out and on kind of flickering all up and down the road at 10:00 PM. I just kept on peddling. There was this huge solid Triangle, black and silent. It was a floating just about 300 feet up or so, and sort of swinging from side to side. No lights, no sound. Just like a big black balloon about 100 feet across. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

#### OHIO BRIGHT LIGHT HOVERS

LORRAIN -- I never thought that in my life, I would ever see a UFO but I saw one recently around 1:30 AM while working on my computer hobby of 3d modeling. I looked out the window and saw a bright light hovering in the sky. I went outside to get a better look and it was still in the same spot. There was no sound, but I could hear my heart pounding very hard and broke into a sweat. The color was blue green and white like a metallic shine. I could see clouds passing under it. Its strange there were no sounds from something that could shine so bright. Thanks to: [reads@adelphia.net](mailto:reads@adelphia.net) (3Dmaster)

#### OHIO UFO SEEN ON LAKE ERIE'S SOUTH SHORE

SHEFFIELD LAKE -- On Sunday, May 21, 2000, at 11:30 AM, Sarah M. was in a small town on the southern shore of Lake Erie, when she spotted a dazzling gleam in the sky. According to Sarah, the UFO approached from the north, over Lake Erie, and then shot away to the east. The object was a shape about like an oval and a square. It was very bright. I practically had to use sunglasses because it was really bright, almost like the sun's rays. It was about 15 feet high and about 30 feet long, flying 200 feet (60 meters) above the ground." It flew at an estimated speed of 30 miles per hour on approach and 60 mph flying away." Sheffield Lake population 9,800 is on Ohio Route 6 approximately 25 miles west of Cleveland. Thanks to UFO Roundup, Vol. 5, # 21 May 25, 2000, Editor: Joseph Trainer, [Masinaigan@aol.com](mailto:Masinaigan@aol.com), <http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

#### MICHIGAN AIRPORT UFOs

DETROIT -- Dr. Harry Willnus writes he has been following the UFO scene for more than fifty years. He is the past MUFON Michigan State Director and presently a MUFON consultant. Regarding Filer's Files recent mention of UFO's near airports, I must share that I spent 36 years in education teaching in the Romulus Community School District that contains within its borders the Detroit Metro Airport. The airport ranks as one of the top ten busiest airports in the nation. Northwest Airlines uses Metro as a hub. Over my years of teaching I had classroom contact with thousands of students and hundreds of parents who resided in different sections of the township. My intense interest in UFO's became known in the community. Over the years, I heard hundreds of stories that were UFO related. The reports were sometimes dramatic, with close-in sightings of strange crafts over roof tops or trees. All of this occurred in a little community of 36 square miles with a major airport nearly in the middle of it. Detroit had a major UFO flap in February and March 1978 .

While some of the sightings made the local papers and TV stations, little information appeared out state. The flap had major airport implications. Some of the sightings occurred inside airport fence lines on or near ground level. A few of the sightings were during the day but most came at night. I called the FAA tower control people on a daily basis, but never did receive any confirmation of any UFOs during the specific times sightings were reported. There were dozens of other cases in nearby communities, some multiple witness affairs. The whole flap was pretty exciting. Then it died out after several months. My own guess is that some UFO's use airports as "hiding places". Since there are multiple sets of lights around busy airports at night, it becomes easier for these strange crafts to go about their business without attracting a lot of attention. My gut feeling is that major US airports have numerous UFO sightings by people who reside in the immediate airport area. Generally these sightings are seldom reported. Thanks to Dr. Harry Willnus [NOKNOWNOSE@aol.com](mailto:NOKNOWNOSE@aol.com). Editor's Note: Some of our best cases are in sight of Philadelphia Airport and McGuire Air Force Base. A vice president of a major company claimed the UFOs would hover near his home ten miles from the airport. When helicopters or planes flew near the disc shaped UFO, it would hide in the trees.

#### MISSOURI FLYING TRIANGLE SIGHTINGS

Barbara Becker writes, "In investigating the triangle sightings here in Missouri. I began to wonder if there was a correlation to the moon cycles. When I saw the boomerang shaped object in Kansas City it was a beautiful moonless night. Very dark. In fact, dark enough that I could have easily missed the object all together even though it was right over my head. I then recalled the summer I investigated a flap in Missouri. The thing that is most striking is that the nights of the most activity were moonless prior to moon-rise or after moon-set. I am not saying that we were in a new moon phase, no, I am saying that the moon, in whatever phase, was below the horizon, making it a very dark night. I am interested in hearing others thoughts on this Barbara Becker UFO Research Network

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

Editor's Note: A similar timing of Flying Triangle operations occurred in England for many years. Eight sightings of such objects were reported from New Jersey to California and British Columbia from May 8 - May 14, most occurring between the hours of 9:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Sightings included one in Edinburg, IL on May 7; two on May 8 in Carpineria, CA and Kamloops, B.C.; two on May 13, near Randle, MN and Independence, MO; and three in New Jersey on May 14, near Union Beach, Tuckerton, and Stafford Forge.

#### ARKANSAS FLYING TRIANGLE MAY BE SATELLITES

Regarding the article "Arkansas Flying Triangle" in Filer's Files #19, it sounds like what these people saw were three of the NOSS satellites. I saw them myself a few months ago and they look just like the Arkansas description. These look highly unusual when you see them. It is part of a secret space project whose official name remains a topic of debate, so observers dubbed it the "Naval Ocean Surveillance System," or NOSS. The US currently operates three sets of spy satellites, launched consecutively in 1990, 1991 and 1996. These satellites orbit pole-to-pole in groups of three at an altitude of 1,100 kilometers, monitoring the position, speed and direction of military ships at sea by detecting radio and radar signals and then triangulating the point of origin. Thanks to: Ted Toal Nevada City, CA

#### IOWA ABDUCTEES AND FIBROMYALGIA

Su Walker writes thanks for hosting such a fantastic site. I am a weekly reader and look forward to Monday's latest postings! I have a comment on the fibromyalgia and abductees connection from personal experience. I have found, personally, that my fibromyalgia is made much worse by antibiotics.

There is some sort of a fungal connection and high carbohydrate and sugar makes the pain worse. Antibiotics only seem to serve to kill of the "good bacteria" in the system. I would like to read more about the "nano-bacteria." As a professional medical intuitive, I have seen something like nano bacteria (I have called them proto viruses/bacteria much simpler DNA structure than regular) for more than ten years. I have kept a log of my own conscious experiences since June 4, 1998. If you would like to read about my own abduction/encounter experiences, you may find them at: [http://www.suwalker.com/june\\_4.htm](http://www.suwalker.com/june_4.htm) and <http://www.suwalker.com/experiences.htm>. Bev Trout, our Iowa MUFON State Director is a friend and has helped me a great deal in my self education in encounters and experiences. Thanks to Su Walker [suwalker@ames.net](mailto:suwalker@ames.net)

#### CALIFORNIA FLYING TRIANGLES RETURN

CARPINTERIA -- Don Robertson writes, "At our MUFON meeting last night, I asked one of our members if he would be interested in filming the Triangle that shows up almost nightly when conditions are clear. He has a night vision video camera so we'll see how that goes. Skywatcher Kirk reports that there has been a new flurry of Triangle sightings the first two weeks of May 2000. The first sighting this year occurred on May 1, when he and his thirteen-year-old son, Joe, saw the object. "It was pretty high up," said Kirk, "not as low as it usually is. It was triangular outlined by small lights, and flying from southwest to northeast. Consecutive sightings took place on May fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth." On May 7, Kirk walked out on the patio and looked up into a clear, star-studded sky at 10:15 PM to see one at 2000 feet. "As soon as I looked up, there it was," he exclaimed. "I was really excited!" " He went back inside and told his family the object was back again." Then Kirk heard his neighbor calling him from outside. Kirk's neighbor was very skeptical about UFOs. So Kirk kept scanning the sky, and spotted the Triangle in the western sky coming back toward them from Santa Barbara up the coast. The object was now much lower, about five times the size when he first saw it. "There it is!" Kirk yelled, pointing at the large ship. "I grabbed him by the shoulder and pointed him right at it." He just stood there saying, "Oh my God! What is that?" " I told you it was out here flying around," Kirk told him.

They watched as the craft made a hundred and eighty degree turn back towards them and started following the nearby 101 freeway toward Santa Barbara. "Look at the wingspan on that thing," the neighbor said. "It's huge!" "But there's really no wings on it, they look thicker than that," Kirk explains. "You can tell it's not a plane. The thing was gray looking' -- you could see the metal on it; you could see not just the lights, but what the lights were attached to. It was kind of the color of a Navy ship. The back end went in a little bit, but followed the shape of a triangle. It had no tail and no fuselage. There is absolutely no sound. The past two years it shows up in May." Last year the object showed up three nights in a row starting on May 22, 1999. It made three appearances on the twenty-second. The Triangle started a slow turn to the right and finally stopped directly over Kirk's house. "I was so scared I ran inside!" he said. But Kirk told me on May 19, that the triangle has shown up almost nightly when conditions are clear. We have had some fog lately. He also said that many of his neighbors have also seen the object near the Canalino School and from the bluffs overlooking the ocean in Carpinteria. One interesting aspect of these sightings is that one night while he was out looking for the object, he saw another triangular formation passing silently overhead, and realized that it was a flight of geese. Thanks to Don Robertson  
 Editor's Note: Carpinteria is about 100 miles west of Edward's Air Force Base. Some of these Flying Triangles may be government aircraft.

COVINA/LAVERNE -- Bill Casey, Director of Investigations, MUFON LA wrote I received the following report. On May 12, 2000, at 10:17 PM, a male witness and his fiancé were exiting their vehicle at her home and noticed something floating in the night sky. It was gray in color and first appeared to be a bird with a large wingspan hovering over her house. Upon closer inspection, they both realized that it was a UFO that floated about 500 to-2000 feet above them. It moved slightly faster than a blimp, but not as fast as a conventional aircraft at less than 50 miles per hour. It was very well camouflaged in the orange-gray night sky with very tiny and faint orange lights all over it's under carriage. The craft had a wingspan of about 30 to 60 feet in the shape of a boomerang. The craft did not change course or speed as it moved in a northeast direction. There were no engine sounds or navigational lights common to conventional aircraft. The witnesses agreed that they had observed a UFO, and advanced technology. The witnesses noticed some police helicopter activity about two miles away but the UFO was headed in the opposite direction. The witness was a senior aircraft maintenance technician in the Air Force reserves and is very familiar with conventional aircraft. His cell phone was inoperative for the next three days. Thanks to Bill Casey,

#### GERMANY SIGHTING UPDATE

MAYEN -- Regarding Filer's Files #14 dated 4/10/99. Stephan Marzi a 14 year old, writes on February 11, 1998, my friend's Sebastian Krull and Benjamin Braun saw a UFO. We were in position to record it through my camcorder and we used the 15 x zoom function. That was a mistake because there are no reference objects in the video. You can see the shape of the object and its silver color. It wasn't dark so you can also see it looks like a circle and definitively had no real wings. It flew at an estimated Mach 2 or 1200 mph. There was absolutely no noise. The object came back a second day too, but it flew much faster and higher. Sincerely, Steve Marzi Drylake.cjb.net [marzi@smartie.de](mailto:marzi@smartie.de)

#### AUSTRALIA 1947, FIRST EVER SIGHTING OF A UFO

It was a cold dark night in 1947, and the street lights in our small country town in Australia had gone out. It was about 9:15 PM, when my schoolmate and I got on our bicycles and rode towards our home. All of a sudden the whole area lit up like daylight and looked in horror at some huge jelly fish type object just above our heads. It got the impression it could not land because of the power lines or because it was too wide to land in between the shops. We simply stood there for a good three minutes occasionally looking down, at ourselves, in amazement. It was about the height of a normal lamppost, and I had a clear and uninterrupted view of the whole UFO and what was inside it. Many lights under it appeared as if coming from a dozen or so torches directly on us and around us. It slowly flew upwards and reached high in the sky diminishing to the size of a football. It turned away towards a place called Dookie College. We got on our bicycles and went home and never told our parents or anyone for years. It was a few months later that people were reporting flying objects in the sky in Australia and several months later, the American Roswell crash incident in July happened. I believe we were the first people to have a close encounter with a UFO! What I saw, and what happened later, and followed in the past decades is amazing. I want to get a promoter to help me with having some UFO Seminars in America. I am going back over fifty years now, so those interested in my real life experience may email me direct to Dr. Neil McIntyre D.D. [bushytail@magiccomputers.com.au](mailto:bushytail@magiccomputers.com.au).

#### MD COMMENTS ON ABDUCTEE'S AILMENTS "ET DISEASES"

Dr. Joseph Burkes, regarding last weeks Filer's Files #20 and Bruce Maccabee's, Ph.D., comments that many abductees have Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromalgia and similar yuppie type diseases." Dr. Burkes writes, "I am a practicing internal medicine physician and volunteer UFO investigator, I believe the search for "Et diseases" will likely be quite fruitless." The basic problem has to do with our current level of knowledge where there is no reliable data concerning the actual frequency of CE-4 type experiences in the general US population. Surveys suggest that possibly one percent or less of responders might have high strangeness type experiences that might be CE-4s. Many of the interactions are also interpreted as other paranormal phenomenon.

Without a proper denominator as to the true numbers of so called "alien abductions" it is impossible to determine whether an illness associated with an experiencer is present at more, less or at the same frequency as in the general population. The biases of self-reporting are legion. UFO investigators frequent pick and choose the cases they care to report, depending on how those cases match their pet theories. The self help groups led by abduction counselors do not pick up contactees who are allegedly having favorable interactions because they are not complaining that they have been victimized and are discovered. Many of these counselors are often merely trained as hypnotherapists and they lack a network of referrals to clinically trained and board certified medical and psychology specialists. The problems go on and on.

Eight years ago, two courageous physicians in my medical group interviewed over 2500 patients from our practice concerning whether they had had a UFO sighting and other type of interactions with non-human beings that might be extraterrestrial in nature. Their results were quite important. The project was done on an informal basis but with their supervising physicians support in the departments of immunology and family practice. Their study was rejected by every major professional journal that they submitted their findings to. Ten percent of the responders had a sighting. Five percent so close that they could identify it as an anomalous structure craft that often carried out non-ballistic movements and was not simply a nocturnal light. One percent of the 2500, about 25 individuals reported interactions with non-human beings. Many of those interactions were described in what might be construed as so called "angelic" in nature. The great thing about this study was that my colleagues had complete medical records on the potential responders and removed from consideration any patient who had a history of psychiatric problems or chemical dependency. My two colleagues became fearful when John Mack reported having to spend close to \$100,000 in legal fees in an attempt to avoid censure by the Harvard Medical School Faculty. They ceased their study and their attempts to publish what is to my knowledge the only population based clinical survey carried out by physicians on this

subject. There is always a tendency to blame in our patients. Those who feel they are being victimized by non-human intelligence of a presumed extraterrestrial nature have been ignored by the mainstream medical community and often are under great pressure to draw attention to their plight. This is not an atmosphere to carry out constructive sober medical investigations. Sincerely, Joseph Burkes MD [Md1jb3@pol.net](mailto:Md1jb3@pol.net)

BOSTON GLOBE Newspaper changed its URL address from the one I posted last week to the Globe Online: Date: 5/21/2000 Headline: UFO Theorists Gain Support Abroad, but Repression at Home. If you're interested in seeing the story about the French Cometa UFO Report: see [http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/142/focus/UFO\\_theorists\\_gain\\_support\\_abroad\\_but\\_repression\\_at\\_home%2B.shtml](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/142/focus/UFO_theorists_gain_support_abroad_but_repression_at_home%2B.shtml)

#### FLYING SAUCER WIND TUNNEL TESTING AT WRIGHT FIELD

Robert Collins writes there apparently was flying saucer wind tunnel testing at Wright-Patterson AFB in 1947. The below is only page 1 of 2 pages and comes from an 80 page declassified package (1994) detailing Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) collection requirements or information gathered on the Horten Brother's Flying Wing type aircraft. These documents were courtesy of Tim Cooper. The document makes reference to what are called EEIs or Essential Elements of Information which gives a background of "what to look for" in gathering information or "what has been found" on "flying wing type aircraft" which includes "flying saucers." Although these 80 pages of declassified reports mix the subject of flying wings and saucers together, there was never any evidence that the Germans tested "flying saucer" type aircraft. For further information please see, [http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/wpafb\\_update.htm](http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/wpafb_update.htm) And, [http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary\\_of\\_The\\_Birds.htm](http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/Sanctuary_of_The_Birds.htm) for updates.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 17:34:33 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 07:42:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 12:40:14 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Yes, this is for DST.

>According to the newspapers, DST began April 30. Mother's Day  
>sounds about right. Each town had to vote whether to go on DST.  
>E.g. Salem and Forest Grove voted April 10 to do so. I don't  
>know if the McMinnville city council also so voted, but it would  
>be foolish not to adopt the same time standard as the bigger  
>burgs around you. So I assume yes.

According to all reports it was about sunset, stated as about  
7:30 PM. Sunset, according to the local airports, was at about  
7:30 LST... local standard time, not daylight time. Mother's Day  
was after the photos.

The numbers you gave for altitude and azimuth agree exactly with  
Sheaffer's calculation of 27 or so years ago. The sun was due  
east at about 7:30 AM standard time which would have been 8:30  
DST.

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Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 07:47:17 -0400  
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>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 21:23:55 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 14:20:27 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:08:45 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>>The object of interest  
>>>is still a fuzzy, black and white "thing" floating in the  
>>>middle of a blank sky with no reference points what so ever. It  
>>>doesn't go behind anything and is too small and grainy to  
>>>ascertain its identity or origin other than it looks  
>>>suspiciously like a milk can lid. In essence, you've got  
>>>>damned UFO!

>You replied:

>>Rubbish! As you very well know, relative luminance values can be  
>>used to determine whether the object was more likely to be a  
>>close object (hence a hoax) or a distant object (real).>

>You are absolutely right, David. Luminance levels can be used  
>(very roughly) to determine the distance of an object. >

>But not in this case.

>Why? Because we don't know what the reflective values of the  
>"mystery object" are beforehand. Now why is this important?  
>Because without having the values of the object as a baseline  
>for comparison, then we don't know what the changes in luminance  
>indicate. It is just that simple and you know this to be true  
>(or should). If you want to assume that the object has a  
>particular value to start with, that's okay. But then you are  
>obviously just guessing and the results would be no more  
>conclusive than just looking at the photo and saying, "Gee, it  
>all ANYONE can do. There just isn't any enough info in the  
>photos to consider unless you make assumptions, which you  
>obviously have.

>Regarding such, David wrote:

>>Luminance measurements are consistent with a distant object. If  
>>it was a hoax, then you have to account for the overly bright  
>>shadowed bottom of the object.>

>No, David, YOU have to account for the overly bright shadowed  
>bottom of the object. You are the one that says the object is  
>distant. Is it your position that the bottom would not be as  
>bright if it were up close? The case could be made either way.  
>Sure, tones lighten due to atmospheric haze in the distant, but  
>then again, footcandles also fall off the farther away they get  
>from the source. In one scenario, it would get darker, in the

>other it would get lighter. Is the object shiny or dull? Is it  
>painted flat or glassy? Is the bottom the same as the rest of  
>the object? If the bottom were shiny or mirrored, then who knows  
>what we're seeing in that part of the photo. This may all seem  
>silly to you, but unless you know what the reflective values of  
>the "mystery object" are beforehand (and you absolutely do not),  
>such analysis is nothing short of a guess.

In order to avoid "bad science" let me point out the main point of the reanalysis I did of Hartmann's calculation of distance.

It is true that we don't know a priori what the reflectivity of the bottom of the Unidentified Object (Flying if distant, not flying if neaby), but that doesn't prevent us from making an assumption about the bottom brightness...specifically the assumption that gives the hoax-hypothesis its best chance of working!

Hartmann pointed out that the brightness of th bottom was greater than would be expected for a white surface. White is as bright as a surface can get without itself being a source of light. Then Sheaffer pointed out that veiling glare could account for the brightness of the image.

Then I pointed out that both Hartmann and Sheaffer had neglected to take into account the fact that a white vertical surface (wall of distant or nearby white house wall) would be roughly 2.5 times brighter (due to reflecting skylight) than the brightness of a horizontal white surface seen from below. This factor essentially "compensated" for the veiling glare and resulted in a recalculated distance that was equal to or greater than HARTmann's calculated distance.

POINT: by initially assuming a white surface bottom (90% diffuse reflectivity) I was assuming the bottom was as bright as it could be without being a source of light. Any lower reflectivity, such as suggested by the Trents' claim that the borrom was darker appearing than the top, would lead to a calculated distance greater than one gets by assuming the bottom is as diffusely reflective for all colors as possible (e.g., white).

I then pointed out that the UFO could still be a neaby model if the bottom were a source of light. For example, a model with a translucent bottom and a small flashlight inside. But that wouldn't work because a light bulb would create a "hot spot" in the bottom brightness and there is no hot spot. I then concluded that some sort of totally paper model might work, sicne light could filter through the top paper and then down through the bottom paper. However, in my own experiments simulating a paper model in the morning sunlight, the model did not produce a uniformly bright bottom as in the UO image. But maybe I didn't make it exactly the same as as one might assume the Trents would have.

Then Sheaffer or someone said, perhaps it was a mirror bottom. This is "very reflective". But that suggestion shows that the suggester didn't understand the significance of "reflectivity" as used here. A mirror bottom (or polished metal) would reflect the ground light and the ground, even though illuminated by the sky, is not as bright as white

Bottom line: if not a source of light, the bottom of the UFO, at least, was far away. If a source of light then the Trent's didn't hang a 6" diameter garbage can lid or a small pie pan and photograph it. Whether or not they might have had a translucent plastic dish that shape that they could hang upside down is something we cannot now answer.

Dyed in the wool skeptics will assume that whatever was needed the Trents had. More analytic minds will realize that the photos are a wash and any proof one way or the other lies in the context, the circumstantial evidence, i.e., the life history of the Trents and their proclivities (were they likely to cary of practical jokes, for example).

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Are We Alone?

by Dennis Balthaser

When becoming involved with the subject of ufology at any level, we are faced with the fact that things are seen in the sky by different individuals, that are not explainable as anything we know about, or have seen before. I suppose that's why it's so important to understand that UFO, means "Unidentified Flying Object". Does that mean they are extraterrestrial and from another world? Not necessarily. 90% of what people see are explainable objects, either caused by natural phenomenon, (planets, stars, comets, ball lightning, etc.), or man-made by us here on earth, such as airplanes, balloons, etc. The remaining 10% continues to mystify us, many times reported by credible individuals, with no logical explanation for what they have seen or experienced. If they are in fact craft from another world, are they unmanned probes or are they controlled by living beings of some sort? If and when it's proven that these UFOs are actually maneuvered or controlled by living beings from somewhere other than the earth, then the answer to the question "Are We Alone", might finally be known.

I have as many others have, read many of the books about aliens, and have interviewed several witnesses claiming to have actually had experiences with alien life forms. I'm not qualified to be judgmental on what I was told, but I honestly believe that many that shared their experiences with me did actually experience something, and I felt a deep obligation to at least listen to them. When possible, I referred them to more qualified professional researchers to pursue their experiences.

Years ago I reported the planet Venus as being a UFO, only to find out that I was mistaken. Who could argue with the fact that the F-117 or B-2 Stealth aircraft, at certain angles of observation, could easily be mistaken for a UFO. How many other newly developed craft are in our possession that the public doesn't know anything about, because they are still classified for national security, which is a viable reason for not making them public.

The research of this subject almost places one in a "Catch 22"

situation. I know in my case as a researcher and investigator, I want to be told, if in fact we have alien craft and/or alien beings in our possession. On the other hand, I do not want any foreign threats to our nation because we publicly told the world about new technology or craft that we're developing. I no longer believe that the public would panic over the news that we are not alone in the universe, as was more prominent 50 years ago, because today people are much more educated and open minded to such possibilities. Perhaps the people in charge in our government or military don't believe that, or maybe, and this would be a worse scenario, this is the Government's way of controlling us. After all, "IF" we have been in the past and are currently being visited by extraterrestrials from another world, as many believe, maybe our military and political leaders can't do anything about it, consequently until they can, if they ever can, they won't admit it exists, because I believe that would cause concern among the masses. Unfortunately, in many instances, we no longer know whether to believe our leaders or not, based on their records for the past several years with such things as Vietnam, IranContra, Watergate, and the fact that we have four excuses for the Roswell Incident. In some of the Air Force reports about the Roswell Incident, there were no bodies, then there were bodies, but they were anthropomorphic dummies. They were 3 1/2 ft. to 5 ft. tall...the dummies were 5'-8" to 5'-10" and not even used until several years after the Roswell Incident. We no longer know if we're being told the truth or not.

Just within recent years Scientists, Engineers and Astronomers have been talking about the "possibility" of life elsewhere in the universe. The odds are just too great, considering the number of stars and planets that are out there to think we're alone. That would be taking our own egotism to the maximum. That type thinking by professional, respected individuals, of itself is good news, but I still have a problem with the universal statement usually made by those type people that, "life as we know it", might exist somewhere else. Where in the rulebook does it say that it has to be life as we know it? To me this shows the limitations of the human mind to be able to only associate with things we already know about. Who's to say that they breathe oxygen and walk upright? Perhaps they crawl on their stomachs, (if they have them), and breathe sulfuric acid. I cannot rule out the fact that if they can get here from wherever they are from, they are drastically different from us, and are so far advanced of us that we cannot possibly understand or relate to anything connected with them. I believe it was Stanton Friedman who once said, "intelligence-wise, we humans are trying to get into the pre-school of the universe".

Also, if life doesn't exist anywhere in the universe other than on this little blob of mud and water we call earth, why are we and other countries spending the billions of dollars we spent to search for other life forms out in space? That money could certainly be used for our benefit here on earth to fight poverty, help our environment and other things that are drastically needed, or out of control in many instances. If aliens from another world do exist, why would they want to communicate with us? We seem to be destroying the planet as fast as we can with pollution, cutting down the rain forests, and depleting the ozone layer. We can't get along with our neighbors, other ethnic groups and certainly not with many other countries, so what realistically could we offer to a life form, so advanced that they can get here, but we can't go there yet? I hope there is a civilization somewhere with higher intelligence than us. Just maybe we can learn from them...before it's too late. I had a fourth grade art teacher who once said "man will someday get so smart, he will destroy himself ". I have never forgotten that statement and during the cold war, believed it might actually happen.

Recently, a nationwide poll of nearly 1,500 people (including a number of leading astronomers and astrophysicists), was conducted by the syndicated cable television show Dateline:USA, which found that more than 70 percent of those surveyed, believe there is intelligent life in the universe, perhaps even in our own Milky Way Galaxy. Seventy percent is a higher percentage number than most politicians receive to be elected. Is it time for our leaders to listen to the people that put them in office, and get back to our Constitution which starts with "We the People"?

The opinions of those surveyed, were evenly divided on whether aliens would be hostile or not. Nearly 80 percent of those surveyed were convinced that alien technology would be more advanced than ours, which of course it would have to be, simply to be able to get here, across millions of light years of space. So, there are probably "just not aliens, but intelligent aliens".

In my opinion, recent missions and probes by NASA have done a lot to again stir interest in this age-old question: are we alone? Hopefully that question can be answered in our lifetime.

Virtually all the respondents to the Dateline survey agreed that alien beings from other worlds will not "look like us". One surprising result of the survey to me, was the fact that 65 percent of those surveyed, felt that we'd be conquered or annihilated if an alien race invaded earth. If in fact aliens do exist and have been visiting our earth as long as many believe they have, would they not have had ample time to do that already, if in fact that was their motive for coming or being here. Certainly our military is much more "high tech" today than it was only a few years ago to defend ourselves from any invasion. As much as I hate to admit it, maybe we're not worth invading, until we can get up to their level. But then again, if they are advanced enough to get here, will we ever get to that level? As the art teacher said, maybe we'll destroy ourselves. Could that be what they are waiting for?

So I'm not answering the question, but prefer to let you decide "Are we Alone"? Many indications seem to imply that we are not. If we are alone, maybe it's time we took a long look at ourselves before we get so smart that we do destroy ourselves, because if that happened and we are alone in the universe, the earth would be a very quiet place and a terrible waste.

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>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>I am sorry if I have caused distress to FUFOR and COMETA.  
>Causing distress to Ed Stewart sort of goes with the territory.

>By the way, I understand Leslie Kean was on with Mike Siegel  
>last night. Anybody know if she said anything about  
>availability?

>Stan Friedman

Stan, and list-

Stan's intent is in the right place, and I don't believe he was fully aware of the full scope of the negotiations that took place in obtaining permission to distribute the translation to a specific group of people. As noted by Dennis Stacy, the COMETA group has been very careful in their discussions, and they have an interest in publishing the report in English on their own. However, they understand the importance of making it available to the media and certain Government officials in a more timely manner and agreed to the proposal put forth by the Fund for UFO Research to help in that distribution.

A very small number of translations have been printed and sent out to selected media contacts. The report will, I believe, also be the subject of the lead article in a new media newsletter that the FUND is establishing within the next month or so. This will hopefully generate additional requests for the full report by those in the press who are interested.

As we discuss the possible publication of the full report, it's important to keep in mind that it's only about 90 pages long. The addition of graphics and formatting could stretch that out a bit, but that's really too short for a standalone publication. Like others, the FUND has discussed the concept of selling copies to the general public, but the French want to see if they can interest a major publishing house in the project. I believe they are looking at the concept of incorporating some other papers that led up to the full COMETA report in their publication, but that will take time to translate and put together. Unfortunately, I don't see this being resolved in a short period of time.

Steve

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Hello William and List.

As I have mentioned in an earlier posting to the list. I have  
the original (French ) version of the Cometa Report.

Page 52 mention (on half a page) "The thesis of Col. Corso" - as  
you mentioned. in a positive way.

A relevant phrase seems to me:

"Certaines de ces assertions sont pour le moins surprenantes,  
mais l'ensemble du contenu du livre ne peut etre aisement  
ecarte, lorsqu'on considere la carriere remarquable de son auteur  
et l'eloge que fait de lui le senateur Thurmond"..

In my rather free translation:

"Certain of his assertions (Ccorso's in his book) are. at least  
surprising, but the whole content of his book cannot be easily  
dismissed. If we consider the remarkable career of his author  
and the prize made of him by senator Thurmond".

I think that the mention of Corso in the Cometa report is  
positive and add credibility to his book.

Personally (I read the book) I found some of his material a bit  
'unbalanced': that is devoid of a 'cooler'/analytic perspective  
and tending to the sensationalistic side of things. That doesn't  
add credibility.

The Cometa Report, on the other hand is some of the best  
material on the (UFO) subject I've come across in many years.

regards:

Virgil

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I agree with you.

I already gave my opinion on this list. I attended his conference in San Marino shortly before his death in 1998, and I had the opportunity to talk briefly with him. I found a man very calm, the opposite of a compulsive hoaxer.

I think his co-author Birnes is responsible for a lot of the nonsense in the book (and what about Corso's author's fees, which allegedly he never received: anyone could confirm that?).

At the official dinner, he was with his daughter in-law and two grandchildren - a family of very good education. I can tell you that because I was at the same table, and I talked with her.

Perhaps, some day, we will know more about all this.

Gildas Bourdais

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William-

The fact that Corso is mentioned in the COMETA report doesn't make his claims more credible. The purpose of this report was not, as far as I can tell, to provide proof of any claims that have been made over the years, but to express the concern that there are enough reports to justify preparation for eventual contact with an alien race. There are many who have written Corso off, and indicated that his information simply makes no sense. Many others have written off the Roswell incident as a fairy tale that grew from a ill-concieved cover story, but that is also mentioned by the COMETA group.

IMO, the importance of the COMETA report is not in the facts that they review, but in the fact that the report was issued at all by a group such as this. They're not trying to prove anything, but indicating that there's enough smoke to mean that there must be a fire burning somewhere and we (Mankind) should be prepared.

What I find interesting is that most people view this entire genre as an extension of the entertainment medium, including most reporters and politicians. This report, issued many months ago in France, has received little or no publicity from the media (with the Boston Globe article being one of the few). My understanding is that it didn't really sell very well in France, and I don't know if it received much coverage there, but it has had little impact on the discussions on the "net". If we actually had a landing on the White House lawn, how many people would write it off as an entertainment event and turn the channel?

I want to mention that the COMETA Report is (if memory serves) the second report issued by this group in France, with the first report compiled 20 (?) years ago. Nearly five years ago a special report entitled "Best Available Evidence" (BAE) was put together by the UFO Coalition, and copies of that report were sent to the media, business leaders, and Government representatives around the world. The BAE apparently helped to ignite interest in the COMETA group to follow up on their earlier report on the subject. The Best Available Evidence was never actually sold to the public, but is to be featured in the first of a series of books on the subject of UFology being put together by Whitley Strieber and Dell Publishers. That release is reportedly due out in the next 30 to 60 days.

Steve

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 13:24:02 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 18:38:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 18:07:59 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 21:23:55 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 14:20:27 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>Fwd Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 23:08:45 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>>>The object of interest  
>>>>is still a fuzzy, black and white "thing" floating in the  
>>>>middle of a blank sky with no reference points what so ever. It  
>>>>doesn't go behind anything and is too small and grainy to  
>>>>ascertain its identity or origin other than it looks  
>>>>suspiciously like a milk can lid. In essence, you've got  
>>>>dammned UFO!

>>You replied:

>>>Rubbish! As you very well know, relative luminance values can be  
>>>used to determine whether the object was more likely to be a  
>>>close object (hence a hoax) or a distant object (real).>

>>You are absolutely right, David. Luminance levels can be used  
>>(very roughly) to determine the distance of an object. >

Bruce Maccabee wrote:

>POINT: by initially assuming a white surface bottom (90% diffuse  
>reflectivity) I was assuming the bottom was as bright as it  
>could be without being a source of light. Any lower  
>reflectivity, such as suggested by the Trents' claim that the  
>borrom was darker appearing than the top, would lead to a  
>calculated distance greater than one gets by assuming the  
>bottom is as diffusely reflective for all colors as possible  
>(e.g., white).

>I then pointed out that the UFO could still be a neaby model if  
>the bottom were a source of light. For example, a model with a  
>translucent bottom and a small flashlight inside. But that  
>wouldn't work because a light bulb would create a "hot spot" in  
>the bottom brightness and there is no hot spot. I then concluded  
>that some sort of totally paper model might work, sicne light  
>could filter through the top paper and then down through the  
>bottom paper. However, in my own experiments simulating a paper  
>model in the morning sunlight, the model did not produce a  
>uniformly bright bottom as in the UO image. But maybe I didn't  
>make it exactly the same was as one might assume the Trents  
>would have.

>Then Sheaffer or someone said, perhaps it was a mirror bottom.

>This is "very reflective". But that suggestion shows that the  
>suggester didn't understand the significance of "reflectivity"  
>as used here. A mirror bottom (or polished metal) would reflect  
>the ground light and the ground, even though illuminated by the  
>sky, is not as bright as white

>Bottom line: if not a source of light, the bottom of the UFO, at  
>least, was far away. If a source of light then the Trent's  
>didn't hang a 6" diameter garbage can lid or a small pie pan and  
>photograph it. Whether or not they might have had a translucent  
>plastic dish that shape that they could hang upside down is  
>something we cannot now answer.

>Dyed in the wool skeptics will assume that whatever was needed  
>the Trents had. More analytic minds will realize that the photos  
>are a wash and any proof one way or the other lies in the  
>context, the circumstantial evidence, i.e., the life history of  
>the Trents and their proclivities (were they likely to cary of  
>practical jokes, for example).

Dear Bruce, EBK, Lister Tail Twisters, etc.

Gentlemen,

Bruce had worked on this project to the point of exhaustion, at least in my opinion. One point he makes relates (as I understand it) to the even distribution of light over a surface. Having spent five plus years on a consultative assignment, studying various light sources including electroluminescence, LED and others, toward the goal of achieving an even distribution of light over an area through numerous filters and media, I almost guarantee that these farmers back in the 50's could not possibly have had the solution we never found to exist.

Of course, this was a commercial project. The materials we sought at the time (1992) were not available to us, with which to provide an even distribution of light over a surface. The only item which came close was electroluminescence, and that had just recently been developed in 1992 and had not then been perfected.

So for someone back in the fifties or even sixties to provide a photo of an object with any degree of evenly distributed light over a surface would have been next to impossible without retouching the film. This is not indicated in the subject photos, thanks to Bruce and other like him, even thanks to some really hard core skeptics.

Jim Mortellaro, wearing my Teltech Consulting Hat....

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## Re: Corso & COMETA

From: **Dennis Stacy** <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 12:55:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 18:39:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 17:32:10 +1200  
>From: William Sawers <[syntax@i4free.co.nz](mailto:syntax@i4free.co.nz)>  
>Subject: Corso & COMETA  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Does anyone think that The COMETA Report mentioning Col Philip  
>Corso in a positive way significant or at least interesting?

In a word, No. Actually, it is significant in a way -- just not  
the right way!

>I always felt Col Corso was genuine. Time may have jumbled a few  
>details, maybe even a lot of details, but the core of "The Day  
>After Roswell" IMO is sound.

>Anyone?

There was a genuine Col. Corso, if that's what you mean.

Unfortunately, that doesn't necessarily mean that even 10% of  
his book is true, never mind its "core."

What is its core, BTW, that virtually all the major American  
technological breakthroughs since 1947, were seeded out to  
industry by Corso himself, from UFO debris he found languishing  
in a file cabinet in the Pentagon? That he almost singlehandedly  
won a spurious Cold War and saved humanity from alien invasion?

It helps sometimes, you know, to take a step back from some of  
this stuff. And that would apparently include a few high-ranking  
French military officers.

Dennis

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 13:49:11 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 18:43:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 23:51:22 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 05:41:08 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 18:33:25 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>>If Trent was so intent on carrying out a hoax to the point of  
>>carefully camouflaging a suspension thread, why would he leave  
>>the means of suspension (i.e. the power lines) visible in the  
>>photos ? All he had to do was reframe the pictures to eliminate  
>>the power lines.

>David,

>You amaze me.

Thank you Dennis. Occasionally I even amaze myself.

>Regardless of whether the Trent photos were hoaxed or not, Trent  
>wouldn't have had to have in mind the idea of camouflaging a  
>suspension thread one way or the other, as he would have no  
>foreknowledge that such a suspending thread (assuming same was  
>actually employed) could be ascertained by advanced  
>photogrammetric (sp?) analysis.

Of course I agree. For somebody deliberately trying to pull off  
a hoax, or to somebody just making good-looking flying saucer  
pictures for their own amusement, the point of camouflaging a  
suspension thread is to make it invisible to the eye, not to  
hide it from technology that hasn't been invented yet.

My choice would have been clear nylon sewing thread out of Mrs.  
Trent's sewing basket.

I seriously doubt the best computer analysis could detect it  
from a distance of about 20 feet.

>Put simply, it wouldn't have been a concern.

Making it invisible to the eye would definitely be a concern to  
a deliberate hoaxer. I don't know of a single UFO picture using  
a thread where the hoaxer didn't try to do that.

>So your question as  
>to why he would include the power lines in the photographs is  
>nothing more than a rhetorical straw man of your own reasoning.

Camouflaging the thread was an example of but one thing Trent  
would have had to do to pull off the hoax. The main point is  
this. If he was deliberately trying to pull off a hoax to the  
point of carefully planning how to take the pictures plus  
plotting the perfect cover story along with Mrs. Trent, after

all that, why leave clear evidence behind of how the hoax could have been done? A simple reframing of the pictures would have eliminated the tell-tale overhead wires. It's like pulling off the otherwise perfect murder with the perfect alibi but not disposing of the murder weapon.

It's a really dumb mistake for a clever hick hoaxer fooling the city slickers, as some of our resident skeptics have tried to portray him.

On the other hand, if these were just recreational pictures and the whole thing got out of hand, then Trent probably wouldn't care about the wires when he originally took the pictures. But then it is even more difficult to understand how the Trents, without any planning at all, quickly conjured up a story of what happened that seems to square exactly with the photo details, many of them very subtle.

>Eliminate the power lines and other points of reference, and  
>what have you got? A saucer shape against a sky background, with  
>no points of reference whatsoever.

Who could argue with logic like that? If you remove all points of reference, then all you have left are photos with no points of reference whatsoever.

Would this best be called circular reasoning, begging the question, or an example of "a rhetorical straw man of your own reasoning?"

Now back to the real world. One thing that makes the Trent UFO photos unusual is that they DO have many points of reference, including two vantage points that allow for triangulation of positions. That allows scientific testing for authenticity. So far they've passed all tests. Not only is there no evidence of hoaxing, it is also very difficult to understand how the photos could have been made at all, without making a number of unlikely assumptions of how the hoax was pulled off. The more such assumptions you have to make, the less probable a hoax becomes.

>I like the Trent photographs. I just don't know if they're real,  
>but I do know your above line of reasoning isn't. In fact, it's  
>eerily similar to the line of reasoning you accuse skeptics of  
>assuming.

Pot -- kettle -- black. If you want a classic example of really, really bad reasoning, go check out your own above, regarding the removing all points of reference from the photos.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Filer's Files #21 -- 2000

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 13:54:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 18:46:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Filer's Files #21 -- 2000

>Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 17:15:02 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Filer's Files #21 -- 2000  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Filer's Files #21 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
>George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern  
>May 27, 2000, [Majorstar@aol.com](mailto:Majorstar@aol.com) (609) 654-0020  
>Web Site at [www.filersfiles.com](http://www.filersfiles.com). - Chuck Warren Webmaster.

>Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, Pioneer of psychiatry, stated in 1954:

>"A purely psychological explanation is ruled out... the discs  
>show signs of intelligent guidance, by quasi-human pilots... the  
>authorities in possession of important information should not  
>hesitate to enlighten the public as soon and as completely as  
>possible" (Dr. Carl Jung on Unidentified Flying Objects,  
>'Flying Saucer Review', Vol.1, #2, 1955.)

This bogus quote was the focus of an international uproar in the summer of 1958, after the Lorenzens revived it in their A.P.R.O. Bulletin and it got picked by an Associated Press reporter. Jung was embarrassed, and the Lorenzens ended up making an unqualified apology to him, and AP retracted the story. The quotation above was taken out of context from some highly qualified remarks Jung made in a 1954 letter to a columnist for the Zurich weekly Die Weltwoche.

It is almost certain that Jung maintained a private conviction that UFOs are probably of extraterrestrial origin, but he was circumspect in what he was willing to say publicly. His most open statement is in the final chapter to his Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies (1959). It is, however, unfair and misleading to use words Jung specifically disavowed, and he specifically disavowed the words quoted above.

For a full discussion of Jung and the UFO phenomenon, see The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 547-49.

Jerry Clark

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## People's Rally At Area 51

From: **Norio Hayakawa** <[Groom51S4@aol.com](mailto:Groom51S4@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 16:54:13 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 19:02:12 -0400  
Subject: People's Rally At Area 51

PRESS RELEASE:

People's Rally to be held in Nevada, near AREA 51 (Groom Lake)

Anywhere from 250 to 300 concerned citizens are expected to attend this year's People's Rally at Area 51 in Nevada. The three-hour rally will take place on Tuesday morning, June 6, 2000, beginning at 6 a.m. right at the restricted boundary line on Groom Lake Rd. in Lincoln County, Nevada, almost right next to the world's most "famous" and controversial "secret base".

The Area 51 People's Rally was started by Norio Hayakawa, resident of Torrance, California (and formerly with the Citizens' Watchdog Group on Government Oversight) in 1998 to protest the secrecy around Area 51 and the violation of environmental and other laws, which may have led to the death of several former workers at the "notorious" base.

Hayakawa has recently retired from his pursuit of Area 51 research and has passed on his mission to Joerg Arnu, part-time resident of Rachel, Nevada, the closest community to the base, 22 miles north of Area 51. Joerg is also the webmaster of "Dreamland Resort", official homepage of Rachel's well-known establishment and gathering spot, the Little A-Le-Inn:

<http://www.dreamlandresort.com>

A press conference will be scheduled in Rachel at noon on Monday, June 5 at the Little A-Le-Inn (Tel. 775-729-2515) and, according to Joerg, that evening there will be a camp-out at the border of the restricted area by Groom Lake Rd. for those who will be attending the Rally on Tuesday morning.

Anthony J. Hilder, former talk-radio host and co-organizer of this year's rally emphasizes that the People's Rally is a legal, public gathering and will take place on public land. The event will be a peaceful get-together of concerned citizens, and there will be speakers at the rally to address several key issues.

One of the issues is the continuing plight of former Groom Lake (Area 51) workers who are still suffering from illnesses caused by long-term exposure to toxic chemicals without their knowledge while working at Area 51, the base that still doesn't officially "exist".

At the rally, the following proposals will be made:

- 1) that the government, through an appropriate agency and through the public media, give a statement of assurance that all former workers were or are being medically treated for their illness and were or are fully compensated.
- 2) that the government construct a clearly marked fence along the boundary line by Groom Lake Rd., instead of vague, thin orange posts posted wide apart.
- 3) that the government construct a new Guard Shack at the

restricted boundary line by Groom Lake Rd., instead of the present Guard Shack which is hidden more than a third of a mile inside the restricted area. The current hidden Guard Shack causes confusion, and bears the potential of unintentional violations of the border.

4) that the government admit and name this multi-faceted military base in more concrete terms and not just a vague designation like an "operating base near Groom Lake" which is still being used. The lack of an official name for the base could bring about more problems in the future when dealing with lawsuits should they arise from any future accidents.

Although Norio Hayakawa has recently abandoned his conspiratorial beliefs in regards to the aura of "mystery" surrounding the base (i.e., the belief that the government had purposely concocted, disseminated and manipulated popular theories linking AREA 51 with 'alien' conspiracies and "one-world government" conspiracies in order to discredit any serious scrutiny of this base) he still believes that the Air Force has benefited from such popular misconceptions concerning Area 51.

According to Hayakawa (e-mail: [Groom51S4@aol.com](mailto:Groom51S4@aol.com)) these misconceptions definitely helped to discredit any serious scrutiny of this multi-billion dollar military research and development complex and its programs, some of which may still be in gross violation of environmental statutes.

Area 51 recently regained national attention when new satellite photos (both the 2-meter and 1-meter resolution photos), taken by private satellite firms in 1998 and 1999, were released on the Internet by a Washington-based national watchdog organization called the Federation of American Scientists:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/overhead/groom.htm>

The photos seem to clearly indicate that the base is still quite active, even judging from the large number of employees' cars parked around the Operations Building (around 260 cars, even on a Sunday afternoon when the photos were taken), dispersing any rumors that the base had been "relocated" elsewhere.

For further information on the People's Rally, please go to:

<http://www.dreamlandresort.com>

Thanks,

Norio Hayakawa

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## UNESCO Awarded Medal To General [COMETA] Norlain

From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 18:06:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 19:09:13 -0400  
Subject: UNESCO Awarded Medal To General [COMETA] Norlain

Same General Norlain involved with COMETA.

I have a thing with UNESCO being more in control than everyone else thinks. They refer a lot to 'temples'. It might make you go hmmm or it may not.

Sue

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<http://unesco.ias.unu.edu/opi/eng/unescopress/99-54e.htm>

UNESCO Director-General Awards Gold Mahatma Gandhi Medal To French General Norlain - [18 March 1999]

Paris, March 18 {No.99-54} - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today attributed the gold Mahatma Gandhi medal to retired French General Bernard Norlain in recognition of his leading role in conflict prevention and in the promotion of a culture of peace.

General Norlain has held senior positions during his 36 years in the French Air Force. Between 1986 and 1989, he was chief military assistant to French prime ministers Jacques Chirac and Michel Rocard. He then commanded France's defence and tactical air forces, and directed the French Institute for Advanced Studies on National Defence, the Institut des hautes études de défense nationale (IHEDN). In 1995, UNESCO and IHEDN jointly organised the International Symposium From Partial Insecurity to Global Security which brought together representatives of many defence institutes and made possible the promotion of a new approach to security, based on the needs of populations.

In awarding the medal, Mr Mayor said it should be viewed as a sixth star to be added to the general's five: "a very special star spreading the light of peace, dialogue and tolerance, of non-violence, the star of the culture of peace." He thanked him for his contribution to the dialogue between UNESCO and defence institutes and through them "with the armed forces which are destined to become active partners in the promotion of the culture of peace."

After praising the brave idea which enabled military to co-operate with the "temple of education and culture which is UNESCO," General Norlain recalled that "peace, like a medal, has two sides: the humanistic and cultural project and security." He added: "There can be no democracy without peace and no peace without security, or stability. Civil society must not be pitched against military society. There is one society and it must take part in the same democratic project."

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## Re: Corso & COMETA

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 18:53:20 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 01:00:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 18:03:35 +0300  
>From: Virgil Priscu <[docv@netvision.net.il](mailto:docv@netvision.net.il)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 17:32:10 +1200  
>>From: William Sawers <[syntax@i4free.co.nz](mailto:syntax@i4free.co.nz)>  
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>>I always felt Col Corso was genuine. Time may have jumbled a few  
>>details, maybe even a lot of details, but the core of "The Day  
>>After Roswell" IMO is sound.

<snip>

>Personally (I read the book) I found some of his material a bit  
>'unbalanced': that is devoid of a 'cooler'/analytic perspective  
>and tending to the sensationalistic side of things. That doesn't  
>add credibility.

>The Cometa Report, on the other hand is some of the best  
>material on the (UFO) subject I've come across in many years.

I would agree with both assessments.

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## UFO fanatics to flock to St. Paul

From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 17:21:17 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 01:21:54 -0400  
Subject: UFO fanatics to flock to St. Paul

Greetings list -

From: <http://www.canoe.ca/EdmontonNews/es.es-05-28-0028.html>

UFO fanatics to flock to St. Paul  
Sunday, May 28, 2000  
By RACHEL EVANS, EDMONTON SUN

If St. Paul holds a UFO conference, they will come.

At least, people from all over this world will come, judging from interest in the conference's Website, said event chairman Paul Pelletier.

The second gathering of UFO fanatics in three years in the town famous for its UFO landing pad is to take off July 7 through July 9. About 500 people are expected to attend.

"It sounds like it's going to be one heck of a crowd," said Pelletier, who also organized the 1998 conference that attracted about 300 people each day.

"We've got registrations from Australia, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates and all over the U.S. We don't know if they're going to show up but they're registered."

It's kind of a theme for the three-day, in-depth look at the unknown - wondering if they've been here and if they'll show up.

In the meantime, visitors to the St. Paul convention will hear from people like Dr. Bruce Maccabee of Washington, D.C., who determines whether films of UFO sightings are genuine, and UFO field investigator Ted Phillips.

The growing popularity of the convention is a welcome boost for the town's business community, said Pelletier, who's also vice-chairman of the local economic development board.

"Economics has two sides to it," he said. "There's the physical cash but also the promotional value. As more people from all over start talking about the conference, they talk about St. Paul. It's certainly a nice boost."

St. Paul is 208 km northeast of Edmonton.

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Best regards,

- Blair Cummins  
[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)

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><snip>

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>>launched an Internet campaign to raise \$10,000 to appeal the  
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><snip>

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 00:29:58 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 01:27:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Sat, 27 May 2000 03:20:08 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 23:14:32 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
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>>Here's a table of the sun's azimuth and elevation in the morning  
>>on May 11 at Trent's position:>

>>Time	Azimuth	Elevation
>>6:30 a.m.	70.7	6.0
>>7:00	75.7	11.1
>>7:15	78.3	13.7
>>7:30	80.8	16.3
>>8:00	85.8	21.5
>>8:30	91.1	26.8

>I should amend these values slightly. They are for McMinnville,  
>not the Trent farm, which was about 11 miles WSW of McMinnville.

>The correct values for the Trent farm on May 11,1950, at Lat 45  
>d 06' N, Long 123 d 20' W are (and carrying further on into the  
>morning):

>Sunrise 5:49 a.m.

>Time (PDT)	Azimuth	Elevation
>6:30 a.m.	70.5	5.9
>6:45	73.1	8.4
>7:00	75.6	10.9
>7:15	78.1	13.5
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>7:45	83.2	18.7
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>8:15	88.4	24.0
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>8:45	93.7	29.3

>Evening values are:

>7:00 p.m.	281.3	14.2
>7:15	283.8	11.7
>7:30	286.4	9.1
>7:45	288.9	6.6
>8:00	291.5	4.1
>8:15	294.1	1.8
>8:30	296.7	0.4

>Sunset 8:31

<snip>

>There is no time on the morning of May 11 when you can get the  
>proper combination of sun elevation and azimuth to reproduce the  
>shadows on the wall. If you get the right height, the shadows

>are cast too far south. If the sun is square to the wall to get  
>the proper N/S position, the sun is too high and the shadows  
>cast are much too low. Sheaffer neglected to mention this. (I  
>wonder why?)

>These are just irrefutable mathematical facts. To this we can  
>also add two other irrefutable facts that must be true if direct  
>morning sunlight was responsible for the shadows. The wires from  
>which Trent supposedly hung is model would be casting shadows  
>slashing across the oil tank against the garage and across the  
>upper garage wall. But these shadows aren't there in the photos.  
>They would be easily detectable, unless the light source was  
>quite diffuse.

>The other missing item in the photos is the expected shadow cast  
>by the Trent house on the right side of the garage before about  
>7:30, when the elevation angle of the sun was about right to  
>account for the garage rafter shadows.

>Thus Sheaffer's hypothesis is refuted by astronomy and what is  
>actually present (or missing) in the photos.

>  
>David Rudiak

David,

The accepted date is the tenth, but have you ever run the  
caluclations to see if another date in May wherein the sun might  
match the shadows? Just a thought.

Cheers,

Robert

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From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 22:59:16 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 18:07:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

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>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice  
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>>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 13:41:55 -0700  
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>hope that I can take a week or two off this summer myself.

Dear Robert:

How true. The local (Silicon Valley, California) branch of the United Way was scandalized by high salaries paid to its administrators. This resulted in a "reorganization" - something like the French revolution and a more honest approach by charity groups in general.

UW was paying its top honchos something like 100K (US) per annum

while dedicated and unpaid staff were out cadging nickels and dimes from assembly line workers, janitors and so on. Absolutely disgusting.

BTW: Here's another gimmick for those inclined!

Organize a "John Smith for President" campaign. It doesn't have to be John Smith, and JS need not even officially declare a candidacy! US law permits collecting campaign funds. The best part is that little or no portion of those funds need be given to the candidate! Try that in Toronto.

(signed)

Dazed, Amazed and slightly dizzy, but still able to find the keyboard in Redwood City, California

- AKA Larry Hatch

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## Re: UFO fanatics to flock to St. Paul

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 02:32:39 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 18:09:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO fanatics to flock to St. Paul

>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 17:21:17 -0700 (PDT)  
>From: Blair Cummins <[ufoblair@hotmail.com](mailto:ufoblair@hotmail.com)>  
>Subject: UFO fanatics to flock to St. Paul  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Greetings list -

>From: <http://www.canoe.ca/EdmontonNews/es.es-05-28-0028.html>

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>Snip

>St. Paul is 208 km northeast of Edmonton.

On behalf of UFO fanatics everywhere, welcome to St. Paul  
and Canal Street. And may the Schwartz be wit yous.

Gesundt

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Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 03:11:45 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 18:11:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

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>>working for free, or that he can't take time off.

Thanks for the incredible insight ;-} I just find it peculiar  
that a guy rakes in \$10G to file an appeal in federal court and  
is then off on a vacation. While everyone has a right to earn a  
living, how much does it cost to file a federal appeal?

<snip>

>>If Peter was able to take a week or two off, goody for him.

Sure, I'd like to work from home and have other people pay for  
my vacations, too! Makes for a nice lifestyle until you start to  
run out of cash. Don't get me wrong, ol' Pete may be putting in  
his time, but to raise \$10G and then hit the road on a vacation  
right afterwards, to me, doesn't look good. Ol' Pete made it  
clear to me in an e-mail that "everyday is like a vacation" to  
him. Apparently not. Of course, what's real doesn't matter...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXpose: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"...or your  
luggage and briefing papers on the way out the door to your vacation.  
<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> (eXpose)  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog> (UFO Hall o' Shame)

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## The Hetch Hetchy

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 02:07:08 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 18:13:26 -0400  
Subject: The Hetch Hetchy

Dear sirs:

Like so many frost-bitten Canadians, you have probably forgotten about the great UFO wave of Redwood City, CA(lifornia) in 1947!

Most notable was the sighting reported by one B. Ballard (profession unknown, but believed to be neither Japanese or Mexican) who reported a luminous disk which 'le cite en vol a' la NW (give or take a few degrees.) en une silencieouixxx formidable. Please forgive my spelling.

This was a quiet machine, and confused poor Mr. Ballard to the point that he reported it to what few authorities he could. I have lived in Redwood City for a long long time. Some of My fondest memories involve little fat Irish girls who knew which retired cops they could pry a lollypop out of.

I liked one old Irish cop, obviously retired, and with a uniform full of goodies. Like any good republican, he offered hard candies which lasted longer and did not disappear so quickly.

- - - - - ( but I digress..)

Two large pipelines from Yosemite run this exact route through Redwood City. They are the main water-lines from the high sierras, and are easily visible from Edgewood Road.

This is one of the earliest large earthworks still in use in California, dating from the turn of the century, or at least high-buttoned shoes. Please do not press me for details, but I am positive the Hetch-Hetchy predates my old 1950 Oldsmobile.

That's right, the 4-speed growler.  
Gawddam I miss that cawr. [ forgive me. ]

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: The original 1950 Olds was rear-ended by some Samoan on or about 1967. Subsequent efforts to bomb Samoa in retaliation have proven fruitless. -LH

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 07:47:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 18:22:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

><snip>

>>3. For those who would like a copy of the 90 page English  
>>Translation of the COMETA Report, I am making copies available,  
>>as noted on Coast to Coast a few weeks ago, for only \$10.  
>>including first class postage from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME  
>>04730-0958. Or call toll free 877-457-0232 to use VISA or Master  
>>Card..

>>Stan Friedman

>Mister the Director of list UFO UpDates - Toronto

>Dear Sir,

>I took note with great surprise of the message of Stan Friedman  
>on your list (24 May 2000) in which he proposes to sell a  
>translation in English of the 90 page 'COMETA Report: What Should  
>We Prepare For?'.  
>

>Stan Friedman did not acquire any authorization from us. I point  
>out that COMETA Report is protected (page 4) by the Copyright  
>and that all reproduction, in whole or in part, translation and  
>adaptation rights are reserved for all countries.

>COMETA is going to publish the translation of this Report in  
>English in the United States.

>The advertisement of Stan Friedman causes us damage.

>I will take legal action against him for counterfeit and  
>plagiarism and also against all people who would buy its  
>translation.

>I ask you to publish this message on your list.

>Michel Algrin  
>Attorney-At-Law  
>Director of COMETA

As I see it this information is public information scientific  
in nature and paid for by a group whose wages are from  
the government which in turns is through the taxpayers.

And also as I see it, \$10.00 covers postage and handling

and nothing more.

And, also as I see it, most of the information from what I gather, at the ISSO website as summarized by Guildas Boudrais, is already knowledge among the UFO community.

<http://www.issso.org/inbox/cometa.htm>

So what is COMETA copyrighting? The fact that they say 'Yes, this stuff is real'.

And how can they copyright other people's reports, observations, findings, analysis of evidence unless of course the scientists, researchers, etc. have been paid in advance.

If General Norlain is an honourable gentleman in eyes of UNESCO in the aspect of culture and peace, then should he not honour their goals of awareness and global distribution of information for all mankind by producing this educational information? As UNESCO states on their website, the scientific community has an obligation to mankind to keep the public informed of results detrimental the to existence of mankind, and I don't think we're just talking biosphere here.

Honour that COMETA.

Sue K

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## UNESCO Declaration On Science...

From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 07:57:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 18:28:22 -0400  
Subject: UNESCO Declaration On Science...

Records of the General Conference  
30th Session, Paris, 26 October to 17 November 1999

Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge and  
Science Agenda - Framework for Action 1

The General Conference,

Having examined document 30 C/15,

Endorses the Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific  
Knowledge and the Science Agenda -Framework for Action annexed  
to this resolution.<sup>2</sup>

Preamble 1. We all live on the same planet and are part of the  
biosphere. We have come to recognize that we are in a situation  
of increasing interdependence, and that our future is  
intrinsically linked to the preservation of the global  
life-support systems and to the survival of all forms of life.  
The nations and the scientists of the world are called upon to  
acknowledge the urgency of using knowledge from all fields of  
science in a responsible manner to address human needs and  
aspirations without misusing this knowledge. We seek active  
collaboration across all the fields of scientific endeavour,  
that is the natural sciences such as the physical, earth and  
biological sciences, the biomedical and engineering sciences,  
and the social and human sciences. While the Framework for  
Action emphasizes the promise and the dynamism of the natural  
sciences but also their potential adverse effects, and the need  
to understand their impact on and relations with society, the  
commitment to science, as well as the challenges and the  
responsibilities set out in this Declaration, pertain to all  
fields of the sciences. All cultures can contribute scientific  
knowledge of universal value. The sciences should be at the  
service of humanity as a whole, and should contribute to  
providing everyone with a deeper understanding of nature and  
society, a better quality of life and a sustainable and healthy  
environment for present and future generations.

3. In addition to their demonstrable benefits the applications  
of scientific advances and the development and expansion of  
human activity have also led to environmental degradation and  
technological disasters, and have contributed to social  
imbalance or exclusion. As one example, scientific progress has  
made it possible to manufacture sophisticated weapons, including  
conventional weapons and weapons of mass destruction. There is  
now an opportunity to call for a reduction in the resources  
allocated to the development and manufacture of new weapons and  
to encourage the conversion, at least partially, of military  
production and research facilities to civilian use.

4. Today, whilst unprecedented advances in the sciences are  
foreseen, there is a need for a vigorous and informed democratic  
debate on the production and use of scientific knowledge. The  
scientific community and decision-makers should seek the  
strengthening of public trust and support for science through  
such a debate. Greater interdisciplinary efforts, involving both  
natural and social sciences, are a prerequisite for dealing with  
ethical, social, cultural, environmental, gender, economic and

health issues. Enhancing the role of science for a more equitable, prosperous and sustainable world requires the long-term commitment of all stakeholders, public and private, through greater investment, the appropriate review of investment priorities, and the sharing of scientific knowledge.

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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>Royce,

>Being a "non-profit organization" does not mean that he is  
>working for free, or that he can't take time off.

>For example many of the major groups are so called "non-profit"  
>but the officers and directors rake in the bucks as salary and  
>so forth.

Non-profit organizations (NPO) are allowed to have expenses,  
which can take the form of salaries for the top management. This  
is not usually the case with a small NPO, although some might  
hire someone to handle day to day chores.

It's important to keep in mind that NPOs come in all sizes. One  
cannot truly compare a non-profit UFO research organization that  
receives less than \$50,000 a year in donations with the American  
Cancer Society, which takes in millions of dollars a year. It  
should be noted that there are regulations related to the  
disbursement of those donations, and becoming an NPO would also  
establish a legal framework in which you must operate.

>As I recall what being a non-profit means that the "organization  
>itself" cannot end the tax year with a profit. They are allowed  
>to earmark and save money for specific projects.

Actually, I suppose it would depend on how you define "profit".  
The importance of being a non-profit organization means that you  
are able to take donations from sponsors, who are in turn able  
to claim those donations as exempt from taxes. This is important  
to those who are trying to raise funds for a cause, whatever it  
might be.

>If Peter was able to take a week or two off, goody for him. I  
>hope that I can take a week or two off this summer myself.

Agreed. While I'm not convinced that the legal battle he has  
engaged is likely to bear fruit, I certainly wouldn't begrudge  
him the rest and relaxation that he would require as he proceeds  
in his effort.

On the other hand, if he is raising large sums of money under  
the auspices of an NPO and using those funds to travel to Hawaii  
for two weeks of fun the sun, then he might find himself facing  
legal challenges from sponsors and the Government.

A few thoughts that have absolutely nothing to do with Memorial  
Day.

Steve



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## Re: Corso & COMETA

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 19:28:33 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 22:10:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 17:32:10 +1200  
>From: William Sawers <[syntax@i4free.co.nz](mailto:syntax@i4free.co.nz)>  
>Subject: Corso & COMETA  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Does anyone think that The COMETA Report mentioning Col Philip  
>Corso in a positive way significant or at least interesting?

>I always felt Col Corso was genuine. Time may have jumbled a few  
>details, maybe even a lot of details, but the core of "The Day  
>After Roswell" IMO is sound.

>Anyone?

There are many many reasons to be sceptical of the claims made by Colonel Corso and Bill Birnes. There is bascially no substantiation; no references. Corso had a habit of making grandiose claims.

For example, the roster (4 legal pages, 2 columns) of the group led by General Trudeau at the Pentagon in June 1961 showed there were only 2 officers in the Foreign Technology Group.

Corso was the junior officer. He was not a scientist or engineer, but he singlehandedly saved the world by slipping in this technology?

In a sworn statement for Peter Gersten, Corso falsely claimed he had been a member of the NSC. He definitely was not, as noted by the Ike Library. Peter asked if it should be withdrawn. Corso said no. I asked him how he knew the date of the Ft. Riley encounter was July 6... Notes, diary? No, he knew when he was transferred there, many months earlier. An alien body left in a warehouse unguarded, no ice being noted? Hardly likely.

Corso's history of seeing Communists under every bed and supporting segregationist candidate for President, Strom Thurmond, don't lead to great confidence. When I asked how he knew the names of the control group, he said there were about a dozen boards connected with the NSC. Hardly satisfactory. They didn't meet Thursdays for lunch... Probably came from one of the books which listed them.

I should also note that Birnes did know a lot about Roswell having agented a book by Jaime Shandera and Bill Moore about Roswell.

I consider the comments about Corso a weak point, rather than a strong point, of the Report indicating the authors hadn't dug very deeply into Corso...

Stan Friedman

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Hi Dennis,

Re last.

I don't believe that I am. Can you bring me up to speed or  
direct me to a summary somewhere?

Don Ledger

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## [Repost] Summary of French COMETA Report

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Subject: [Repost] Summary of French COMETA Report

Since some longer term subscribers seem either to have forgotten that Gildas sent his summary of the Report to this List in early August, or they blew the original away - here it is, again.

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Date: Sat, 07 Aug 1999 17:31:56 -0400  
To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";  
From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
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Date: Wed, 4 Aug 1999 12:40:50 EDT  
Subject: Summary of French COMETA Report  
To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

Hello to all List members

Here is my summary of the French COMETA report, free for copy and publishing, provided its contents are respected.

Best regards,  
Gildas Bourdais

The French Report on UFOs and Defence: a short presentation  
by Gildas Bourdais

It must be stressed here that this is an independant report, written by a private association called COMETA. It is summarized here with the approval of the authors.

To translate and publish the report itself, in part or in its integrality, permission should be asked by writing to the administrator of the association COMETA, Mr Michel Algrin, 25, boulevard Saint-Germain, 75005 Paris, France.

On Friday 16 of July 1999 was published in France an outstanding document, called "UFOs and Defence. What must we be prepared for ?" ("Les OVNI et la Défense. A quoi doit-on se préparer?") This ninety pages report is the result of an in depth study of UFOs, covering many aspects of the subject, especially questions of defence.

The study was carried out during several years by an independant group of former "auditors" at the very serious Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence, or IHEDN ("Institut des hautes études de défense nationale"), and of qualified experts from various fields. Before its public release, it has been sent to French President of the Republic Jacques Chirac, and to Prime minister Lionel Jospin.



This Report is prefaced by General Bernard Norlain, of the Air Force, former Director of IHEDN, and it begins with a preamble by André Lebeau, former President of the National Center for Space Studies ("Centre national d'études spatiales", CNES), the French equivalent of NASA.

The group itself, collective author of the report, is an association of experts, many of whom are or have been auditors of IHEDN, and it is presided over by General Denis Letty, of the Air Force, former auditor (FA) of IHEDN. Its name "COMETA" stands for "Committee for in depth studies".

A non exhaustive list of members is given at the beginning, and it is impressive enough. It includes:

General Bruno Lemoine, of the Air Force (FA of IHEDN), Admiral Marc Merlo (FA of IHEDN). Michel Algrin, Doctor in Political Sciences, attorney at law (FA of IHEDN), General Pierre Bescond, engineer for armaments (FA of IHEDN), Denis Blancher, Chief National Police superintendant at the Ministry of the Interior, Christian Marchal, chief engineer of the national "corps des Mines", Research Director at the "National Office of Aeronautical Research" (ONERA), General Alain Orszag, Phd in physics, engineer for armaments.

The committee also expresses its gratitude to outside contributors, among whom:

Jean-Jacques Vélasco, head of SEPRA at CNES, François Louange, President of Fleximage, specialist of photo analysis, General Joseph Domange, of the Air Force, general delegate of the Association of auditors at IHEDN.

General Norlain tells in a short preface how this committee was created. General Letty came to see him in March 1995, when he was Director of IHEDN, to discuss his project of committee on UFOs. Norlain assured him of his interest and addressed him to the Association of Auditors (AA) of IHEDN, which in turn gave him its support.

It is interesting to recall here that, twenty years ago, it was a report of that same Association which led to the creation of GEPAN, the first unit for UFO study, at CNES.

As a result, several members of the committee come from the Association of Auditors of IHEDN, joined by other experts. Most of them hold, or have held, important functions in defence, industry, teaching, research, or various central administrations. General Norlain expresses hope that this report will help develop new efforts nationally, and an indispensable international cooperation.

General Letty, as president of COMETA, points to the main theme of the report, which is that the accumulation of well documented observations compels us now to consider all hypotheses as to the origin of UFOs, especially extraterrestrial hypotheses.

The committee then presents the contents of the study: In a first part, presentation of some remarkable cases, both French and foreign; In a second part, they describe the present organization of research in France and abroad, and studies made by scientists worldwide which may bring partial explanations, in accordance with known laws of physics. The main global explanations are then reviewed, from secret crafts to extraterrestrial manifestations; In a third part, will be examined measures to be taken regarding defence, from information of pilots, both civilian and military, to strategic, political and religious consequences, should the extraterrestrial hypothesis be confirmed.

#### Part I: "Facts and Testimonies"

Many of the cases selected are well known by most researchers, and need only to be mentioned here. They are:

-Testimonies of French pilots. M. Giraud, pilot of Mirage IV (1977); Colonel Bosc, fighter pilot (1976); Air France flight AF 3532 (jan 1994).

-Aeronautical cases world wide. Lakenheath (1956); RB-47 (1957); Teheran (1976); Russia (1990); San Carlos de Bariloche (Argentina, 1995).

-Observations from the ground. Tananarive (1954); observation of a saucer near the ground by a French pilot, J.-P. Fartek (1979); observation at close range over a Russian missile site, by several witnesses (1989).

-Close encounters in France. Valensole (Maurice Masse, 1965); Cussac, Cantal (1967); Trans-en-Provence (1981); Nancy (so called case of the "Amaranth" 1982).

-Counter-exemples of elucidated phenomena (two cases).

Although the selection is limited, it seems to be sufficient to convince an uninformed but open minded reader of the reality of UFOs.

## Part II: "The Present State of Knowledge"

The second part, entitled "the present state of knowledge" ("Le point des connaissances"), begins with a survey of the organization of the official UFO research in France, from the first instructions given to the "gendarmerie" in 1974 for the redaction of reports, to the creation of GEPAN in 1977, its organization and its results: collection of more than 3,000 reports from the gendarmerie, cases studies, statistical analyses. It then surveys agreements passed by GEPAN and, later, SEPRA, with the air force and the army, the civilian aviation and other organs, such as civilian and military laboratories for the analysis of samples, and photographs.

Regarding the methods and results, we are reminded of some famous cases (Trans-en-Provence, l'Amarante), and emphasis is made on the the catalogues of cases, notably of pilots (Weinstein catalogue), and "radar/visual", world wide. A historical note appears here with a quotation of the famous letter of General Twining, of september 1947, asserting already to the reality of UFOs.

The following chapter, called "hypotheses and attempts at modeling" ("OVNI: hypothèses, essais de modélisation") discusses some models and hypotheses which are under study in several countries.

Partial simulations have already been made for UFO propulsion, based on observations of aspects such as: speed, movements and accelerations, engine failure of nearby vehicles, paralysis of witnesses.

One model is MHD propulsion, already tested successfully in water, and wich might be achieved in the atmosphere with superconducting circuits, in a few decades. Other studies are briefly mentioned, regarding both atmospheric and space propulsion, such as particle beams, antigravity, reliance on planetary and stellar impulsion.

The failure of land vehicle engines may be explained by microwave radiations. In fact, high power hyperfrequency generators are under study in France and other countries. One application is micro wave weapons. Particle beams, for instance proton beams, which ionize the air and become therefore visible, might explain the observation of truncated luminous beams. Micro waves might explain body paralysis.

In the same chapter are next studied "global hypotheses". Hoaxes are rare and easily detected. Some non-scientific are put aside, such as conspiracy and manipulation by very secret, powerful groups, parapsychic phenomena, collective hallucinations. The hypothesis of secret weapons is also regarded as very improbable, the same as "intoxication" at the time of the cold war, or just natural phenomena.

We are then left with various extraterrestrial hypotheses. One version has been developed in France by astronomers Jean-Claude Ribes and Guy Monnet, based on the concept of "space islands" of American physicist O'Neill, and it is compatible with present day physics.

The organization of UFO research in the United States, Great Britain and Russia, is surveyed rapidly.

In the United States, the media and the polls show a marked interest and concern of the public, but the official position, especially of the Air Force, is still one of denial, more precisely that there is no threat to national security. Actually, declassified documents, released under FOIA, show another story, one of surveillance of nuclear installations by UFOs, and the continued study of UFOs by the military and intelligence agencies.

The report stresses the importance, in the United States, of private, independant associations. It mentions the "Briefing Document. Best available evidence" sent in 1995 to a thousand personalities worldwide, and the Sturrock workshop in 1997, both sponsored by Laurance Rockefeller. The "Briefing Document" has obviously been welcomed by the authors of the COMETA report. The committee also notes the public emergence of alleged insiders such as Colonel Philip Corso, and considers that his testimony may be partly significant as to the real situation in that country, in spite of many critics.

The report describes briefly the situation in Great Britain, with a special mention for Nick Pope, and poses the question of the possible existence of secret studies pursued jointly with American services. It mentions as well research in Russia, and the release of some information, notably by the KGB in 1991.

### Part III: UFOs and Defence

The third part, "UFOs and Defence" ("Les OVNI et la défense"), states that, if it is true that no hostile action has been proved yet, at least some actions of "intimidation" have been recorded in France (case of the Mirage IV for instance). Since the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs cannot be ruled out, it is therefore necessary to study the consequences of that hypothesis at the strategic level, but also political, religious and media/public information levels.

The first chapter of Part III is devoted to prospective strategies ("Prospectives stratégiques") and it begins with fundamental questions: "What if extraterrestrials? What intentions and what strategy can we deduce from their behavior?"

Such questions open a more controversial part of the report. Possible motivations of extraterrestrial visitors are explored here, such as protection of planet Earth against the dangers of nuclear war, suggested for instance by repeated flying over nuclear missile sites.

The committee then ponders the possible repercussion on the behavior, official or not, of different states, and focuses on the possibility of secret, privileged contacts which might be "attributed to the United States". The attitude of the U.S. is seen as "most strange" since the 1947 wave and the Roswell event. Since that time, a policy of increasing secrecy seems to have been applied, which might be explained by the protection at all cost of military technological superiority to be acquired from the study of UFOs.

Next, the report tackles the question: "What measures must we take now?" At the least, whatever the nature of UFOs, they impose "critical vigilance", in particular regarding the risk of "destabilizing manipulations". A kind of "cosmic vigilance" should be applied by the elites, nationally and internationally, in order to prevent any shocking surprise, erroneous interpretation and hostile manipulation.

Nationally, COMETA urges the strengthening of SEPRA, and recommends the creation of a cell at the highest level of government, entrusted with the development of hypotheses, strategy, and preparation of cooperation agreements with European and other foreign countries. A further step would be that European states and the European Union undertake diplomatic action toward the United States within the framework of political and strategic alliances.

A key question of the report is "What situations must we be prepared for?". It mentions such situations as: extraterrestrial move for official contact; discovery of a UFO/alien base on the territory or in Europe; invasion (deemed improbable) and localised or massive attack; manipulation or deliberate disinformation aiming at destabilizing other states.

COMETA devotes special attention to "aeronautical implications", with detailed recommendations aimed at various personnels, such as air staffs, controllers, weathermen and engineers. It also makes recommendations at the scientific and technical levels, aimed at developing research, with potential benefits for defence and industry.

The report further explores the political and religious implications of UFOs, using as a model the perspective of our own exploration of space: how would we do it, how would we handle contacts with less advanced civilizations?

Such an approach is not new to the well informed readers of the abundant ufological literature, but it has a special value here, being treated seriously at such a level. The media/publicity implications are not forgotten, with the problems of disinformation, fear of ridicule, and manipulation by certain groups.

In its conclusion, COMETA claims that the physical reality of UFOs, under control of intelligent beings, is "quasi certain". Only one hypothesis takes into account the available data: the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitors. This hypothesis is of course unproved, but has far-reaching consequences. The goals of these alleged visitors remain unknown but must be the subject of speculations and prospective scenarios.

In its final recommendations, it stresses again the need to:

- 1) inform all decision-makers and persons in position of responsibility;
- 2) reinforce means of investigation and study at SEPRA;
- 3) have UFO detection taken into account by agencies engaged in of space surveillance;
- 4) create a strategic cell at the highest state level;
- 5) undertake diplomatic action toward the Unites States for cooperation on this "capital question";
- 6) study measures which might be necessary in case of emergencies.

Finally, this document is accompanied by seven interesting annexes which are worth reading even by seasoned ufologists:

- 1 Radar detection in France
- 2 Observations by astronomers
- 3 Life in the Universe
- 4 Colonization of space
- 5 The Roswell case - The disinformation (an interesting text which will be criticized by some readers, and welcomed by others, including myself)
- 6 Antiquity of the UFO phenomenon. Elements for a chronology.
- 7 Reflexionn on various psychological, sociological and political aspects ot the UFO phenomenon.

The importance of this report should not be missed by all informed ufologists around the world, considering not only its contents but the personality of its authors, and in spite of critics which may be addressed to it.

In fact, some sharp critics have been made soon after the release of the report, on the Internet, and in the French press

with an article by sociologist Pierre Lagrange curiously denouncing an operation of disinformation by way of ridiculing the subject ("Libération of July 21, 1999). Let's hope that the present summary will help clarify the debate.

Gildas Bourdais

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Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 22:37:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 03:11:45 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Royce Myers >[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto >[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Thanks for the incredible insight ;-} I just find it peculiar  
>that a guy rakes in \$10G to file an appeal in federal court and  
>is then off on a vacation. While everyone has a right to earn a  
>living, how much does it cost to file a federal appeal?

I'm not sure if you got up on the wrong side of the bed, Royce,  
or simply have a grossly distorted view of how nonprofit groups  
work. But your criticism of Peter Gersten is misguided and the  
epitome of a cheap shot.

Peter just finished a lawsuit trying to pry loose information  
out of a government that is manifestly unwilling to release it.  
When that was unsuccessful, Peter filed an appeal, an action  
that takes some effort, even if the filing is an empty shell  
with the details to be filled in later.

And the fund-raiser you seem to be in a froth about would also  
take work -- for organization, tickets, marketing and so forth.  
Having done a little fund-raising, I have to laugh at your  
characterization of Peter "raking in" \$10,000. It ain't that  
easy, babe.

I have not worked for a nonprofit organization before, but as  
they say, some of my best friends have. The work itself is not  
so different from duties with for-profit corporations, with the  
exception that those working for nonprofits often have a passion  
for the agency's cause that transcends such considerations as  
salary and benefits.

While some large nonprofit agencies have high-paid executives  
(Larry, I believe United Way was paying around \$400,000 for its  
executive director), I sincerely doubt that Peter is rolling in  
dough. I for one am appreciative of his efforts and am grateful  
he had a chance to take some time off over the Memorial Day  
weekend to enjoy his family and friends.

I hope you also had a chance to spend time with your family and  
friends, Royce.

Pat McCartney

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## Re: Corso & COMETA

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 20:42:37 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 22:42:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 12:55:02 -0500  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 17:32:10 +1200  
>>From: William Sawers <[syntax@i4free.co.nz](mailto:syntax@i4free.co.nz)>  
>>Subject: Corso & COMETA  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Does anyone think that The COMETA Report mentioning Col Philip  
>>Corso in a positive way significant or at least interesting?

>In a word, No. Actually, it is significant in a way -- just not  
>the right way!

>>I always felt Col Corso was genuine. Time may have jumbled a few  
>>details, maybe even a lot of details, but the core of "The Day  
>>After Roswell" IMO is sound.

>>Anyone?

>There was a genuine Col. Corso, if that's what you mean.

>Unfortunately, that doesn't necessarily mean that even 10% of  
>his book is true, never mind its "core."

>What is its core, BTW, that virtually all the major American  
>technological breakthroughs since 1947, were seeded out to  
>industry by Corso himself, from UFO debris he found languishing  
>in a file cabinet in the Pentagon? That he almost singlehandedly  
>won a spurious Cold War and saved humanity from alien invasion?

>It helps sometimes, you know, to take a step back from some of  
>this stuff. And that would apparently include a few high-ranking  
>French military officers.

>Dennis

Dear EBK, Mr. Menace, Tail Twisters of the Updates Forums...

It's pretty easy to refute, criticize and or/defame, simply because the expressions of one or more individuals offend your pair of dimes. Thusfar, all we've heard (read) from you on this and other subjects are critique. Which is fine. However Dennis, your critiques are presented as facts, facts which denigrate the positions of others.

Might this denigration be some sort of psychological complex? Perhaps a superiority complex? Hmmm. Maybe an inferiority one?

Whatever it is, however true your opines may be, they insult the intelligence of others who have published their opinions, sometimes, even when they are not published as facts, merely opinions. I find this terribly Freudian of you. In addition, I await with baited breath, your opinions on my truth, when I paint my masterpiece.



But first, allow me to purchase a stainless steel face mask.  
Which unfortunately, I've only been able to purchase in white.

Jim Mortellaro  
Bashar of Zoilus (or is it Zoili?)  
Could be Momus, Faultfinder.  
I am also the enemy of the antichrist and the antimary  
(Mr. and President Clinton) so you are in great company,  
Bubba

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 21:34:53 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 23:01:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 16:12:49 -0500  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 18:35:17 -0400  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 13:49:11 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Camouflaging the thread was an example of but one thing Trent  
>>would have had to do to pull off the hoax. The main point is  
>>this. If he was deliberately trying to pull off a hoax to the  
>>point of carefully planning how to take the pictures plus  
>>plotting the perfect cover story along with Mrs. Trent, after  
>>all that, why leave clear evidence behind of how the hoax could  
>>have been done? A simple reframing of the pictures would have  
>>eliminated the tell-tale overhead wires. It's like pulling off  
>>the otherwise perfect murder with the perfect alibi but not  
>>disposing of the murder weapon.

>David,

>Yes, that was my point, which you so conveniently overlooked.

>It's you who's trying to interpret the Trents' inner psyche and  
>motives, not me.

Actually I've tried to steer clear of this as much as possible  
and am sorry I let myself get drawn into it. I've previously  
written that even without subjectively evaluating the Trent's  
character or motivations, one can objectively determine that  
various photo details (even very subtle ones) are consistent  
with the Trents' story of what happened.

>You asked why didn't they leave out the power lines, I asked why  
>they didn't leave out every frame of reference, following your  
>line of reasoning, which you assert the Trents would have  
>adopted and followed.

You didn't you ask "why didn't they leave out every frame of  
reference?" You asserted:

>Eliminate the power lines and other points of reference, and  
>what have you got? A saucer shape against a sky background, with  
>no points of reference whatsoever.

Don't blame me if your point wasn't clear.

As to your present question as to why not leave out all  
details, the obvious answer is that it wouldn't be necessary.  
Only the overhead power lines in the photos directly suggest how  
a hoax might have been carried out. What else in the photos  
might suggest this? The house or garage? The power pole in the  
distance? The distant mountains or buildings?

>You have no way of knowing that, that is,  
>you have no way of knowing what the Trents might have done, or  
>what they might not have done, based on the presence of power

>lines in the pictures. It's an unsupportable argument.

Let's go at it another way using a TRUE/FALSE quiz. Using elementary logic, which one of the following statements is FALSE, if one was even a modestly clever country bumpkin and was trying to pull off the perfect hoax?

1. If Mrs. Trent was standing on the roof of the house and tossing a garbage can lid, then it would be wise to frame the photos so that Mrs. Trent was out of the picture.
2. If Mrs. Trent was holding up a model with a long pole, then it would be wise to frame the photos so that Mrs. Trent and the pole were out of the picture.
3. If the model was suspended by a thread with helium balloons, then it would be wise to frame the photos so that the balloons were out of the picture.
4. If the model was suspended by a thread from a nearby overhead power line, then it would be wise to frame the photos to show the power line and make the picture more interesting.

><snip>

>>Pot -- kettle -- black. If you want a classic example of really, >>\_really\_ bad reasoning, go check out your own above, regarding >>the removing all points of reference from the photos.

>>David Rudiak

>Ditto to you, dude. You said that they would have removed one >frame of reference (the power lines). I simply extrapolated your >argument. Well, if they're going to remove one frame of >reference, why not remove all frames of reference?

Uhhh, because only the power line "frame of reference" indicates how a hoax might have been done?

>BTW, are you aware of the Wilhamette (sp?) Pass, Oregon, photo >hoax?

Yes, and Dennis Stacy wouldn't be trying to make another of his sweeping generalizations here? Of course not!

Now let's further test your powers of elementary logic with a multiple choice question. No fair peeking at the answer at the end.

Which of the following choices is both true and the best answer?

A. If photoanalysis of the Trent photos had shown a thread directly above the unknown object, this would have proven a hoax by most reasonable standards of evidence.

B. Since Mrs. Trent was a "repeater" and wasn't previously believed, this demonstrates that the Trent photos were hoaxed to substantiate her previous UFO sightings.

C. Since Mr. Trent did not immediately develop the photos of his astounding "flying saucer" and treated the negatives in a cavalier manner afterwards, this proves that nothing astounding was photographed at all and the photos were hoaxed.

D. If the newspapers carried different versions of what the Trents said happened, this proves the photos were hoaxed.

E. Since the Trent photos are of an object with an unusual profile, including an offset "antenna-like" projection on top that no symmetrically-minded alien civilization would possibly use, the Trent photos must be hoaxed.

F. Aliens can't find us or get here, therefore flying saucers don't exist and all flying saucer photos must be hoaxed.

G. If there are cases of UFO photos that weren't demonstrably fake and were taken by people of seemingly good character, but were eventually shown to be hoaxes, then other UFO photos which also have survived scrutiny and were taken by seemingly honest people are undoubtedly hoaxed as well.

H. All of the above are true.

Answer: Only A is true. The hard-core debunking answer would have been H. But all other answers either have a premise that isn't necessarily true, or a conclusion that does not necessarily follow from the premise.

David Rudiak

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## Re: Corso & COMETA

From: James Bond Johnson <[JBONJO@aol.com](mailto:JBONJO@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 22:20:30 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 23:10:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

Stan,

Do you have any idea where I can contact Jamie Shandera these days? The last phone I had for him was on the East coast shortly after we appeared together at the Orange County MUFON in 1998.

When you and I are together I can share with you a lot more about Lt. Col. Corso.

Bond

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## Re: What's New At Project 1947

From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 23:50:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 11:01:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: What's New At Project 1947

>Re: What's New At Project 1947  
>From: Asgeir W. Skavhaug <[asge-s@online.no](mailto:asge-s@online.no)>  
>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 11:50:02 +0200  
>Subject: Re: What's New At Project 1947

>>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
>>Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 21:56:12 -0400  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 23 May 2000 22:58:34 -0400

Greetings Asgeir and List

Sorry, did see this before, was at my son's graduation. You are correct! Please see below.

>>Subject: What's New At Project 1947

>><http://www.project1947.com/new.htm>

>>"New Top Secret Document Discovered," a slightly  
>>updated version of the April 2000 MUFON Journal  
>>article on the formerly Top Secret Telecon Transcript TT  
>>#1524 from USAF, Europe, Intelligence to USAF HQ  
>>Director of Intelligence on UFO activity in Europe and the  
>>recovery operation of a "flying saucer" seen by a high  
>>ranking Swedish officials in 1948.

><snip>

>>Best regards,  
>>Jan Aldrich  
>>Project 1947  
>><http://www.project1947.com/>

>Jan & List:

>Referring to the following URL:

><http://www.project1947.com/fig/jtt.htm>

>and with the following excerpt:

>"USAFE saved the block-buster for the last part of the  
>message. An object had crashed into a Swedish lake. "A  
>technical expert near his home on the edge of the lake" was the  
>witness. USAFE informed DI that the Swedes had recovery  
>operations for the crashed object under way. Anyone familiar  
>with the 1946 "Ghost Rockets" knows that a number of the these  
>earlier reports claimed objects had allegedly come down in  
>Scandinavian lakes. A 1946 Secret letter from the Commander US,  
>Naval Forces, Europe, commented on an earlier 1946 recovery  
>attempt from a lake in Norway.

>The Navy was very much interested in what might be found.  
>While they were willing to render assistance, there were two  
>problems: the lack of Naval equipment and experts for that

>type of work in Europe at the time, and the lack of an  
>invitation to assist from the Norwegian government. The  
>Commander, US Naval Force Europe, felt that the matter required  
>authorization from US political authority to proceed. [5].  
>Nothing further officially is known about the Norwegian lake  
>crash, but the "technical expert" in the USAFE Swedish lake  
>report was identified in another Top Secret DI 1948 document  
>now at Maxwell AFB [6]."

>The incident in Norway mentioned above, might have been  
>the incident reported here (but, many other similar incidents  
>/sightings are also found here):

><http://www.ufo.no/english/articles/pre47-1.html>

>with the following excerpt:

>"18 Jul 1946; Mjøsa;

>Between 12:00 and 12:30, several witnesses observed two  
>V1-like objects coming in low, about 50 m height, from west.  
>The witnesses first heard a strong whistling sound, not exactly  
>like an aircraft. The objects were flying so low as to cause  
>the trees to sway. They both impacted in Lake Mjøsa, about 2 km  
>from the western shore and about 7 km from Minnesund. They  
>were sigarshaped, about 2,5 m long, with about 1 m long wings  
>placed about 1 m behind the nose. The front and back parts  
>were shining like metal, but the middle section including the  
>>wings were dark. The wings seemed to flap a little. No fire or  
>light were seen. The objects were close together, one in front  
>of the other, and their trajectory were like when you throw a  
>stone. When they impacted in Lake Mjøsa, the water splashed  
>several meters in the air. No explosion was heard. The sky was  
>clear, and the water calm. Some of the witnesses were Sigvart  
>Skaug, his wife, son, and daughter, and Nils & Gustav  
>Tosterud.

>(Newspapers, etc., referring the incident:)  
>AFTENPOSTEN, 19 Jul 1946, 1; 20 Jul 1946, 1+5+14.  
>BUSKERUDS BLAD, 20 Jul 1946, 1.  
>DRAMMENS TIDENDE, 20 Jul 1946, 1.  
>FREM TIDEN, 20 Jul 1946, 1.  
>GÖTEBORGS-TIDNINGEN, Jul 1946.  
>HD, 20 Jul 1946.  
>SVD, 20 Jul 1946.  
>MT, 21 Jul 1946, 18.  
>AFTENPOSTEN, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
>ARBEIDERBLADET, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
>FREM TIDEN, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
>MORGENBLADET, 22 Jul 1946, 1.  
>FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, v 15/n 2 - Mar/Apr 1969, 18.  
>OFFICIAL UFO, Oct 1976, 61.  
>Gross: THE MYSTERY OF THE GHOST ROCKETS,  
>1982, 14-5.  
>AFU NEWSLETTER, 27 - Jan/Dec 1984, 4. "

>Lake Mjøsa is the largest lake in Norway, located in the county  
>of Hedemark, with the cities of Hamar, Lillehammer (1994  
>Winter Olympic Games) and Gjøvik at its shorelines.

The letter cited on the Project 1947 does indeed refer to the Lake Mjosa incident cited above.

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/46alusna.htm>

The letter from US Naval Force, Europe, dated 24 August 1946 also referred to other US official "ghost rocket" documents not yet recovered. We hope to find these and more...just recently two Air Force reports from this era on the subject of "mystery missiles" surfaced, not from Air Force files, but from Army files.

There is also a British intelligence document in September 1946 that also refers to the Lake Mjosa incident...When life stops interfering with my 1946 article, these documents will be discussed in some detail on the Project 1947 website.

Best regards,

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## Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 01:10:04 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 02:30:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 03:11:45 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Royce Myers <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Sun, 28 May 2000 23:45:24 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Fri, 26 May 2000 13:41:55 -0700  
>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

><snip>

>>>Royce,

>>>Being a "non-profit organization" does not mean that he is  
>>>working for free, or that he can't take time off.

>Thanks for the incredible insight ;-} I just find it peculiar  
>that a guy rakes in \$10G to file an appeal in federal court and  
>is then off on a vacation. While everyone has a right to earn a  
>living, how much does it cost to file a federal appeal?

In the early 90s, I was privy to an appeal that was filed in  
state court. Cost of creating the appeal and filing it was 7  
grand. If you are involved in a legal matter and you choose to  
do a deposition the attorneys tell you to plan for about 10G per  
depo in "your side" cost. So 10G is not out of line attorneys  
fees and costs.

><snip>

>>>If Peter was able to take a week or two off, goody for him.

>Sure, I'd like to work from home and have other people pay for  
>my vacations, too! Makes for a nice lifestyle until you start to

So would I, but here is the critical thought. We should not  
suggest that other people paid for his vacation because the  
simple truth is we don't know, and can only speculate. I would  
imagine it would be pretty easy to get a copy of the CAUS tax  
return from the IRS if they are a non profit entity. Some years  
back somebody showed me a copy of MUFONs and the directors  
salary was in the neighborhood of 60K per year.

>run out of cash. Don't get me wrong, ol' Pete may be putting in  
>his time, but to raise \$10G and then hit the road on a vacation  
>right afterwards, to me, doesn't look good. Ol' Pete made it

Truthfully looks should not matter, but unfortunatly in this day  
and age looks mean everything and reality and truth mean  
nothing. Kind of like when a UFO witness likens what he/she saw  
to say "Saturn" or another planet. All the skeptics instantly  
seize on and only hear "Saturn" so therefor the witness saw a  
bright planet. Never mind the rest of the story.

Oh well.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 08:11:44 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 02:34:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 07:47:05 -0400  
>From: Sue Kovios <[bradford@globalserve.net](mailto:bradford@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Re: The COMETA Report  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Thu, 25 May 2000 05:11:09 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Michel Algrin <[AlgrinM@aol.com](mailto:AlgrinM@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>Date: Wed, 24 May 2000 19:47:26 -0300  
>>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>>Subject: The COMETA Report  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>><snip>

>>>3. For those who would like a copy of the 90 page English  
>>>translation of the COMETA Report, I am making copies available,  
>>>as noted on Coast to Coast a few weeks ago, for only \$10.  
>>>including first class postage from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME  
>>>04730-0958. Or call toll free 877-457-0232 to use VISA or Master  
>>>Card..

>>>Stan Friedman

>>Mister the Director of list UFO UpDates - Toronto

>>Dear Sir,

>>I took note with great surprise of the message of Stan Friedman  
>>on your list (24 May 2000) in which he proposes to sell a  
>>translation in English of the 90 page 'COMETA Report: What Should  
>>We Prepare For?'.  
>>

>>Stan Friedman did not acquire any authorization from us. I point  
>>out that COMETA Report is protected (page 4) by the Copyright  
>>and that all reproduction, in whole or in part, translation and  
>>adaptation rights are reserved for all countries.

>>COMETA is going to publish the translation of this Report in  
>>English in the United States.

>>The advertisement of Stan Friedman causes us damage.

>>I will take legal action against him for counterfeit and  
>>plagiarism and also against all people who would buy its  
>>translation.

>>I ask you to publish this message on your list.

>  
>>Michel Algrin  
>>Attorney-At-Law  
>>Director of COMETA

>As I see it this information is public information scientific  
>in nature and paid for by a group whose wages are from

>the government which in turns is through the taxpayers.

>And also as I see it, \$10.00 covers postage and handling  
>and nothing more.

>And, also as I see it, most of the information from what I  
>gather, at the ISSO website as summarized by Guildas Boudrais,  
>is already knowledge among the UFO community.

><http://www.issso.org/inbox/cometa.htm>

>So what is COMETA copyrighting? The fact that they say 'Yes,  
>this stuff is real'.

>And how can they copyright other people's reports, observations,  
>findings, analysis of evidence unless of course the scientists,  
>researchers, etc. have been paid in advance.

>If General Norlain is an honourable gentleman in eyes of UNESCO  
>in the aspect of culture and peace, then should he not honour  
>their goals of awareness and global distribution of information  
>for all mankind by producing this educational information? As  
>UNESCO states on their website, the scientific community has an  
>obligation to mankind to keep the public informed of results  
>detrimental the to existence of mankind, and I don't think we're  
>just talking biosphere here.

>Honour that COMETA.

>Sue K

Sue-

The COMETA group is a private organization. It's members include some who are paid by the Government (of France), but that would not preclude COMETA from enforcing copyright restrictions on their work. While most of the facts presented in the COMETA report are indeed public knowledge, and nothing new to researchers, the opinions and thoughts of the COMETA group are not. This report was prepared issued at the whim of the COMETA group and was not (to my knowledge) requested by any official government entity. This should not be construed as an official Government document or report.

What seems to be lost here is that anyone can purchase a copy of this report in its original language and have it translated. I believe it is still available at Arcturas Books, and that version would include all the graphics that are referenced. As I understand it, the sales of this report (which appeared as a special report in a magazine) didn't sell that well in France, so the additional sales would be appreciated.

The translations, which Stanton offered for sale, was privately financed for the purpose of distributing it to the media and certain Government officials. Certain researchers, such as Stanton, were provided with copies when they requested them so that they could help to spread the word about its importance. However, they were not given authorization to distribute it further. The Fund for UFO Research acted as the go-between in getting this translation completed and has been tasked with distributing the report as allowed by the negotiated agreement.

As pointed out earlier, the COMETA group has been very protective of their report and IMO want to control its distribution. There are apparently facets of the UFO community that they would rather not become associated with for fear that it might impact their credibility. To be honest, I can fully understand that viewpoint.

This is the same frustration that many felt several years ago when the Best Available Evidence was produced in limited numbers for Media, government, and Business leaders. Many in ufology felt slighted that it hadn't been released to the general public, but that hadn't been its intent and it was a privately financed effort with specific targets and goals. Now, nearly five years later, the BAE is about to be released by Dell Publications and the general public will finally get a chance to see what the fuss was all about.

I suspect that the COMETA report will be released quicker than that, since they've already expressed a goal in getting it out.

Re: The COMETA Report

But the publication could take a while to put together, unless they scale back their goals.

Steve

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## Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

From: **Dennis Stacy** <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 20:53:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 02:41:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe

>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 21:34:53 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: McMinnville UFO Photos Soar The Globe  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>As to your present question as to why not leave out all  
>details, the obvious answer is that it wouldn't be necessary.  
>Only the overhead power lines in the photos directly suggest how  
>a hoax might have been carried out. What else in the photos  
>might suggest this? The house or garage? The power pole in the  
>distance? The distant mountains or buildings?

David,

You really do have too much time on your hands to wax so prolix.

I guess a person, if so inclined, couldn't get on the roof of a house or garage with a bamboo fishing pole? Remember those suckers?

My point was and is a simple one.

You seem to be saying that if the Trents hoaxed the pictures, they wouldn't have included the powerlines in same, therefore the presence of powerlines in the pictures is evidence that the Trents didn't hoax the pictures. This is mind-reading on your part.

If I misread you, my apologies.

As for my take on the Trent photos, you can find it on pp. 54-55 of the following:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380802651/qid=959718670/sr=1-1/103-3136292-5743861>

And don't fret too much about that sales ranking. That's what happens when you write a sensible book about UFOs.

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Corso & COMETA

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 17:40:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 02:44:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 20:42:37 -0400 (EDT)  
>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>Dear EBK, Mr. Menace, Tail Twisters of the Updates Forums...

>It's pretty easy to refute, criticize and or/defame, simply  
>because the expressions of one or more individuals offend your  
>pair of dimes. Thusfar, all we've heard (read) from you on this  
>and other subjects are critique. Which is fine. However Dennis,  
>your critiques are presented as facts, facts which denigrate the  
>positions of others.

Jim,

I think you need to read Corso's book again, with an eye to who  
\_he\_ defames therein. His body count is a lot higher than mine is.  
I'm only defaming him. He defames almost everyone he served with,  
save himself.

>Might this denigration be some sort of psychological complex?  
>Perhaps a superiority complex? Hmmm. Maybe an inferiority one?

Sorry, wrong on all three accounts. Just an ability to recognize  
hogwash when I read it. See Friedman's post to the same effect.

<snip>

>But first, allow me to purchase a stainless steel face mask.  
>Which unfortunately, I've only been able to purchase in white.

>Jim Mortellaro

Save a few bucks so you can buy a copy of my The Field Guide to  
UFOs, co-authored with Patrick Huyghe, and published by Quill,  
an imprint of HarperCollins, only about \$10.40 from Amazon.

No UFOs were harmed in the production of same. Sorry about the  
trees, though, who were more than defamed in the process. In  
fact, they were chopped down and pulped! Thankfully, I didn't  
have to watch.

Dennis Stacy

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From: **Dennis Stacy** <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 02:46:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 19:28:33 -0300  
>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>I consider the comments about Corso a weak point, rather than a  
>strong point, of the Report indicating the authors hadn't dug  
>very deeply into Corso...

>Stan Friedman

At the risk of further offending Dr. Gripple, I can only concur  
with Stan on this one.

Corso's book is a complete sham, probably perpetrated in the  
main by his co-author. And that applies regardless of whether  
Roswell is true or not.

Dennis Stacy

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## MUFON LA Reports Boomerang Craft

From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <[Ndunlks@aol.com](mailto:Ndunlks@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 13:12:09 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 02:56:06 -0400  
Subject: MUFON LA Reports Boomerang Craft

From: [IamDorian@aol.com](mailto:IamDorian@aol.com)  
Full-name: Iam Dorian  
Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 08:21:27 EDT  
Subject: \*\*\*\*Fwd: MUFON LA reports boomerang craft--Military Test  
Craft? [UFO Report: Dorian'sCommentary]  
To: undisclosed-recipients:;

The Following UFO Report interested me:

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The following report was received by MUFON LA on May 17, 2000.  
It seems that most of our reports in the last couple years have  
been in the Covina/LaVerne, Ca. area.

On May 12, 2000 at approximately 22:17, a male witness and his  
fiance were exiting their vehicle at her home in Covina, Ca. and  
noticed something floating in the night sky. It was gray in  
color and first appeared to be an owl or bird of prey with a  
large wingspan hovering over her house. Upon closer inspection,  
they both realized that it was not a bird and observed the  
following:

It floated about 500-2000 feet in the air. Moved slightly faster  
than a blimp, however, not as fast as a conventional aircraft.  
Was very well camouflaged in the orange-gray night sky. Had a  
wingspan of about 30-60 feet in the shape of a boomerang. Moved  
in a North East direction. Had an airspeed of less than 50 miles  
per hour. Had what appeared to be very tiny and faint orange  
lights all over its under carriage. Did not change course or  
speed. Had no engine sounds. No navigational lights common to  
conventional aircraft.

The witnesses agreed that they had observed a UFO, but as to the  
nature of its origin (military or alien) they could not say with  
certainty, but that they had observed advanced technology.

It should be noted that the witnesses were looking in the sky  
because there was some police helicopter activity about two  
miles away. The object they saw appeared to have no concern of  
the busy night sky and was headed in the opposite direction.

P.S. It should also be noted that the witness has a background  
as a senior aircraft maintenance technician in the Air Force  
reserves and is very familiar with conventional aircraft.

Upon further discussion, the witness added that he was unable to  
receive cell phone messages for three days after the  
incident..... even with two additional cell phone replacements!

All the best,

Bill Casey  
Director of Investigations  
MUFON LA

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Although described as "Boomerang" like in shape, the description of the craft as having Orange-Red lights underneath should be familiar to those that have read the report of the two Giant Triangles, that lifted out of Los Alamitos Naval Airstation airspace on the 17th of Sept., 1994.

For those unfamiliar with the Southern California area, it should be noted that this area of CA has played host to many military aircraft developers. In fact, to the best of my knowledge, sightings of the Giant Triangle type began in this area of the Country. Anyone with basic math can add two and two. Just look at the location of Area-51. The sheer number of military bases and corresponding restricted flight areas in and around Southern/Central, CA and Nevada, as well as the amount of open underpopulated land, makes test flights over the neighboring deserts a certainty.

In fact, should be find it a coincidence that the first EVER recorded flying wing-like UFO was reported near Mt. Shasta in 1947? Top Secret and classified experimental aircraft were tested over the deserts for years from Edwards Air Force Base, Lockheed's facilities, Northrop's facilities, and other manufacturer's test sites even earlier in last century (i.e., like Hughes Aircraft).

it should be noted that this craft, estimated to be traveling roughly NE, was on a similar heading to the craft sighted leaving Los Alamitos. It is sometimes difficult to estimate heading of aircraft when the observer is ground based. Not to mention there is always the ability for any aircraft to make course corrections and changes in heading. Yet, if we allow room for some slight errors in estimation, one of two possibilities would be a heading, for the craft, of NNE. This is the proper heading for Areas-51 and S4...the Nellis Test Range in Nevada.

The reader should be aware that the Nellis Air Force Test Range runs roughly NW, through Central Nevada. Also, Boeing, a major developer of "Top Secret" (or Ultra Top Secret) aircraft, has two facilities and runways near Seattle; one site north of Seattle (Everett), and one site south of Seattle (Renton).

If we assume for a minute that many-if not most-UFOs are actually Ultra Top Secret experimental military aircraft, then we might expect them to be tested. Those tests would be in areas either controlled by one or another branch of the US military, or over predominately unpopulated areas. If aircraft were being tested in flights between these two areas between the known Nevada Test Sites (Area 51/S4) and Boeing's "Black-ops" facilities in Washington, we might expect sightings in airspaces (over stretches of uninhabited desert flats or even stretches of open water) located somewhere between the two locations.

Here is a list of the West Coast sightings of UFOs in America. The majority were sightings made in Washington/Oregon/Nevada, and along the Nevada California border...all during the famous UFO year, 1947. This was the year of the Roswell "crash," as well as the year of the first recorded UFO sightings in the US.

Although the sighting often referred to as the FIRST, was made by a pilot, Kenneth Arnold (his description of the flight characteristics being later popularized by the description "flying saucer), there was one claim of an earlier sighting as well. This sighting was made over Puget Sound. Also in Washington State. This sighting was later termed a "hoax," yet this reader is not convinced that it was. I've included a review for the sake of those who may be interested.

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(NOTE: Number in front of names are only for reference, to simplify discussion. They are in chronological order, but do not represent ALL the UFO sightings reported in 1947)

1) On 21 June, 1947

#### THE MAURY ISLAND INCIDENT: A SYNOPSIS

On 21 June, 1947, three days before Kenneth Arnold reported his observation of a formation of objects traveling like a saucer skipped across the water, a significant event occurred.

In Puget Sound harbor, between Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, Harold A. Dahl, his teenage son Charles, two other crew members and the family dog were patrolling for salvage logs when they saw six huge doughnut-shaped objects in the sky. The objects appeared to be about one hundred feet in diameter and of a bright metallic appearance. Five of the objects were circling a sixth, which looked as if it were in difficulty.

Suddenly, there was an explosion, and the sixth vessel discharged a quantity of metallic residue. Flakes of material similar to aluminum and some additional material (which resembled cooled lava) fell around them. Some fragments hit the boat and caused damage, one fragment injured Dahl's son and another killed the family dog.

One of the circling discs approached the malfunctioning disc and in some fashion "jump-started" it. All of the discs then rose rapidly and vanished.

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Artist's interpretation of the 1947 Kenneth Arnold sighting. Note that the artist has taken the liberty to embellish the painting, making it more alien-looking. See the probable aircraft, that Kenneth actually saw, the Nazi Horten IX Stealth Bomber.

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This sighting was followed by many more. I have listed those that occurred in the Western states--WA, OR, CA, NV--below.

2) June 24, 1947--Mt. Rainier, Wash. Kenneth Arnold sighting. Term "Flying saucer" coined.

3) June 28, 1947--Near Lake Mead, Nevada. USAF F-51 pilot reported a formation of 5-6 circular objects.

4) July 4, 1947--Portland, Oregon. Police and many others saw many UFOs in formations and singly beginning about 1:05 p.m.

5) July 4, 1947--Near Boise, Idaho. United Airlines pilot and crew, enroute to Portland, Ore., saw 9 disc-like UFOs.

6) July 4, 1947--Seattle, Wash. Coast Guard yeoman took first known photograph of UFO, a circular object which moved across the wind. Photo shows round dot of light.

7) July 4, 1947--Redmond, Oregon. Car full of people saw four disc-shaped UFOs streak past Mt, Jefferson.

8) July 6, 1947--Fairfield-Suisun AFB, Calif, Pilot reported "oscillating" UFO which shot across sky.

9) July 8, 1947--Series of sightings over Muroc AFB and Rogers Dry Lake, secret test base, California:

a) Morning. Two spherical or disc-like UFOs joined by a third object. Crew of technicians saw white-aluminum UFO with distinct oval outline descending, moving against wind.

b) Afternoon: Thin "metallic" UFO climbed, dove, oscillated over field, also seen by test pilot in vicinity.

c) F-51 pilot watched a flat object "of light-reflecting nature" pass above his plane. No known aircraft were in area.

10) July 9, 1947--Near Boise, Idaho. Newspaper aviation editor saw flat circular UFO maneuver in front of clouds.

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Notice that the sightings over: 1) Puget Sound, 2) Mt. Rainier, 4) Portland,

6) Seattle and 7) Redmond, 9)

If one flew from the southern end to it's northern end, and kept going over largely uninhabited desert on the same heading, one would pass next to or over Mt. Shasta.

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Ongoing Military "Top Secret" Testing? =====

Below I've pasted some of the discussion of the Kenneth Arnold sighting, which I think speaks for itself. Not ALL UFO sightings are extraterrestrial.

This being said, you'll not that most of the other sightings I listed refer to Discs. A good investigator must admit that, upon hearing the expression "flying saucer," many people would have imagined a disc-like craft. Hence, although we cannot discount disc sightings during the months of June-July, 1947, as manifestations of vivid imaginations (test pilots and other pilots are usually the best and most informed observers of aerial phenomena), we do need to put such sightings in perspective.

It is interesting that so many of these flights appear to be along a line that could be imagined as a rather desolate corridor that stretches from the Boeing aircraft facilities in the Seattle area, through lower mountain passes, and directly to the Secret Test bases in Nevada. Here is some food for thought (italics mine) .

Some of the other sightings occurred adjacent to other US Military Test Sites/Air Fields.

These sightings both occurred on the southern side of this hypothetical corridor:

- 3) Lake Mead
- 9) Muroc AFB and Rogers Dry Lake (secret test base, in CA)

And those in Fairfield and Biose Idaho lie near older and established US Air Force Bases

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Travis AFB and vicinity today.

Travis AFB

Quoting from the OFFICIAL AFB Information pages:

<http://www.travis.af.mil/database/museum/hist1.jpg>

"Travis AFB was activated on May 11, 1943, the field was named (coincidentally) Fairfield-Siusun Army Air Base." Originally the Air Field began as an isolated airstrip in the middle of a wind-swept prarie (a good test site...isolated and surrounded by relatively flat prarie in ncas of a crash?) and "The first runway and temporary buildings were constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1942..."

This section bears closer investigation:

"...the base's potential as a major aerial port and supply (aircraft?) transfer point for teh Pacific theatre led the Army Corps to assign it to the newly-designated Air Transport Command. The base officially opened June 1, 1943, with the primary mission of ferrying tactical aircraft from California across the Pacific to the War Zone." I suggest it later functioned in ferrying captured UFO discs, perhaps the German variety said to have ben developed in Antarctica at the very close of the War II, through California to...Nevada??? Idaho???

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Mountain Home AFB

In the general vicinity of Boise Idaho, and to the South, lies the Mountain Home AFB near. Like Travis AFB, this base too was developed during WWII. It's function seems to have been that of training pilots in NEW aircraft.

From the AFB's official Web page we read:

<http://www.mountainhome.af.mil/>

"...Mountain Home airmen began training crews for the B-24 Liberator. The first group to do so was the 470th Bombardment Group (Heavy), which trained at Mountain Home from May 1, 1943, until January 1944, when the unit moved to Nevada...The base also received fighter aircraft to add realism to its training. A few P-38 and P-63 pursuit planes arrived in January 1945 to simulate attacks on B-24s. In June 1945, Mountain Home also briefly served as a training base for the new B-29 Superfortress, but the end of the war in August brought a swift end to the new mission and, for a time, to the base at Mountain Home. The base was placed in inactive status in October 1945.

The base remained inactive until December 1948 when the newly independent United States Air Force assigned first the 5th Reconnaissance Group and then the 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing and their RB-17s to Idaho and the newly renamed Mountain Home Air Force Base."

So, during the period of the 1947 sighting, the base was inactive...or was it? Today, even with our modern highways, Mountain home AFB is 60 minutes driving time from Boise. In fact, back in 1947, this was probably considered a remote location. What better place to land/test a top secret aircraft?

[Unable to display image] [Image-3] The Mountain Home AFB and vicinity today. The river gorge to the south is one of the deepest in the nation.

..and the Boise Sighting...near Mountain Home AFB

Both also lie on either side of the above-mentioned hypothetical corridor.

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A CASE FOR MANY UFO SIGHTINGS BEING ADVANCED MILITARY CRAFT

I think that the following is an important little exposé, as it make the point that many UFO sightings, are probably OUR military tests.

The question arises though, what about all the disc sightings?

I am still a believer that, along with the Nazi Horten craft we may have grabbed some ACTUAL discs based on a revolutionary new technology. There are many tellings of the story of a Top Secret US Naval engagement which allegedly took place off the coast of Antarctica (close the South African coast) that included an aerial battle where our boys fought disc-like aircraft apparently based on a radical new form of propulsion. As the story goes, the first time in we got our butts kicked. Later we alledged to have returned and captured some of the craft. Who knows?

I guess this raises the question, could we have captured discs, and then flown them to bases in Nevada (via other bases, and possibly from early tests and back-engineering sessions at Boeing?) in the summer of 1997?

The original pilot drawing does disagree with the drawing of the Horten wing in one particular—in Kenneth's drawing there is a distinct round cockpit or artifact in the center of the craft. Although the first thing that comes to mind is that there MUST be a cockpit, it's round shape is curious. Kenneth could NOT have had an encounter with a completely round cockpit cover in his experience, such a thing would not have been aerodynamic. Flying fortresses did have such structures under and on top of the craft, for gunners, but not as a fliers cockpit.

If this WAS a Gravity-field powered craft, one that was also manned, a tower arrangement would have been critical in order to create a self-contained inertial field effect (Look at MOST disc to see this, it is a prominent feature, and I propose—a basic feature of REAL extraterrestrial craft). But such a tower is particularly non-aerodynamic on this sort of craft. This is why I often refer to these wings as "hybrid" technology. Yet, if they were some sort of hybrid, then you might expect such a skipping or wobbling motion. It is also possible that (if there were employment of a G-field effect) that these rather primitive craft employed such technology as a sort of inertial dampener—not unlike that of the "levitation" technology recently discovered in Finland.

If there actually was a G-field generator employed for lateral thrust/lift, however, this configuration would almost certainly have been a more traditional tripod arrangement. Yet, although (as I've modeled it) there are many ways to "skin a cat," each application of G-field technology has its advantages and/or limitations. It is a shame no one could have verified this sighting from beneath the craft, perhaps this would have helped cleared up the mystery.

Well, anyway, a less exciting, but simpler explanation is explored below. I thought you all might enjoy this.

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<http://www.hiphopmusic-rapmusic.com/ufos-flyingsaucers/ufos.html>

On June 24, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a successful salesman and experienced search and rescue pilot, took off in his small plane from Chehalis, Washington en route to Yakima.

Close to Mineral, Washington and about 25 miles from Mount Rainier, he noticed a formation of 9 unusual objects flying from north to south at around 9,500 feet. He observed the objects strange flight characteristics for 2 to 3 minutes and calculated their speed at over 1,200 m.p.h. , a speed totally unheard of at the time.

When Arnold landed at Yakima, Washington, he told some people of the incredible new high speed aircraft he had witnessed. He flew on to Pendleton, Oregon and found a number of reporters were waiting, eager to learn about these new aircraft.

Asked to describe how they flew, Arnold explained that, "they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water".

A reporter named Bill Begrette coined the phrase "flying saucer" and people have been claiming to see "flying saucers" ever since!

But curiously, Kenneth Arnold did not actually describe a saucer shaped craft and "flying saucers" are by no means the only phenomenon consistently described in reports.

This is what Kenneth Arnold sketched.

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These are two images of the Nazi Horton IX Stealth Bomber.

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[http://www.phoenix-model.com/images/PM\\_Models/PMM210.jpg](http://www.phoenix-model.com/images/PM_Models/PMM210.jpg)

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[http://www.phoenix-model.com/images/PM\\_Models/PMM220.jpg](http://www.phoenix-model.com/images/PM_Models/PMM220.jpg)

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At the end of World War II, U.S. military and scientific Instrumentalities literally stripped Nazi Germany of its scientists and and amazingly super-advanced Science. That is to say, however, that they only were able to secretly salvage what the Russians had not already taken.

In such matters, Knowledge is Power, right?

Secret Knowledge is more Powerful.

It would appear that what Kenneth Arnold saw was a flight of captured Nazi Horto9n IX bombers being flown in the vicinity of Mount Ranier, for whatever reason.

Investigation revealed to this writer that the Horton HO IX was a highly advanced (for the time) flying wing type of craft, which actually had Stealth, radar-invisibilty, some 50 years ahead of its time.

This craft was known to be unstable, however, and documentably flew with a distinct skipping motion.

Conclusion? That the United States has been in possession of a supersonic stealth airplane for more than 50 years, and, further, that it has been a closely guarded secret, all that time, and still is.

Why? Obviously, at the height of the Cold War, these craft were being used for over flights of Russia and other communist countries. Given their stealth invisibility on radar, great speed and secrecy, they were one of the most incredibly potent weapons in the arsenal of the free world.

Therefore, it is obvious that the United States allowed the myth of flying saucers and UFOs to grow, and may even have fostered same, in the name of national security.

The fact that this policy still seems to be in effect speaks for itself. It is rumored that the United States typically is in a state of scientific advancement some 15 to 20 years ahead of what is generally available to the rest of the world (Earth).

No one knows what the current state of United States military and scientific advancement may be.

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Interesting...hmmmm? Many of you already know this, but many do not. This is a little history and education for those who may be less informed.

Dorian

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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 03:11:45 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Royce Myers >[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto >[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Thanks for the incredible insight ;-} I just find it peculiar  
>>that a guy rakes in \$10G to file an appeal in federal court and  
>>is then off on a vacation. While everyone has a right to earn a  
>>living, how much does it cost to file a federal appeal?

>I'm not sure if you got up on the wrong side of the bed, Royce,  
>or simply have a grossly distorted view of how nonprofit groups  
>work. But your criticism of Peter Gersten is misguided and the  
>epitome of a cheap shot.

>Peter just finished a lawsuit trying to pry loose information  
>out of a government that is manifestly unwilling to release it.  
>When that was unsuccessful, Peter filed an appeal, an action  
>that takes some effort, even if the filing is an empty shell  
>with the details to be filled in later.

>And the fund-raiser you seem to be in a froth about would also  
>take work -- for organization, tickets, marketing and so forth.  
>Having done a little fund-raising, I have to laugh at your  
>characterization of Peter "raking in" \$10,000. It ain't that  
>easy, babe.

>I have not worked for a nonprofit organization before, but as  
>they say, some of my best friends have. The work itself is not  
>so different from duties with for-profit corporations, with the  
>exception that those working for nonprofits often have a passion  
>for the agency's cause that transcends such considerations as  
>salary and benefits.

>While some large nonprofit agencies have high-paid executives  
>(Larry, I believe United Way was paying around \$400,000 for its  
>executive director), I sincerely doubt that Peter is rolling in  
>dough. I for one am appreciative of his efforts and am grateful  
>he had a chance to take some time off over the Memorial Day  
>weekend to enjoy his family and friends.

>I hope you also had a chance to spend time with your family and  
>friends, Royce.

Pat,

I'm hardly in a 'froth' about this. That's the problem with  
e-mail, too many people make the wrong interpretations about the  
text. If you'll notice I put a little smiley face at the end of  
the sentence and, gee whiz, the smiley face thing was suppose to  
be winking. Oh no, I must have gotten up on the wrong side of  
the bed again... By the way, my name is Royce, not babe. I live  
in Oregon, not Hollywood.

I simply made an observation based on my past experience with ol' Pete. Guys that tell you how every day is a vacation for them and then wind up begging for money just don't click too well with me. Of course, you not knowing the extent of my personal experience with ol' Pete may hamper you from completely understanding my past and current critiques of him and many other so-called UFO proponents. I can't hold you accountable for what you aren't aware of.

As for your comment about a 'cheap shot', I call them like I see them. A guy starts raising cash to file an appeal, gets the money and then takes off on vacation. Everyone deserves a break, but that was just a little too much.

I've invested at least over \$8G of my own money (not to mention my time) into UFOs. This doesn't count the time I've actually taken off work (without pay) or the time I've put into it. Maybe I should hold a fund raiser, eh?

Anyone that gets in this field knows you won't make a living do it unless you lecture like hell and write a few books or you host a UFO conference that pulls in people.

Your assumption of my not understanding how non-profit organizations work is just that, an assumption. I worked for Shriner's and the March of Dimes doing fund raising.

If someone wants to earn a living then they need to get a job. Pete's an attorney, why doesn't he go back to doing that? Oh wait, he's retired...

Anyone who thinks a lawsuit is going to blow the lid off of what the government knows or doesn't know about UFOs is smoking crack. This should be evident by the huge brick wall ol' Pete keeps running in to. Of course, the logic is to keep throwing money at the problem... until you run out. Or you can keep running face first into the same brick wall until your face is bloody. Hey, then there could be a fund raiser for plastic surgery...

Regards,

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

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## Re: The COMETA Report

From: **Steven W. Kaeser** <[steve@konsulting.com](mailto:steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 06:49:22 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:39:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: The COMETA Report

Previously I had written:

>What seems to be lost here is that anyone can purchase a copy  
>of this report in its original language and have it translated.  
>I believe it is still available at Arcturas Books, and that  
>version would include all the graphics that are referenced. As  
>I understand it, the sales of this report (which appeared as a  
>special report in a magazine) didn't sell that well in France,  
>so the additional sales would be appreciated.

I have since learned that some of my comments here were not  
entirely accurate and would like to make minor corrections to  
the record:

Bob Girard reportedly purchased only 30 copies of the original  
COMETA report (VSD Magazine), and he has apparently sold out.

Of 70,000 copies of the magazine that printed, 50,000 were sold  
from store shelves during the two months they remained there.  
The rest are being sold by VSD as requests come in, and they  
have small pile remaining.

My comment that the COMETA report didn't sell well was obviously  
incorrect, and I regret the error.

Steve

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## Re: Corso & COMETA

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 09:03:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:41:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 17:51:07 -0500  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 19:28:33 -0300  
>>From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>very deeply into Corso..

>Corso's book is a complete sham, probably perpetrated in the  
>main by his co-author. And that applies regardless of whether  
>Roswell is true or not.

Let me add my voice to the chorus here. Corso/Birnes's book is a  
lie from beginning to end, and it is nothing to which any  
serious ufologist ought to devote a second thought. It's the  
most shameless hoax since that other notorious crashed-saucer  
book, Frank Scully's Behind the Flying Saucers, in 1950. Sadly,  
it will probably be with us as long as Scully's.

Jerry Clark

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From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 10:31:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 16:46:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 17:51:07 -0500  
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Dennis and List

The problem with Corso's book is that most people who believe Corso have not read it. They have skimmed through parts of it. I doubt that the COMETA - whoever they are - took the time to read the darn thing. They certainly did not do any kind of independent research on this character or his claims. It does not speak highly of their investigations.

I get the impression from corresponding with my French colleagues that some of them think that a colonel is a high official who has importance in the power or social structure of the United States. First off, Corso was not a colonel, he achieved the rank Lieutenant Colonel. Even so, there are thousands of retired colonels and lieutenant colonels. Some former military officers are important in both the country's power and social structure, but most are not.

Corso, generally, does not come anywhere close to the truth in book or his subsequent claims. See:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jul/m20-021.shtml>

Prejury, smerjury! At his age, were the authorities really going to go after him in court?

CUFON has Corso's Officer Qualification Record

<http://www.cufon.org>

Corso's claims that he single handedly saved the world, hid secret cameras on satellites, fostered the development of all kinds of major technological breakthroughs, etc., etc., etc., ring hollow with just a little research, but "the will to believe" his fantastic story overcomes all doubt with some.

Corso was an Officer Candidate School (OCS) graduate, a "90 day wonder," yet he doesn't know the functioning of the World War II basic infantry weapon, the M-1, Rifle? OCS candidates learned this weapon better than they learned the shape their wives' bodies. Why? Probably because Birnes wrote most of his book from a few war stories that Corso told him. Birnes and Corso didn't even take time to coordinate the story with his qualification record.

Corso's recently released FBI files reveal he ran afoul of the Bureau a number of times with various claims. Included in the

various FBI contacts is a Corso "joke." He and three of Senator Thurmond's assistants supposed concocted a letter saying the FBI was illegally tapping Senator Thurmond's telephone. The "joke letter" found blowing around on the Capitol grounds was taken to the FBI. When confronted on the letter by the FBI, Corso said it was late at night and the the aids to Thurmond had nothing to do. Great juvenile prank, but hardly worthy of the savior of the planet!

Interesting is an isolated comment in the FBI files, "Corso and General Trudeau have caused the FBI and other Federal agencies to expend many hours of work and much manpower in running down wild accusations."

A memo on Corso dated 11 Feb 1965 contains the following: "Corso is well known to the Bureau. He fancies himself as an expert in the intelligence field and has a history of wholesale accusations against many people and many agencies of the Federal Government of plotting to subvert the Nation. He has caused many agencies, including the FBI, to expend much manpower, money and effort to disprove some of his injudicious accusations."

<snip>

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>strong point, of the Report indicating the authors hadn't dug  
>>very deeply into Corso...

>>Stan Friedman

>At the risk of further offending Dr. Gripple, I can only concur  
>with Stan on this one.

>Corso's book is a complete sham, probably perpetrated in the  
>main by his co-author. And that applies regardless of whether  
>Roswell is true or not.

>Dennis Stacy

I expect that the COMETA's report will have only one lasting effect in the UFO field. It will bolster the Corso's wild and unsupported story.

Jan Aldrich

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## The Horten Wings And Reality

From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2000 8:49 AM  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 17:27:56 -0400  
Subject: The Horten Wings And Reality

Hello, all.

Somehow, I knew this would pop up again. So here we go:

1. The History of the Horten Bros. is well known, documented recently in an recent article (June2000 issue) of "Flight Journal". A very good article, by the way, it mainly concentrates on the Horten LV, and its soaring ability - and its problems. This is why I don't buy 1200 mph Horten Pelic-er X's or whatever, is the inherent instability in pitch (nose, down, up). Ask where and why Edwards AFB got its name. Instabilitiy makes for a real lousy Bomber, stealth or otherwise. Try that in a close formation, and you are going to be spreading Aluminum all over the mountian.

2. The available Technology in the 40's for high speed flight.

Ok, the fastest things in the late forties, were Rocket powered X-craft of various types and nationalities, Re; the XS-1 is but one example. Republic had a supersonic jet fighter, the XF91, that had rockets for high speed flight, and the British also had several different Rocket/Jet combos as experimental Fighters.

One problem: no range for a decent combat radius. The Germans experience with the ME-163 Komet proved this, you get one pass, if you are lucky, and you don't get shot down by the P-47 that is behind you on landing, and you don't get blown up by the Hydrazine fumes in the empty tank; make very very gentle landings however the incentive of eight .50 caliber Brownings may preclude that...

Now, how about Jets of the era; there were two common types. Axial Flow and Centrifigal Flow, or Whittle type engines. The J-34 and the J-33 are examples of each still in use today. The J-34 axial flow jet is used (an example) on the P-2V Neptune Airtankers for jet assist (or "Defuelers" as that are not so warmly called). The J-33 was used in the T-33, and the P-80 and there are T-33s still around in service and in private hands. Both the J-33 & J-34 are excellent examples of the overweight and underpowered but reliable early jets.

German Jets; Junkers and BMW they weren't as reliable as the less powerful Whittle type because of one problem; Mettallurgy. The German Axial flow engines operated at a higher temperature than the Whittle Type. There were a myriad of development problems for the Junkers engines (the ones that may have pushed the Ho-223 - but not to 1200 MPH) such as a nasty tendency to ah, blow up at inopportune times. Even Speer admitted that the developmental problems could not be overcome.

British and American jets: The allies had more operational Jets than the Germans! There were never more than" 50 or so 262's operational at one time"- Adolf Galland, General of the Luftwaffe. There was a P-80 squadron in Italy at the end of WW 11. The Brtish Meteor was also, Operational, if you will in squardron strength.

3. Saucer tech from the Nazis.



Yes the Germans had in the 1940's some real designs that could be called saucers - rotating wings et.al. but no way to have the range or performance necessary-no powerplants available to do so. let alone antigravity, given known physics earthbound physics anyway.

4. Whose Butt got kicked?

My late father in-law was attacked at Remagen Bridge by German Jets. They missed the bridge. An autobiography I read some time back (I can't remember whose it was, one of Martin Cadin's books, Col. Hub Zemke I believe) stated that the best time to attack the Me 262 was at takeoff or landing. Because of the poor acceleration of the 262. They shot them down.

Yes, when the war was over the spoils went to victors. The Russians had a particularly nasty surprise for us in Korea; that old Alley fighter the MiG-15 (which combined British Engine and German Airframe tech.). the Boeing B-47 was another superlative design.

Sorry about the long post but some things can't be left unsaid,

GT McCoy

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## Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

From: Pat McCartney <[ElPatricio@aol.com](mailto:ElPatricio@aol.com)>  
Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 12:42:34 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 17:31:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice

>Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 22:58:12 -0700  
>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>Subject: Re: CAUS Files Appeal Notice  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>bloody. Hey, then there could be a fund raiser for plastic  
>surgery...

At the risk of sounding like a crack addict, I fully support each researcher's efforts to chip away at the brick wall that defines UFO secrecy or compartmentalized information. In the political area, which I believe UFOs have become a part of, lawsuits sometimes can shed light on a subject when other methods have failed. (Certainly the media treats lawsuits more seriously than, say, the 50th anniversary of Roswell.)

If your point is that people like Pete Gersten should give up their efforts because the "brick wall" amounts to the proverbial immovable object, I would cite the example of the Berlin Wall. Like many other people, I believed that the monolithic Soviet Union was a permanent institution and the Berlin Wall was an ugly monument to their power.

We had plenty of examples of those foolish East Europeans stupidly butting their heads against that indomitable brick wall. Should they not have given up as well?

As everyone now knows, the Soviet Union's rigid central economy and topdown power structure ultimately led to its disintegration. In the twinkling of an eye, the empire collapsed, the paradigm shifted so to speak, and what seemed permanent was revealed as a sham, sort of like Oz behind the Iron Curtain.

Call me an optimist, but I believe that the combined efforts of UFO researchers, the weight of numbers of UFO enthusiasts and yes, the political efforts of people like Peter Gersten will in the long run pull the curtain away from the U.S. secrecy apparatus. Even when the odds seem insurmountable, fighting the good fight is always the right thing to do.

And, you're right Royce, I didn't know your criticism of Peter was based on personal animus. Now I know.

Pat McCartney  
Former Hollywood glamour boy, babe.

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 14:05:14 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 17:35:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA

>Date: Tue, 30 May 2000 17:40:18 -0500  
>From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Date: Mon, 29 May 2000 20:42:37 -0400 (EDT)  
>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Corso & COMETA  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

><snip>

>>Dear EBK, Mr. Menace, Tail Twisters of the Updates Forums...

>>It's pretty easy to refute, criticize and or/defame, simply  
>>because the expressions of one or more individuals offend your  
>>pair of dimes. Thusfar, all we've heard (read) from you on this  
>>and other subjects are critique. Which is fine. However Dennis,  
>>your critiques are presented as facts, facts which denigrate the  
>>positions of others.

>Jim,

>I think you need to read Corso's book again, with an eye to who  
>\_he\_ defames therein. His body count is a lot higher than mine is.  
>I'm only defaming him. He defames almost everyone he served with,  
>save himself.

>>Might this denigration be some sort of psychological complex?  
>>Perhaps a superiority complex? Hmmm. Maybe an inferiority one?

>Sorry, wrong on all three accounts. Just an ability to recognize  
>hogwash when I read it. See Friedman's post to the same effect.

><snip>

>>But first, allow me to purchase a stainless steel face mask.  
>>Which unfortunately, I've only been able to purchase in white.

>>Jim Mortellaro

>Save a few bucks so you can buy a copy of my The Field Guide to  
>UFOs, co-authored with Patrick Huyghe, and published by Quill,  
>an imprint of HarperCollins, only about \$10.40 from Amazon.

>No UFOs were harmed in the production of same. Sorry about the  
>trees, though, who were more than defamed in the process. In  
>fact, they were chopped down and pulped! Thankfully, I didn't  
>have to watch.

>Dennis Stacy

Dear Dennis, EBK, Tail and Lister Twisters,

I seriously doubt my need for a field guide, as I've seen a few  
(not all) but a few, on my own. And interestingly, every single  
sucker carried the "navigation" lights which Patrick found so  
amusing on Strange Days, Indeed.

Always wondered about the lights but never regarded these as navigation aids to either the UFO or other, more conventional flying craft, altho these light on UFO's may very well be for concealment to the masses who never observe anything except a bottle of Gripple with a little purple left over. It may be many things. However like the phenomena itself, we don't know what or why. So I prefer not to find it amusing, but rather observe the phenom and try to figure it out. This is, after all, the purpose of the cadre of researchers we are stuck with. Is it not?

As an aside, it has always been a feeling of mine that lights on UFO's had some much more important function than to merely light the way, or be recognized. They must function for other, more sophisticated purposes. Just my opinion.

I read Corso's book. I found it interesting. I did not dissect it for purposes of defaming it, him or his ideas. I read it, respected the man for his coming out (that ain't easy, I can testify to that) and decided that there was nothing in the book which proved anything beyond a shadow of a doubt. Not truth, not lies, not anything. Just one man's stated truth.

Abductees should get together and form a pact. We should call ourselves "perceived" abductees. If we make that distinction in the face of what our memories shriek out as truth, and our intellects shriek out even louder as an impossibility, then and only then, can someone such as yourself understand the angst felt by someone who has a truth, but knows it may not be either believed or be a truth.

The end result, in my case at least, is an open mind. No need to respond. It's like arguing birth control, gun control or politics. It's a no-win scenario. Besides, when you ain't got no faith, then you got unbelief. Someone smarter than I said that.

Jim

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