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More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 08:47:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 03:38:15 -0400
Subject: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains

Dear Friends,

The protean entity known as the Chupacabras has resurfaced yet again--not in Chile but much closer to home, Read on.

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Source: La Prensa de Nicaragua (newspaper)
Date: August 30, 2000

CHUPACABRAS REMAINS FOUND
by Maricely Linarte and Clarissa Altamirano, Special
Correspondents

** Specialists described the animal as an uncommon species after a careful examination of its skeleton. It presents yellow hair on its short tail, large eye-sockets, soft skin like that of a bat, large claws and fangs, and a crest on its main vertebrae. Could this be the Chupacabras? A team of biologists and veterinarians from Leon must now answer the question **

LEON.- the skeleton of the animal that slaked its thirst with the blood of sheep on the San Lorenzo farm, owned by Jorge Luis Talavera and located at Km. 154 of Malpaisillo, was found in the early morning hours of monday some 80 meters away from the paddock where it procured its victims.

"The creature could be a hybrid of several species, created in a laboratory by means of genetic engineering," noted Gioconda Chevez, Malpaisillo's veterinarian.

Jorge Talavera explained that three days ago he opened fire against the alleged Chupacabras using a shotgun, causing its death and resuting in its flesh being devoured by vultures. The creature was in an advanced state of decomposition by the time it was discovered. "We had to kill it. In 15 days it sucked 25 sheep, and my neighbor lost 35 sheep in 10 days. It was an average of 5 sheep and goats a night," he explained.

Captain Leonardo Carmona, head of the Malpaisillo Crime Lab, indicated that the animal's remains are to be studied at the Hospital Escuela de Leon (Leon Teaching Hospital), where veterinarians and biologists shall be on hand to examine it, according to a report by Edgard Orozco, who is in charge of the Department of Forensic Medicine.

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Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 03:41:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 08:24:59 -0400
>Subject: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Source: El Nuevo Diario (Nicaragua)
>Date: August 30, 2000

>Strange Entity Causes Astonishment * Chupacabras Killed in
>Tolapa * Farmers and Zootechnician at a loss to find a suitable
>classification * It was wounded and its corpse appeared several
>days later as a bare skeleton * Fangs, lobes and maw are source
>of confusion and fear

Original article with images is available at:

<http://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacional/nacional4.html>

Regards,
John Hayes

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 10:49:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 03:40:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Young

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 23:55:39 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Peter Brookesmith, The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 13:52:37 -0400
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 20:04:14 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

<snip>

>As to Ridpath's photo, the tip of the lighthouse is indeed
>_"just visible"_ in a "notch on the horizon." This raises
>several more issues:

>1. It is obvious that the lighthouse tip would NOT be visible
>from a number of nearby vantage points. Move a few steps left
>and the lighthouse disappears behind some trees to the left of
>the narrow notch. Move a greater distance to the right, and the
>tip disappears to the notch's right. Move down 100 yards or so
>into the field in the foreground, and it looks again like that
>lighthouse would disappear behind the trees near the farmhouse.

>The fact that Ridpath can find one small area in all of
>Rendlesham forest where the lighthouse is barely visible through
>a small gap hardly explains how an obscured lighthouse elsewhere
>with a main beam "masked to the landward side" can lead some men
>on a 2-mile chase through the woods.

Hi, David, Peter:

Has anybody plotted all of this on a map and is this available
on an URL, somewhere?

<snip>

>I greatly doubt Halt, the Deputy Base Commander, would put his
>AF career in jeopardy with his famous memo, unless he felt he
>had witnessed something highly unusual.

Yes, and he waited weeks before putting a statement down on
paper. Maybe he hoped it would all go away.

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Bowden

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 17:26:21 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 03:47:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Bowden

>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 13:40:50 -0700
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?

>>From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2000 15:24:33 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Bowden

>>Anyway the offer still stands, any 'researcher' interested
>>please mail me.

>Hi Dave,

>Just out of interest, how many researchers have asked for the
>above data? And have any of those who have been shouting out
>loud on here, approached you for it yet?

>Only one would assume from some of the mails, they couldn't wait
>to get the real hard, sharp and very clear data, for their own
>investigations?

At the last count it was... wait for it... three. Yes! we have a
result, someone is actually interested in present day UFO
sightings!!

Sorry for the interruption, we now return you to the flying
lighthouse and silver pelican show.

Dave Bowden

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Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 15:39:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 03:49:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 22:19:12 -0400
>From: Pter Brookesmith, The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Abductee Files/Our Children
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>The Duke salutes Greg Tweaker:

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children
>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 17:37:23 -0700

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>>And aren't these very like the criticisms you make of
>>pro-abduction writing?

>No.

Ah.

But aren't they correct, my criticisms? Fascinating how you didn't address the substance of what I wrote.

Greg Sandow

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Re: UFOIN Announce Abduction Competition - Hammond

From: Elizabeth Hammond <lizzz@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 17:57:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 03:51:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOIN Announce Abduction Competition - Hammond

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: <Updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFOIN Announce Abduction Competition
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 12:37:46 +0100

>UFOIN announce abduction research >competition

Dear Jenny:

I think this is wonderful news. And a long time coming. As an "abductee" I look forward to seeing some serious, truly scientific study of this. Regardless of outcome! Again, my thanks and my best wishes to whoever wins, you will have your work cut out for you!

Yours,

Liz Hammond

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Jeffrey

From: **Martin Jeffrey** <martin-j@lineone.net>
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 21:32:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 10:26:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Jeffrey

>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 14:44:35 -0700
>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?

>>From: Rory Lushman <oubliette@currantbun.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?
>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 08:24:39 +0100

>>No objections Roy, just interested as to why you are giving this
>>book so much attention and not any others.

>Hello Rory,

>Anyone wishing to advertise their product on my site, are
>welcome to approach myself at anytime, obviously this is not a
>free service as I have to maintain the site myself.

>As for Chris and his book, I have known Chris for some time, and
>he is very local to me' so when his book arrived we discussed on
>how to get it out to the public and the ufo community, the web
>is just one outlet for this.

>>Also, in all the excitement, you forgot to answer my previous
>>questions.

>Although I have advertised Chris martins book to a degree, I
>feel that some of your questions concerning Close encounters
>etc.. would be best answered by Chris himself. Perhaps you may
>already have these questions in mind for the Leeds Conference.

>Best for now,

>Roy..

Hi Roy and Rory

I think that if you bear in mind that London UFO Studies doesn't
have the best reputation in productive ufology, (if there is
such as term) that Chris Martin is just one of a long line of
storytellers aiming to make money.

Roy Lake, their "leader" is best friends with Tony Dodd and
share the same ET thesis and this is carried through their
publications.

LUFOS also brought us Robert La Mont, the Hypnotherapist who
tricked LUFOS and a few hundred believers with a dodgy UFO video
he had faked in Mexico. (Confession available)

I think I might go to the Leeds conference, especially with the
Karl Woods and Chris Martin arguments brewing.

Regards

Martin Jeffrey

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Re: 1970's UK Sightings - Randles

From: **Jenny Randles** <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 18:47:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 10:28:42 -0400
Subject: Re: 1970's UK Sightings - Randles

>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 02:50:11 -0400
>From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: 1970's UK Sightings
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>Jenny,

>I do apologise if you really consider that my attempt to get you
>to substantiate your claim that the Bacup (Lancs) - Todmorden
>area is the area of greatest UFO activity in the UK (Possibly in
>Europe) is "bizarre hounding".

>Let us consider this 'thread' dead and buried... Other List
>members please note.

Hi,

Thats fine by me, Victor.

I'm certainly not wishing to fall out over this, I just truly
dont see what more I can say about this that I havent already in
my previous postings.

But if you have specific questions, by all means ask.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Lushman

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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 10:31:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Lushman

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>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?

>Although I have advertised Chris martins book to a degree, I
>feel that some of your questions concerning Close encounters
>etc.. would be best answered by Chris himself. Perhaps you may
>already have these questions in mind for the Leeds Conference.

Whilst I am going to Leeds, you seem to assume that everyone else is. Its all right saying ask Chris, or go to his house to see the footage or even go to Leeds. Its just seems that those who cannot make it to any of these places are being told we won't answer any questions here but at the same time we will plug it just the same.

Well we'll just have to wait and see what the footage shows there then. I do have a few questions in mind but who knows Chris may even answer them during his talk.

Cheers

Rory Lushman,

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PAKISTANI ARMY FINDS MYSTERIOUS WRECKAGE

The Pakistani Army recovered mysterious metal wreckage near the village of Khumbi Thalang in Baluchistan province on Monday, August 21, 2000.

According to Rahil Khan, UFO Roundup correspondent in Pakistan, "On August 21, there was a brief news item that a UFO was found in Baluchistan province, but no official information was given about it."

The wreckage appears to be related to the lone saucer seen over the city of Dera Ghazi Khan at about 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2000. (For more information, see UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 34, "UFO fleet seen by thousands in Afghanistan and Pakistan," page 1.)

Dera Ghazi Khan is a large city west of the Sutlej River about 400 kilometers (240 miles) north of Karachi.

On Thursday, August 18, 2000, Pakistani authorities rushed an armored brigade into the Rajanpur district. Tanks and other military vehicles quickly sealed off the Tuman Gorchant tribal area in Rajanpur, where Khumbi Thalang is located.

Several high-ranking Pakistani officers visited the crash site that day, including a lieutenant general, the corps commander from Bahalwapur, located about 160 kilometers (100 miles) east of Dera Ghazi Khan.

"He along with other army officers inspected the 10-foot-long (3-meter-long) piece of metal. The wreckage was taken away to an unknown place in a closed container."

On August 15, the UFO "was seen flying over Rajanpur, Loralal, Barkhan and Fort Munro. It crashed some 20 kilometers (12 miles) away from PAF Farid (Pakistani Air Force base--J.T.) used by the PAF for exercises."

"According to local tribesmen, when it crashed at Khumbi Thalang, the sky remained illuminated for about one minute."

Rahil Khan reported that the retrieval "has become a top-secret thing and some Pakistani and U.S. agencies are involved."

"Some people saw a formation of choppers from the U.S. Navy fly over the city (of Karachi) from the direction (south) of the Arabian Sea," apparently taking off from an aircraft carrier over the horizon offshore.

During the multiple UFO overflight of August 15, he added, "Some of them also caused sonic booms."

The story quickly went around the Quetta bazaar that

these were U.S. Stealth helicopters out hunting for Osama bin-Laden.

(Editor's Comment: Stealth helicopters flying at 1,700 miles per hour? That doesn't seem likely.)

The USA "secret team" that was in Chile in June or July also reportedly turned up in Pakistan.

According to Rahil Khan, a Pakistani army captain "was in Karachi for a three-day furlough" on Saturday, August 19, 2000, "to attend his sister's wedding."

The captain "said that they used the expression vo log (Urdu for those people--R.K.) He didn't tell me who he was referring to, but he was very sensitive about it. A large (army) contingent had cordoned off the area."

(See the UK newspaper The News for August 27, 2000, "Wreckage of UFO moved to unknown place."

Many thanks to Gerry Lovell and Rahil Khan for these reports.)

(Editor's Comment: Both Gerry and I agree that the 10-foot metal wreckage retrieved was probably a cruise missile. Note, however, that only some of the objects seen that night emitted sonic booms. The rest were high-flying and silent. My guess is, somebody fired cruise missiles at the UFOs. The saucer in Dera Ghazi Khan deflected its attacker, and the missile crashed in nearby Khumbi Thalang.)

SILVER-SPHERE UFO CAUSES FLAP IN BUCKS AND SURREY

"Frightened nanny Michelle Williams said she almost careered off the road when she spotted a UFO hovering above her car. It was her second sighting in a day."

"Michelle, 25, of Billings Close, Stokenchurch (Bucks.) first saw the sphere at her window when getting out of bed."

"She said, 'It was around 6:45 on Friday morning (August 18, 2000) and I saw something hovering above the trees in the back of my house. At first I thought it was a police helicopter and it was probably about a mile away. One minute it was there, and in the next minute it shot off in a straight line above the trees. It suddenly stopped but it disappeared.'"

"Michelle, who lives in Marlow, said she was slightly bemused but thought little more of it."

"But that was until she spotted the silver craft as she drove to work along Marlow Road, Stokenchurch."

"Driving toward Marlow, directly in front of me, I could see the object. Again it was hovering, and there were flashing bright white lights. It was something very dodgy-looking, and I was quite frightened.'"

'Then it just shot up into the air, and that's when I careered off the road.'"

"Michelle guessed the flying saucer must have been about the size of a large family car and that it was at least 200 feet (60 meters) above the ground."

"She added, 'People will probably think I am a weirdo, but this was the first time I have ever seen anything like this. It was quite scary actually and I wondered if I was going to be beamed up or something. I even checked my watch to see if I was missing a few minutes.'"

"Police confirmed their helicopter had not been in the area at the time, and a spokesman for RAF Naphill (air base) said there had been no reports of unidentified flying objects in the area and that the base did not equipment to track such objects anyway."

"Melanie Redgrave (distant relative of actresses Vanessa and Lynn--J.T.) spotted a UFO the same day frightened nanny Michelle Williams nearly careered off the road after seeing a silver-coloured craft hovering above her car."

"Melanie, 30, of Hanging Croft, High Wycombe, said she saw the flying saucer just hours after Michelle's sighting in Stokenchurch."

"Former retail assistant Melanie said, 'I was drawing the window curtain when I saw this really bright light. I pulled back the nets because I thought it was a helicopter or a large jet, which we get round here. But there was no sound. It was silent.'"

"She added, 'I thought Oh, Crikey, this is really, really bright! And I looked over to the left over some high trees. It was far too low to be a plane, so I kept

staring at it but it didn't move much, just slightly up and down. Then it moved to the right and vanished.. I thought, 'This is strange.'

"Melanie, who lives with her parents and is new to High Wycombe, " said it had "glowing orange lights and two long bars across the middle. The top had small lights all the way around with spaces in between."

"Michelle (Williams) said she was pleased someone else had seen the mystery object in the sky. She said, 'I've been getting a lot of stick for what I saw, but I am 100 percent certain I saw something. The last thing I would want to do is make a fool of myself.'"

On Wednesday, August 23, 2000, at 9:10 p.m., Timothy Silver was in Addlestone, Surrey when he saw "three 'pinpoints of light' like average 'stars' in size and brightness but with a dim halo" travel "through approximately 12 to 16 degrees of sky in about six to eight seconds. The lights did not keep a regular formation. The outer lights moved in and out relative to the middle light.," as if RAF jets were in pursuit.

Tim added that there "were no navigation lights flashing" on the UFOs even though they were close to London's Heathrow International Airport. (See the Bucks Free Press for August 23, 2000, "Nanny spots UFO," and August 24, 2000, "Second sighting of UFO." Many thanks to Louise Lowry and Tim Silver for these news reports.)

ANOTHER CROP CIRCLE FOUND IN SASKATCHEWAN

Yet another crop circle has been found in Canada's Saskatchewan province, which has also been the site of an ongoing UFO flap this summer.

On Sunday, August 20, 2000, a crop-dusting pilot spotted a large formation on a farm near Moosomin, Sask. (population 2,500), located on Provincial Highway 1 about 145 kilometers (90 miles) east of Regina.

"The formation is a large classic 'dumbbell' formation, one large circle and a smaller circle connected by a straight pathway. Larger circle is 120 feet (36 meters) in diameter, and the smaller is 60 feet (18 meters) in diameter. Pathway is about 40 feet (12 meters) long and five feet (1.4 meters) wide. Total length is approximately 220 feet (66 meters). The crop inside the pathway is flattened in the opposite direction."

On Saturday, August 26, 2000, the site was investigated by cerealogist Dennis Eklund of Saskatoon.

Last week the crop circle was visited by over 2,000 people, "and the farmer doesn't want any more publicity," although he is allowing researchers to visit the site. (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of Circles Phenomenon Research-Canada for this report.)

A STRANGE ENCOUNTER AT LAKE MEAD IN NEVADA

During the week of August 15, 2000, Lynda Ashley and her friend Ronda left work in Las Vegas, Nevada and drove out to Lake Mead, just east of the city.

"My friend Ronda and I arrived at the lake around 2 a.m. There were four trailers parked on the shore so we parked" further away "and walked over with our blankets," finding a spot on the beach "kinda far from them."

"We laid on our blankets and were looking at the stars like we always do. All of a sudden, the light appeared out of nowhere. We knew it wasn't a star 'cause we were looking in that direction for a long time. Then the light got brighter, so bright that we felt we were on a stage and that we were (the show's) stars."

"We were a little scared, but we calmed ourselves. And when I did this, it began to move to the right really slow and disappeared behind the hill. I followed it until it disappeared. Then I came back to the blanket and laid back down. The distance from the water to the hill was about 500 feet (165 meters). That's where the craft was-- 6000 feet away. There was no sound, as well."

"Then the craft's light went dim, then off, then back

on and brighter than before. So we both sat up, and as we did, my friend Ronda said, 'It's coming this way!' and we were really terrified. But then I said, 'Lay down flat.' and we did."

The UFO "was coming across the water at a rapid speed and then I saw the craft behind the image," or dazzling glow.

Lynda described the UFO as "the bottom of the craft was red circular lights over a white background. There was a spinning circle around the craft (equator) with blue/green flashes. There were what appeared to be two legs protruding from the craft, and they were blue/white, and there was a white dome on top."

"And that's when I realized that what we were (first) looking at was an image of the craft and not the craft itself. The image was coming from the craft. It appeared to be a 3=D where you could almost touch it. By this time, we were too scared to move so we stayed there (on the beach) until 6 a.m. and kept our eyes on it. It stayed there and was still there when we left."

"On our way back to town, we saw a helicopter" flying low over the lake. "I figured the military was looking for whatever it was that we saw."

Arriving at a friend's house, Lynda and Ronda invited those present to come outside and see the formation of helicopters converging on Lake Mead.

Afterward, they attempted to contact the media, but "they were acting as though we were all crazy."
(Email Form Report)

HIGH-FLYING UFO SEEN NEAR ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

On Monday, August 21, 2000, at 9:10 p.m., Jason J. and his wife were on their farm in Spink County near Aberdeen, South Dakota (population 25,000) when they sighted an unusually bright light high in the sky.

"Me and my wife saw a light way up but at first I thought it was a satellite," Jason reported, "And then I realized it was moving quite fast and thought maybe it could be a plane. But usually the light blinks on a plane and also a plane doesn't move that fast. At the distance we were seeing it, it was quite a ways up. As we watched it, it just slightly dimmed, and then it wasn't even there anymore."

The UFO "was moving west" and "was like a white dot because it was a ways up," he added, "We live out of town and there's no city lights and you can see everything."

Aberdeen, is on South Dakota Highway 12 approximately 160 miles (256 kilometers) northeast of Pierre, the state capital. (Email Form Report)

RESEARCHER DECLARES 2000 "SUMMER OF SASQUATCH"

"Summer of Sasquatch"--that's what Bigfoot researchers are calling the season based on the number of sightings recorded during the last few months in the USA's Pacific Northwest.

"Cryptozoologist Loren Coleman says the season's sightings have been unusually well-documented, even though the number hasn't increased much from last year."

"Coleman says this year local and national media appear to be more willing to take Bigfoot sightings seriously instead of sensationalizing them 'a la the Weekly World News.'"

"As a result, he claims cryptozoology is finally starting to be taken seriously, and he predicts universities and other scientific groups will earmark funds for Bigfoot research."

In related news, the annual Bigfoot Daze celebration was held last weekend in Carson, Washington state (population 1,000).

The highlight of this year's celebration, which ran from Friday, August 25, to Sunday, August 27, 2000, was an attempt by researchers to communicate with Bigfoot by pounding on tree trunks.

"Bigfoot expert Ray Crowe says evidence suggests Bigfeet keep in contact with each other by whacking

wooden sticks against trees in two-, three- and four-whack patterns."

"Although the creatures are reportedly shy and avoid humans, Crowe says that 'when they hear the whack, they can't help but respond back.'"

Carson, Wash. is on Highway 14 about 40 miles (64 kilometers) east-northeast of Portland, Oregon. (Many thanks to Loren Coleman for these news releases.)

JESUS PAINTING SHEDS TEARS IN BETHLEHEM CHURCH

A Fifth Century icon of Jesus Christ is drawing pilgrims to the Church of the Nativity on Manger Square in Bethlehem with reports of miraculous phenomena.

The church is the oldest in the West Bank and was built by St. Helena in 326 A.D. It was rebuilt in the Fifth Century following an earthquake, and the icons were added to the interior pillars at that time.

(Editor's Note: Helena was born in Colchester, UK in 247 A.D., the daughter of a British chieftain. She married a Roman officer named Constantius, who later became the emperor. Their son was Constantine, who also became emperor.)

Inside the church "are four rows of Corinthian pillars. Every pillar bears the picture of an apostle. Several dozen gilded lamp fixtures hang from the oak ceiling."

One pillar's painting of Jesus "blinks, sheds tears and has begun to perform miraculous healings of the sick, old an infirm."

"According to witnesses, the eyes of the icon have come alive and have saved the hopelessly sick from certain death."

"Respected religious leaders in Bethlehem have acknowledged that the Christ painting does weep."

'It's a message to people to come back to God,' says Father Anastasios, a senior Greek Orthodox clergyman in Bethlehem. 'I saw it myself. Many people have seen Jesus with the tears coming down. It is officially declared a miracle.'

"Bible expert Daniel Czutno expects more than tears and healing miracles from Christ."

"'This is a sure sign Jesus is getting prepared to make his promised return.' he says."

"Meanwhile, hundreds of pilgrims are flocking to the Church of the Nativity--the West Bank location where Jesus was born--for a glimpse of the column that bears Christ's picture."

Anne Henderson of Detroit, Michigan, USA "travelled all the way from Detroit seeking a cure for Lou Gehrig's disease, which was robbing her of her muscle control--and her life."

"'I had no faith in doctors, but I still kept my faith in the Lord,' says the fully-recovered 47-year-old.

'The so-called experts had given up--and they basically wanted me to do the same. Thank God I was stubborn enough to make this trip.'" (See the Sun for September 5, 2000, "Jesus painting heals thousands!") (Editor's Comment: I sure hope this is just your run-of-the-mill, garden-variety phenomenon and not a portent of next week's massacre in Jerusalem.)

from the UFO Files...

1714: UNFORGETTABLE CATHERINE THEOT

This remarkable woman psychic holds the record for being the only woman to break ranks with the Illuminati and live. September 1 marks the anniversary of her death 206 years ago.

Catherine was born in 1714 in Barenton, a small town in Normandy (bow the department of Manche in France--J.T.) From early childhood, she showed an amazing "wild talent" for precognition. Nor was her clairvoyance confined to dreams, She often had visions in the middle of the day.

Starting in about 1730, Catherine began having a recurring dream that stayed with her all her life. In this

dream she saw herself as a young girl in a bombed or fire-blackened Paris. Only it wasn't her Paris. She saw herself standing in a plaza "of the Great Iron Tower," but the ruins were deserted.

(Editor's Note: The Eiffel Tower didn't exist in the Eighteenth Century. It went up in 1889.)

Then, in her dream, Catherine sees a man walking towards her. His facial features, though, are indistinct. She has a strong impression that he is the Messiah. And that she herself is destined to become "the Mother of God."

Telling of dreams like this...well, it's no surprise that Catherine soon has a reputation as a madwoman.

In 1744, she causes a real commotion when she wanders into Ste.-Mere-Eglise, a neighboring town.

"The invasion is coming," she tells the townspeople, and then starts raving about "giant moaning birds with three white stripes on their wings" and "thousands of soldiers descending from the sky with great white wings like angels."

(Editor's Note: Prophecy fulfilled on June 6, 1944, courtesy of the 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army. Catherine wasn't wrong. She was just 200 years too early.)

Enough is enough, the magistrates rule. Mlle. Theot is remanded to Ste. Pelagie, a convent also known les Miramions.

(Editor's Note: The convent was founded by Marie Bonneau de Miramion, an associate of King Louis XIII in the Seventeenth Century. It served as an ecclesiastical prison for the confinement of "repentant girls," married and single women who had run off with somebody else's husband.)

Catherine spends long years in Ste. Pelagie, working as a serving-maid. "A long course of religious asceticism unhinged her mind, and she was placed under restraint."

"The priests she was forever harrying had stuffed her into the convent of the Miramions, along with the 'repentant girls.' But what did she have to repent of? Listening to the word of God for thirty years? To hear her tell it, it was the world that needed to repent, and quickly too...Otherwise Paris, just like Sodom and Gomorrah."

In April of 1779, at age 55, Catherine busts out.. Fashioning a rope from stolen clothing, she goes over the wall of Ste. Pelagie and goes into hiding in Montmartre. She tries to keep a low profile, but the visions will not leave her in peace.

In no time at all, this "tall, 'dry and almost diaphanous' woman, 'like the ancient Sibyl of Cumae'" is up to her old tricks again, "rousing little crowds on steps of St. Eustache and Notre Dame...The police arrest her on the Rue Geoffroy l'Asnier."

Catherine is interrogated by M. Chenon, the police commissioner. He's a newcomer to Paris, born and raised in Geneva. And a member of a new secret society--the Order of the Illuminati.

After two hours with Catherine, Chenon is certain he is dealing with a lunatic. Passchendaele? The sleepest village in Flanders. Who would fight a battle there? Oswiecim? Where the hell is that?-- Somewhere in eastern Europe, maybe.

Finally Catherine says something that remotely makes sense. "Cornwallis will surrender in Virginia in the autumn of 1781."

Chenon laughs out loud. Like everyone else in Europe, he is following the war on the other side of the Atlantic. He knows that George Washington's army has just been defeated--again--in New Jersey. The British are winning the war. They still hold New York City and Newport, Rhode Island, and they are poised to take Savannah and Charleston. The best the Americans can hope for is a negotiated settlement. Cornwallis surrender? Impossible!

Still, Cehnon thinks, "a madwoman of her kind can always become dangerous...They shut her up for good in the Salpetriere." Catherine is now a "terrorist."

But the joke is on Chenon. Imagine his surprise when he picks up Le Moniteur in December of 1781 and reads about Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown. He wastes no time. Grabbing his quill, he pens a

letter to Adam Weishaupt, the sinister grandmaster of the Illuminati, in far-off Bavaria. "We have a visionary here, and I believe she is genuine."

In early 1782, Catherine is released from her chains and leg-irons and taken from her cell at the Salpetriere. Chenon awaits her in the warden's office. He comes right to the point. "How would you like to get out of here?"

"I know what you want, and I know who you represent," Catherine replies, "I have no desire to serve the Illuminati."

"You misjudge us. Our order will change the world. Mankind will at last find tranquility. Our Illuminatus Rex is the most brilliant man alive. He--"

"Adam Weishaupt is a murderer," she interrupts.

Chenon grimaces. "I forgot. You see things. No pretenses, then. Our order has many friends. Agree to work for us, and you'll be out of here by tomorrow."

It is, quite literally, a deal with the Devil, and Catherine knows it. But she was locked up for thirty-five years in the Miramions and has just spent two years in the Salpetriere. She cannot bear the thought of dying in prison, so she agrees.

The Illuminati install her in an upstairs flat on the Rue de Contrescarpe. They tutor her in the finer points of necromancy. And soon a medium of Catherine's considerable talent is in demand in all of the Illuminati meeting-places. In particular, the new lodge founded by Gabriel Riqueti, Comte (Count) de Mirabeau and Philippe, Duc (Duke) d'Orleans in 1786.

So there is Catherine, by day reading the Book of Revelation and seeking some clue to the source of the strange visions that continue to afflict her. By night, she's a star of the occult underground, conjuring up every ghost of antiquity from Anaxagoras to Zeno.

In 1789, she meets a radical priest named Christophe-Antoine Gerle, newly elected to the Estates-General. Like her, Gerle is leading a double life. By day, Dom Gerle is a glad-handing politician, hobnobbing with the painter David, the Abbe Sieyes, Condorcet and Lafayette. But at night he consorts with the most fearsome Illuminati diabolists in Paris--the Marquis de Sade, Retif de la Bretonne, Cagliostro and Anarcharsis Cloutz.

Dom Gerle is obsessed with the future. Having "borrowed" certain papers from the visionary Suzanne Labrousee he has used his knowledge of the future to enrich himself. When he first moved to Paris, he lived with a Spiritualist doctor and through this fellow made contact with the Illuminati. And now he is the confidant of Catherine Theot, the most formidable psychic in Europe.

The year 1792 finds France slipping into chaos, and Catherine holding court at her house on the Rue de Contrescarpe. Desperate people flock to her--former nobles, frightened housewives, unemployed tradesmen--eager to hear her prophecies. But still she is plagued by that recurring dream--the plaza, the iron tower, the city in ruins and the approaching man. What can it mean?

And she is tired of being the Illuminati's pet psychic. She hates Chenon, and she owes him for that three years in the Salpetriere. If it's the last thing she ever does, she's going to stick it to that Geneva pimp. She's half-tempted to pick up a knife herself, but she fears the Illuminati. If only there was a man here in Paris, a strong man who could protect her from the vengeance of Adam Weishaupt...

Dom Gerle is an unhappy camper, too. Anarcharsis Cloutz has promised to make him the Pope when the New World Order takes over Europe. But now the French armies are in retreat, and Cloutz's boy Brissot couldn't get elected dogcatcher. Gerle is 56 years old, and he's afraid he won't live long enough to ascend to the papacy. Dammit, he even has his inaugural speech already written.

Then Gerle introduces Catherine to the rising politician Maximilien Robespierre. Something clicks. The handsome and meticulously dressed Robespierre has a devastating effect on women, Catherine, now 78 years old, is no exception.

Here is the strongman who will protect them from Weishaupt. Catherine and Gerle betray the order, giving away all of Clootz's secrets to Robespierre and his ruthless chief of intelligence, Louis Saint-Just. (Editor's Note: Saint-Just makes Hitler's secret police chief, Heinrich Himmler, look like Pee-Wee Herman.)

Robespierre strikes first. In March 1794, the Illuminati faction led by Clootz goes to the guillotine. The following month, they're followed by the Dantonists, Robespierre's recent allies. "The Incorruptible" is strengthening his grip on power.

For the next few months, France is ruled by a weird triumvirate--Robespierre as dictator, surrounded by his elite guard, les Tappedurs (French for Strike Hards--J.T.)...Dom Gerle as pontiff of the new religion of L'Etre Supreme (the Supreme being)...and Catherine as kind of a shadowy sorceress-queen, occupying the throne recently vacated by Marie Antoinette.

Catherine still has her recurring dream, but now the man in it has a face--the face of Robespierre. Of course! she thinks, He's the new Adam--I'm the New Eve. Our children will be the New Humans, repopulating the devastated Paris of the future. Then I will be rejuvenated so I can become the Mother of God!

While Catherine jots down these visions in her diary, the Illuminati are running for cover. But they're not beaten yet. Chenon approaches Robespierre with an olive branch in May 1794. The Illuminati will support Robespierre's Republic of Virtue if the Incorruptible will sign "a supernatural constitution," a pact with Lucifer

(Editor's Comment: Was Chenon sincere in making this offer? Or was he just trying to put Robespierre off his guard while the Illuminati readied their counter-attack? An answer to that will have to await the opening of the Illuminati archives.)

A defector from the Robespierre camp, Joseph Fouche, has gone over to the Illuminati. He fingers the traitors, Gerle and Mlle. Theot. The order chooses a wealthy landowner, Marc Guillaume Vadier, as point man for the counter-attack

In June Vadier rises in the Convention and denounces the Theot faction, "asserting that Catherine was a tool of (British prime minister William) Pitt the mummeries of the Theotists were but a cloak for clerical and reactionary intrigue." Catherine, he adds, is linked to "the occultists of Bavaria."

(Editor's Comment: A classic case of the pot calling the kettle black. Vadier attended many an Illuminati hoodoo hootenanny himself.)

A police raid on Catherine's apartment produces papers "found in the old lady's mattress," her writings about the future Messiah and letters from Robespierre himself.

"The situation became more dangerous for the Incorruptible when he rescued the old seer and her friends from the guillotine." And when public prosecutor Antoine Fouquier-Tinville tried to investigate Dom Gerle, Robespierre attempted to force him out of office, an action which led to Robespierre's downfall and execution in July 1794.

Catherine remained in prison and died a few weeks later on September 1, 1794. Ironically, by joining the Illuminati, she encountered the same fate she had struggled so hard to avoid--dying in a prison cell.

As for Catherine's most vivid and persistent vision, the young man and woman at the Eiffel Tower in the midst of a fire-blackened Paris...well, it hasn't come true...yet.

Will it? Good question!

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J.M. Thompson, Oxford University Press, New York, N.Y.
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Nicaraguan Experts Study 'Chupacabras'

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NICARAGUAN EXPERTS STUDY "CHUPACABRAS"
by Maricely Linarte and Clarisa Altamirano--Correspondents

"We cannot say by when the results will be ready given that some parts are missing. Therefore we will be forced to take some time if it becomes necessary to send DNA samples abroad," detailed Dr. Pedrarias Davila. He added that a second stage would involve the preservation of the remains to retard the decomposition process and a third one, involving a team of specialists which would determine what species it belongs to.

LEON.- The skeleton of the alleged "Chupacabras" was taken yesterday to the medical campus of the UNAN at Leon in order to determine what species it belongs to, according to biologist Pedrarias Davila.

"On the record sheet we noted the characteristics of the skeletal system, the number of ribs and vertebrae, nails, state of decomposition, among others, for inclusion into a database," he explained.

Davila noted that they are not relating the animal with any known creature because that could be premature. He did say that the remains belonged to a "heterodont", in other words, a mammal.

Jorge Luis Talavera, owner of Finca San Lorenzo, who opened fire against the Chupacabras and killed it, claims that "there are three more left alive: two white ones and a black one. The dead one was yellow, and in previous weeks a wounded a white one but didn't manage to kill it."

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Hybrid Dog, Coyote Sub-Species or Chupacabras?

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Subject: Hybrid Dog, Coyote Sub-Species or Chupacabras?

Dear Friends,

Here is the first follow-up on the discovery of the canid creature found in Nicaragua on Monday.

Best regards,

Scott Corrales
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SOURCE: El Nuevo Diario de Nicaragua (Nicaragua)
DATE: August 31, 2000

COMMOTION IN LEON!

* UNAN authorities have serious doubts but shall withhold their ruling until later this morning * there is doubt about its being merely a dog, but all agree on singular characteristics *

by Roberto Collado Narvaez

The hallways of the University of Nicaragua at Leon were abuzz yesterday with talk about the subject. The photo shows odontologist Ana Maria Alvarado commenting on the alleged "Chupacabras" skeleton (photo: Xavier Castro)

The carcass of the alleged "Chupacabras" has caused a commotion throughout the city of Leon as a team of veterinarians and biologists from the Autonomous University at Leon maintained a veil of secrecy over the tests performed on the strange animal's remains. All that is known is that [the creature] is far from being an ordinary animal.

A number of different accounts are circulating throughout Leon, ranging from the scientific ones, which suggest that the animal could be a stray canine, a pedigreed canine or a coyote/wolf hybrid, a hybrid of an unknown species, to what has become a myth of its own: "It's the Chupacabras."

Ever since the animal's remains were transferred from the morgue of the Oscar Danilo Rosales de Leon Teaching Hospital to the UNAN's laboratories, residents from all over the city have literally flooded all of the Alma Mater's buildings for a look at the strange specimen that caused such consternation in the region's farms.

According to the locals, the alleged "Chupacabras" has authored the deaths of sheep whose bodies have been found exsanguinated and with perforations on their necks--caused by the mythic animal's sharp fangs. The creature's remains were found on Monday at Finca San Lorenzo in Malpaisillo and are now undergoing rigorous scrutiny by specialists at UNAN.

--- It Could Be A Dog, But... ---

Professor Carlos Gomez, a specialist in morphology at UNAN,

believes that the animal could well be to prove an ordinary canine (dog) or a canine bred with another family of the same species, whose altered size and remains are only a byproduct of the decomposition process.

"The remains could be those of a dog, although we aren't quite certain yet, since the biology and zoology reports aren't in yet. With the investigation we've conducted, we can indeed ascertain that the differences between this species with a normal canine would be attributable to rigor mortis. Nothing more." commented the specialist.

According to Gomez's explanation, rigor mortis causes the relaxation or contraction of certain joints. This would explain the presence of retracting nails in the animal's claws, since this is a feline characteristic not found in dogs.

But yesterday, this was the only explanation that the UNAN's doctors were allowed to provide. To learn more about the skull's shape, the size of its extremities and the skeleton's length, Gomez limited himself to stating that their characteristics were indeed normal and that the results of the investigations will not be made known until later today.

--- Explanations Which Lead to Doubt --

The fact is that after the arrival of the hitherto unknown species, all laboratory activity was suspended and the the alleged "Chupacabras"'s carcass was enshrouded in mystery.

In the hallways, students commented on the skeleton's characteristics, its similarities and its differences with species studied up until yesterday. Odontologist Ana Maria Alvarado was conducting her research in the Necrology Lab when the brigade of specialists embarked upon their initial analysis of the creature. She was there.

"The first interesting element was discovering that the animal's creatures were smaller than those of an ordinary dog. Furthermore, upon measuring the skeleton's length, it turned out to be a meter and a half long--no dog is that long." noted Alvarado.

"The lower extremities," Alvarado added, "are shorter than the upper ones. This would make it into an animal capable of bipedal motion (walking on two feet while remaining a quadruped. Then there are its claws, which are bow-shaped and elongated, giving it the ability to attack its victim from top to bottom."

According to Gomez, canines may develop large claws, but he admitted that these tend not to grow so large. Regarding the carcass's skull, Gomez stated that its size is as normal as that of a common dog, but adding that this one is "a little bigger".

"The skull is to be analyzed by a histologist, who shall determine its species. There is however an interesting characteristic--this skull is elongated and pointy, measuring some 20 centimeters, which obviates the likelihood that it is an ordinary dog," Alvarado explained.

Another element that caught Alvarado's notice was the deceased creature's spinal column, which is composed by seven vertebrae. Dogs, she explains, have less.

The official analyses of the alleged Chupacabras will be made known later today at a press conference to be dictated by a committee of UNAN doctors. Yesterday, it was unofficially stated that nothing more than a canine carcass was involved, but the fact remains that the alleged Chupacabras has managed to stir doubts in some of the physicians of this institution.

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Re: 13 Year Russian UFO Study

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>I had this forwarded to me by someone I know who works at JPL.

>>-----Original Message-----

>From: JamesOberg@aol.com [mailto:JamesOberg@aol.com]
>Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2000 8:37 PM
>To: Recipient List Suppressed
>Subject: Russ Gov't Concludes Most UFOs Space/Rocket Events

>Report on results of 13-yr Russian government UFO study, just
>released, concludes most were caused by rocket/space events,
>summarized by me (Jim O.) at:

>www.space.com/sciencefiction/phenomena/russian_ufo_report_000808.html

Dear Sean Jones, and the List

I have just visited this web site, and found the same text which had been passed recently on UFO UpDates. Text on which I had made some comments. Perhaps you missed them ?

If EBK does not mind, here they are again: (it seems to be an endless game)

Date: Mon, 14 Aug 2000 13:48:59 -0400 (EDT)
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>Stig

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>Exclusive: Russian UFO Research Revealed

>By Jim Oberg

>Special to SPACE.com

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>posted: 02:34 pm ET 08 August 2000

Here are some differing comments, thanks to the excellent book of Russian ufologist Boris Shurinov, which was published in French in 1995, but unfortunately no in English. The French title is "UFOs in Russia. The two faces of Russian Ufology".

>In an special report obtained by SPACE.com, two of Russia's leading UFO
>investigators have summarized the results of the Soviet Union's official
>13-year study of UFO reports.

>They maintain that the Western media claims of "secret KGB files" and
>"captured aliens" are untrue.

Boris Shurinov, in addition to that book, enquired on the origin of the "Secret KGB files" video He has brought proof that it was made by an American team, which pretended to make a SF movie, and hired actors in Moscow.

The recovery sequence was shot in the vicinity of Moscow. The autopsy sequence was shot in the school of medicine with the "help" (well paid, presumably) of some people there.

He said all that publicly at the 1999 San Marino conference. So, why are we talking again of this infamous hoax? BTW, who gave Karl Korff a bit of the UFO for "analysis"? Korff made a press conference, announcing that he would tell everything about the results of a scientific analysis.

I would like to know, at the very least, who gave that preposterous debris to him.

>"One can hardly imagine a greater absurdity," they write, although they
>do admit that their own research program (1978-1990) was indeed
>classified "SECRET" at the time and that there remained cases that could
>not be explained.

In other words, you see : there are no deep secrets in Russia!

>The investigators, Dr. Yuliy Platov of the Academy of Sciences and
>Colonel Boris Sokolov of the Ministry of Defense, wrote up their
>conclusions for an issue of the official Reports of the Academy of
>Sciences journal, published in Moscow. Dr. Platov forwarded an advance
>copy of the report to SPACE.com.

We can see at once who is talking : the Academy of Science and the Ministry of Defence, diligently forwarded to Jim Oberg.

>"Many people are the eyewitnesses of strange things," the writers
>report, "which cannot always be precisely identified with natural or
>man-made effects. However, this amount is very insignificant, and from
>this there does not follow even a 'hint' of the probable interference of
>extraterrestrial forces into our lives."

According to Boris Shurinov, Colonel Boris Sokolov was indeed in charge of collecting and analysing the big inquiry on ufos organised in the military forces during the 70's. Sokolov received many documents, at his "section of applied problems", a joint operation of the Ministry of defence and the Academy of Sciences. At that time, recalls Shurinov, who was the already an active private researcher, Sokolov would welcome information on ufos, would not give any : it was all secret! So, it was a big surprise to independant ufologists like him when they learned that, in 1993, Sokolov had sold a bunch of these military files to American journalists Bryan Gresh and George Knapp, who were themselves very surprised by the deal! According to Shurinov, it was a "private" sale, to the profit of Sokolov.

As everyone recalls, these files contained very interesting UFO cases. How is it that Sokolov talks now of "very insignificant" reports??

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>Military secrets

>Platov and Sokolov explain that from the start, the teams "assumed a
>high probability of a military-technical origin of the observed strange
>effects."

>This was based in large part on the iron-clad identification of the
>"Petrozavodsk UFO" with the launching of a spy satellite from a secret

>nearby base. But this factor dictated that the study be kept secret
>because most of the suspected causes were already military secrets.

Boris Shurinov gives in his book a very different story of the Petrozavodsk case, in an 11 pages chapter. In short, the explanation by the launching of the satellite Cosmos 955 (which took place at about the same time) from the secret base of Plesetsk, does not stand because that base is at the North-East of Petrozavodsk. Satellites are launched either toward the East or the North , never toward the West!!

Besides, it was a complex, multiple witness case, with perhaps several UFOs. The main one came from the North-East, remained still over Petrozavodsk during 10 to 12 minutes, and departed to the North.

It looked like a solid object (a disk or a sphere) surrounded by luminous plasma.

In 1984, Shurinov met with V. Migouline, a colleague of Platov, together with A. Listratov, at the Academy of Sciences in Moscow. Migouline told them that "the enigma of Petrozavodsk had found no explanation".

The observation happened on 23 September 1977.

James Oberg produced the satellite explanation as soon as October 1977.

In January 1979, Migouline and Platov wrote in the popular weekly Nedelia (The Week) that there was no explanation, and Migouline repeated that in 1984! What an "iron clad" explanation!

So, this is the version given by ufologist Shurinov. I would like to know if any mistake can be found in it.

Gildas Bourdais

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Chupacabras: If It Barks Like A Dog...

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It Isn'T A Chupacabras, Just A "Firulais"
by Juan Rodriguez and Clarisa Altamirano

Local residents insist that it was a strange creature that fed on the blood of their sheep. Several inhabitants of Malpaisillo and the rancher who shot the animal insist that "The animal found in that rural area is different from a common hound, since its teeth were pink in color, it stood differently and it drained the blood of at least 120 sheep."

"The Chupacabras of Malpaisillo" (Leon) which has caused such interest at the local and international level after having been shot to death by a rancher, has vanished following the disclosures made by scientists of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua-Leon (UNAN), who opined that the animal discovered was the skeleton of a dog.

"This is our initial impression, that it isn't an unknown animal but merely a dog. Further analysis is still required to reach a final conclusion," said Edmundo Torres, the vicechancellor for research at UNAN-Leon.

The international media--programs such as "Ocurrio Asi" and "Primer Impacto", flooded the country to confirm the find.

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Chupacabras: A Source of Controversy and Pilgrimage

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Dear Friends,

This news article deals with the public's reaction to the alleged Chupacabras remains found in Nicaragua.

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SOURCE: El Nuevo Diario de Nicaragua
DATE: September 1, 2000

CHUPACABRAS: A SOURCE OF CONTROVERSY AND PILGRIMAGE
by Marianela Flores Vergara

* Polemics in Leon over the "chupacabras" * Pentecostals see biblical omens * Bishop Vivas discards any notions of diabolism * Some citizens upset by use of morgue*

The possible death of the Chupacabras is international news -- to the extent that a news crew from the Miami USA based "Ocurrio Asi" television program went to Leon to offer permanent coverage to the strange event. The photo shows a reporter from said program standing outside the National Autonomous University in that city (photo credit: Oscar Cantarero).

The alleged arrival of the Chupacabras to the lands of Malpaisillo and the population's belief that it is a divine message to mankind has been the source of varying opinions among members of religious groups. Meanwhile, Francisco Ortiz, in charge of the pentecostal assembly in Leon -- CEPAD -- believes that we should not isolate incidents like the case involving the sheep slayer from Biblical prophecy, while the Bishop of the Leon Diocese, Msr. Bosco Maria Vivas Robelo, believes that the relationship to any demonic entity or the end of the world should be dismissed.

"Its a warning sign, [much like] a traffic light that's on yellow but could turn red--a sign for men and women to return to God because we've forgotten about him," stated Rev. Ortiz, quoting the scriptural passage from the book of Daniel which states that in the last days there will be phenomena that will cause astonishment among men.

The pentecostal leader stated that scientific progress has brought mankind tremendous benefits, but it is also capable of causing great harm, such as in the case of cloning, which "contradicts God's mandate." "Knowledge shall increase greatly, and men shall run to and fro, but not even in the stars will they be saved, state the Scriptures, and this is precisely what we're witnessing right now."

In the meantime, Msr. Bosco Maria Vivas does not believe that [the creature] is the product of genetic engineering, admitting his scant knowledge on the subject of the alleged Chupacabras.

"I haven't studied the matter in depth since I haven't given it much credibility, but if it indeed is a strange creature, as they say, the Church may be prompted to take action...but not just yet."

-- The Preliminary Report --

Two days of studying the famous specimen have elapsed in the Department of Morphology at UNAN-Leon since [the creature's] discovery in Tolapa. According to a preliminary report, no characteristic that discloses any type of extraordinary trait has been found.

"The anatomic detail sheds no anomalous information. We see a complete bone structure, a well-formed spinal column resembling that of a canine, and from what we have ascertained, it isn't a hematophagous or blood sucking animal," reported Dr. Pedrarias Davila, a biologist and member of the forensic team. The commission will wait until later today to hold a press conference with the final report on their findings. The question that arises among members of the public is whether it can be definitively proven that the remains are not those of the culprit in deaths of over a hundred sheep, then...where is the predator who deprived a number of families in Tolapa of their livelihood?

-- Three Species Capable of Sucking Blood --

Biologist Davila explained that Nicaragua's wildlife features three hematophagous bat species which can draw blood from cattle, horses and even humans. However, he noted that none of them kill their victim, but rather try to keep it alive through the injection of an anticoagulant agent.

As a result of the controversial manifestation of the Chupacabras, he has been in contact with colleagues from various Central American and South American countries, who agree that the Mesoamerican fauna does not feature a species similar to the one described by witnesses, and with the ability to kill so many sheep, although the specialist refrained from venturing any opinions on the possibility of genetic experiments taking place within the country or arriving from other countries.

One veterinarian disclosed that in order to cause the death of a sheep, the assailant would have to suck at least a liter and a half of blood, whereas vampire bats can barely extract a quarter of a liter. This leads him to dismiss the possibility that these flying mammals are responsible.

-- The Public Speaks Out on the Tolapa Animal Slayings --

According to Modesta Sanchez Lopez, there is widespread concern among the public that the creature which exsanguinated the Malpasillo sheep may have escaped during some type of experiment. "We don't know if its a mixture of several different types of sperm which led to the creation of a strange animal," she observed.

On the other hand, Marcos Antonio Martinez, a young college student, admitted to having knowledge about the strange entity in other countries by means of the international news, but never imagined that it would appear in Nicaragua to affect the poorest families. He rejected the notion that it could be an evil creature linked to satanic activity, as has been speculated.

The stir caused by the alleged "chupacabras" is to frighten the public in regard to the upcoming elections, distracting them with other subjects, believes Maria Jose Rojas, who refused to specify the political party in question, but she urged people to remain serious and level-headed, since the creature in question only exists in other countries.

Even senior citizens are startled by news of the sheep slayer. Jose Benito Roque, a lottery ticket vendor, claimed to have visited parts of Nicaragua without having ever heard anything about a creature with the characteristics being described.

Specialists at the UNAN-Leon are studying the alleged Chupacabras' remains. It will not be until tomorrow, after a long wait, that the final report will be provided (photo by

Oscar Cantarero). Regarding its origin, it has been said that it could have come from Africa or may have escaped from another country's circus. The latent truth in Tolapa and its environs is that one hundred victims died without any explanation, and even though the specialists' report discloses that the alleged Chupacabras is fake, the sheep killings shall remain an open question, allowing for the possibility of its return to Tolapa or any other part of the country.

-- Lack of Respect Toward the Hospital --

The arrival of the Chupacabras to the hospital's morgue, according to forensic specialist Paulino Medina, constitutes a lack of respect toward the hospital's patients. The building turned into a circus due to the hordes of people who arrived to see the remains.

"It was a mistake to bring it here. It would have been better to take it to the School of Veterinary Medicine or Biology," he stated. Even yesterday, large groups of people--students and residents of the surrounding neighborhoods--eluded the hospital's security detail for a glimpse of the bones in the morgue. Even wheelchair-bound patients and those wearing casts came down by elevator to sate their curiosity.

Defending the presence of the creature's remains at the morgue, the hospital's director, Dr. Manfredo Pentzke Torres, declared that it was the only place in all of Leon where an animal of scientific interest can be preserved, since aside from being isolated from the hospital [the facility] meets all the requirements. The species was treated with formaldehyde to avoid further decomposition of its tissues, and it was transferred to the department of Morphology to undergo further tests.

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Chupacabras Killed in Nicaragua? - Images

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 13:34:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 10:49:06 -0400
Subject: Chupacabras Killed in Nicaragua? - Images

Hi!

Visit our Hemo Predator web page and read the late news about a strange skeleton found in Nicaragua, where residents say it belong to the chupacabras and scientists claim is a dog. See the photos and made your own conclusion.

<http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com> Miami
UFO Reporter
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>
Depredador de Sangre <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
Hemo Depredator <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
Patagrande -Bigfoot- (Español)
<http://patagrande.homestead.com/index.html>

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In Memory Of Cynthia Hind

From: Philip Mantle <pmquest@dial.pipex.com>
Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2000 18:03:47 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 10:50:17 -0400
Subject: In Memory Of Cynthia Hind

Dear colleagues,

I have only just found out about the passing of my dear friend and colleague Cynthia Hind. Apparently Cynthia died of cancer earlier this week.

To me Cynthia was like the achetypical favourite aunt, always with a smile on her face and a story to tell. She was by far the best and most amusing story-teller I have ever come across. As part of her UFO studies she travelled far and wide, especially across Africa as she lived in Zimbabwe. I clearly remember Cynthia telling an assembled audience at one of the BUFORA conferences how she had onced interviewed members of a tribe in Africa who not long ago had still been canibals. Cynthia being a rather large lady stated that if they had attempted to eat her it would have taken them a month. As ever, she had the audience in her hand.

As a ufologist she remained open-minded but was definitely from the nuts-and-bolts side of the fence. She had an enquiring mind and a determination to try and help solve the UFO puzzle.

As a human being she was warm hearted, full of life, and larger than life in many ways.

The human race will be all the worse without her as will serious ufo research.

May she rest in peace and my deepest sympathy goes to her family and friends.

Yours Sincerely,

Philip Mantle.

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on misleading reports from the California Institute of Technology, Harwell (England), and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Reports from all three sources were negative, and ERAB recommended against any government investment in "cold fusion." This had far-reaching consequences, which seriously impeded but did not stop advances in the field.

After over a decade of work, hundreds of peer-reviewed scientific papers from laboratories around the world confirm the Pons-Fleischmann discovery. It was just the tip of an iceberg of a whole class of nuclear reactions--and other new hydrogen reactions--which occur in metals that are heavily loaded with heavy or normal hydrogen by any of several means. These are often called Low-Energy Nuclear Reactions (LENR), or Chemically-Assisted Nuclear Reactions (CANR). There is also a process, pioneered by BlackLight Power, Inc., that produces catalytically altered hydrogen atoms. What these processes have in common is the release of intense, nuclear-scale energies without damaging radiation or radioactive by-products. Reactors are small scale, requiring simple apparatus and common materials with hydrogen as the fuel. Transmutations of the metal cathode materials are commonly produced. In some cases, where radioactive materials such as uranium and thorium are used in the cells, these are rapidly transmuted into harmless by-products without production of harmful radiation or explosions. In principle, radioactive waste from nuclear reactors can similarly be deactivated without the political and economic costs of burial.

Collectively, these emerging technologies point to a much brighter future for mankind. They do not require resources controlled by any small group of countries. They are concentrated, portable, and democratic. Low cost realization and distribution of devices and systems based on these technologies will require the resources of a market economy and the removal of internal opposition from vested interests in the U.S. government and industries, including arbitrary blocking of "cold fusion" patent applications by the U.S. Patent Office. Originators of these technologies may make fortunes, but in the end mankind will be the beneficiary. Mr. President, you need do only one thing now: Publicly state that you are going to investigate this matter and then do it.

"Anything that is theoretically possible will be achieved in practice, no matter what the technical difficulties, if it is desired greatly enough." Arthur C. Clarke, Profiles of the Future, 1963

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 23:05:55 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 10:55:20 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

This is an old discussion, but I have something new and tangible to add.

Those who know the Linda Cortile case -- recounted in Budd Hopkins's book "Witnessed" -- know that traffic supposedly was stopped after midnight one night on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York, apparently because of electronic interference from a UFO.

Skeptics argued that this couldn't have happened, because (among other reasons) so spectacular a stoppage of so many cars -- no matter what the cause -- would have been all over the media the next day. And, of course, no such story appeared.

When we discussed this here, I suggested -- as a lifelong New Yorker -- that very likely no news story would have appeared. All sorts of things, I said, happen here without news coverage. I gave various examples, but I doubt the skeptics were convinced. My examples weren't exactly parallel, after all, and you have to live in New York, I think, to understand how many things that would make the news instantly most other places never even get mentioned here.

But now I have very strong evidence that I was right. Note that I'm not arguing that the "Linda" case really happened as Budd describes. That's another discussion, and I'm not going to resume it here. I'm just offering what I think are conclusive reasons why this particular skeptics' argument is wrong.

Last weekend, my fiancée and I went to a Mets game. We took a ferry from Manhattan to Shea Stadium, and liked the ride so much that, instead of getting off at 34th Street on our return trip as we'd planned, we went all the way down to the South Street Seaport. It was just fabulous -- wild currents in the East River, which I'd heard about but never seen, all the bridges, six of them, all of them different, all spectacular in different ways.

The last bridge we went under was the Brooklyn Bridge, and something mildly astounding was happening on it. Emergency vehicles had taken up positions about a third of the way out on either side. No traffic was moving on the bridge. And, as we could see as we moved further south and could see emergency vehicles blocking the approaches to the bridge, no traffic was allowed onto it.

Of course we were curious to know what was going on, so when we got home, we turned on New York 1, the city's 24-hour local news cable channel. Not a word about the Brooklyn Bridge. The next morning we scanned the two newspapers we get delivered, the New York Times and the Daily News. Not a word in either one of them.

I think this proves my point. If there wasn't media coverage of an event that happened in full view of thousands of people at 11 PM, snarling traffic on both sides of the river, and with police and paramedics right in the middle of the action, why should there be coverage of something that (allegedly) happened to a relatively small number of cars, with no police present, much later at night?

Greg Sandow

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Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 23:36:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 11:13:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow & You
>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 14:48:33 -0400

>That was supposed to be a long one. It's gonna be short.

>Kevin Randle rejects the reality of the abduction phenomena.
>Greg Sandow believes in it. Peter Brookesmith more than often
>suffers from the Peanut Butter Sandwich Syndrome. PBSS has it
>that cultivation is like a peanut butter sandwich: the less
>you've got, the more you spread it; if you put too much in the
>sandwich, it sticks to your palate and nobody understands what
>you are uttering.

>Greg Sandow has obviously turned his back on the psychological
>aspects of alien abduction.

I might first say that I'm not a believer. In his book on abductions, Peter described me very kindly as "the most balanced of researchers leaning toward belief in the reality of abductions," or something like that. And while I'm grateful for the "most balanced" compliment, what I really like in that description is its accuracy. I lean toward believing in the reality of the phenomenon. But I know that reality hasn't been proved, so I'm not forming any final opinions, and I'm certainly not letting myself get carried away by belief.

This is a crucial distinction, which Serge seems to miss. If I've been strong in criticizing abduction skeptics, it's not because I'm an abduction true believer, but because I think their arguments are shoddy and often insulting. It's the tone I object to, and sometimes the ignorance underlying what's being said, not the content. Serge should understand that my favorite abduction writing is the study by Stewart Appelle, from the Journal of UFO Studies, of arguments for and against abduction reality. As I've said here many times, it gives little comfort to skeptics -- or to believers.

And to say that I've "turned my back on the psychological aspects of alien abduction" -- much less that I've "obviously" done so -- is amazing to read. I wonder how much Serge knows about my abduction work. I might refer him to my essay "The Abduction Conundrum," which originally appeared in Dennis Stacy's publication, The Anomalist, and can now be found on my UFO website, <http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo>. I've read reasonably widely about the psychological issues involved with abductions, both in books and journal articles. Not abduction books, let me stress, but books on trauma and memory by serious psychologists. I'm far from an expert on these issues, but when I read that I've "obviously turned my back" on subjects that interest me greatly -- and which I've discussed on UpDates many times -- I have to wonder about a man who derides me, along with Peter and Kevin, for not doing my "freaking homework."

That said, I'm grateful to Serge for recommending an impressive five year-old scientific paper on the important topic of False Memory Syndrome, especially one questioning whether such a condition even exists. I'm grateful, even though I'm familiar

with these discussions, and have read other papers questioning FMS. I don't want to shock Serge too much, but the thinking in the paper he insists that I read might be newer to him than it is to me.

I'll repeat his recommendation, for those who might not remember its delightful tone:

>I don't know you people, but I am not a full time ufologist. I
>work 60 to 70 hours a week in computer systems development and
>what have you.

>Why should i do your freaking homework?

>For all of you interested, and before any discussion on the
>reality of abduction takes place, the following is a must
>read:

><http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

This is patronizing nonsense. I'll leave myself out of any further comments I make, and say how offended I am for Kevin's and Peter's sake. I've disagreed with both of them, but I'd never insult them the way Serge has. Kevin has a PhD in psychology, and wrote an abduction book that describes at great length many of the psychological issues involved. Peter also wrote an abduction book, that, like Kevin's, gives ample evidence of the care he's taken in studying the background of this phenomenon. I'd feel free to point out things both men seem to ignore, or that I interpret differently from them. But I'd never talk about them as if they were careless children, as Serge does here.

Greg Sandow

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Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 01:43:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:19:06 -0400
Subject: Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains - Hatch

>From: Scott Corrales <lornisl@juno.com>
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 08:47:51 -0400
>Subject: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Dear Friends,

>The protean entity known as the Chupacabras has resurfaced yet
>again--not in Chile but much closer to home, Read on.

>=====

>Source: La Prensa de Nicaragua (newspaper)
>Date: August 30, 2000

>CHUPACABRAS REMAINS FOUND
>by Maricely Linarte and Clarissa Altamirano, Special
>Correspondents

>** Specialists described the animal as an uncommon species after
>a careful examination of its skeleton. It presents yellow hair
>on its short tail, large eye-sockets, soft skin like that of a
>bat, large claws and fangs, and a crest on its main vertebrae.
>Could this be the Chupacabras? A team of biologists and
>veterinarians from Leon must now answer the question **

Hello Scott!

This is indeed novel, some remains at long last.

Can you tell us anything about La Prensa de Nicaragua?

If LP de N is a tabloid, one may well question their editorial
policies of course. A web browse might help, but I can only read
Spanish very slowly. Perhaps a listing of their other headlines
could give some clues.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 01:47:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:20:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 16:02:45 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 08:24:59 -0400
>>Subject: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Source: El Nuevo Diario (Nicaragua)
>>Date: August 30, 2000

>>Strange Entity Causes Astonishment * Chupacabras Killed in
>>Tolapa * Farmers and Zootechnician at a loss to find a suitable
>>classification * It was wounded and its corpse appeared several
>>days later as a bare skeleton * Fangs, lobes and maw are source
>>of confusion and fear

>Original article with images is available at:

><http://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/nacional/nacional4.html>

Hello John:

I clicked on the first link above (Nicaragua) and only found some local political diatribe. There was no mention of Chupacabras, dead or alive, that I could see.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 13:50:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:22:40 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 10:49:10 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 23:55:39 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Peter Brookesmith, The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 13:52:37 -0400
>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 20:04:14 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

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>>I greatly doubt Halt, the Deputy Base Commander, would put his
>>AF career in jeopardy with his famous memo, unless he felt he
>>had witnessed something highly unusual.

>Yes, and he waited weeks before putting a statement down on
>paper. Maybe he hoped it would all go away.

Hi,

My understanding is that the matter was reported immediately.
But there was some problem between the UK and US over
jurisdiction (after all this was on UK land where the USAF had
no real authority since it was well off the base).

Halt's British commander (Squadron Leader Donald Moreland) was
the liaison with the MoD and the Halt memo was really issued at
his request as a sop to the UK authorities for their records. It
understated the case (making no mention of the tape, photographs
and soil samples Halts team then had obtained). It was really
just protocol and Halt told me he would have made this other
data available to the UK authorities but they showed no interest
in it whatsoever.

About a month later Brenda Butler and Dot Street visited
Moreland and he started to talk to them. He soon realised they
were not (as he initially supposed) from the MoD - as he
understandably expected nobody else to know about the case at
this early date. But this little incident shows that there was
surprise between both Halt and Moreland that the MoD completely
ignored their memo (Moreland sent a cover letter with it to the
MoD)

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Latest Of The Hemo Predator

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 12:28:35 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:25:42 -0400
Subject: Latest Of The Hemo Predator

Hello Everyone!

You may want to check out the latest of the Blood Predator on our web page: "Autopsy & Cross Section of a wound".

Have a happy summer!

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com> Miami
UFO Reporter
<http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>
Depredador de Sangre <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
Hemo Depredator <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
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Re: 1970's UK Sightings - Kean

From: Victor J. Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 12:54:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:28:55 -0400
Subject: Re: 1970's UK Sightings - Kean

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 1970's UK Sightings - Randles
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 18:47:09 +0100

>>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 02:50:11 -0400
>>From: Victor J.Kean <VICTOR_J_KEAN@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Re: 1970's UK Sightings
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

I do apologise if you really consider that my attempt to get you to substantiate your claim that the Bacup (Lancs) - Todmorden area is the area of greatest UFO activity in the UK (Possibly in Europe) is "bizarre hounding".

Jenny wrote:-

>I'm certainly not wishing to fall out over this, I just truly
>dont see what more I can say about this that I havent already in
>my previous postings. But if you have specific questions, by all
>means ask.

No, no, Jenny... You could claim any further questions were "bizarre houndings"

It was pretty obvious that you were not only 'moving the goalposts' but were also widening the distance between them! Thus, "UFO activity" became that plus "alien abductions" and Bacup - Todmorden became "the Pennines"

If you really *must* have the last word...Feel free.

Victor

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CPR-Canada News: Update #2 - Moosomin,

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 10:32:37 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:31:14 -0400
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Update #2 - Moosomin,

CPR-CANADA NEWS
The E-News Service of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada

<http://www.egroups.com/group/cprcanadanews>
<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

September 2, 2000

UPDATE #2 - MOOSOMIN, SASKATCHEWAN CROP FORMATION

Following is a field report from Dennis Eklund, who did a ground study of the Moosomin, Saskatchewan 'dumbbell' formation found August 20. The formation is 250' long, in wheat and beautifully constructed, with no initial pathways found leading in or out (it should be noted too that this field, like most in North America, does not have tramlines). Some very unusual physical deformities have been found on the stalks of the flattened wheat crop (in addition to the more well-known node anomalies). Details on this are pending; a full report will be issued by the BLT Research Team in the near future after a thorough study has been completed (the formation was sampled extensively). This formation, as also the one at Oro-Medonte Township, Ontario, has received many hundreds of visitors, with a steady stream of people coming to view it even up until a couple nights ago when I last spoke with the farmer.

Additional ground photos from Dennis have also been added to the report on the web site, and the diagram has also been revised based on the aerial photos and ground survey:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/moosomin00.html>

Dennis also went to the site of the Grenfell, Saskatchewan circle (between Moosomin and Regina), the small ten foot circle in wheat with radial lay pattern, found August 10. Report, images to follow.

Paul Anderson

MOOSOMIN REPORT

After being informed of this formation on August 25th by Nancy Talbott of the BLT Research Team, I immediately telephoned the owners of the land to get permission to do a ground study of the site for the next day. Although in the middle of an important harvest and concerned about the damage that the already hundreds of visitors to the site might be causing, they kindly gave me permission to do a thorough study. The 5 hour drive from Saskatoon to Moosomin was long, but it turned out to be worth every minute of the drive.

My wife Jan and I arrived in Moosomin and began following the

directions given to us, we realized right away that the site was very out of the way and secluded to a point where it would never be noticeable except by air as it was first discovered by a crop sprayer. If not for a little red ribbon marking a thin path placed by a concerned neighbour to discourage the already increasing amount of people visiting the site in creating more paths, causing more damage to the crop, we would of never found it.

The crop of wheat being 3 to 4 feet high made the site totally invisible from the dirt trail where we parked. We followed the path through the crop for 140 yards until all of a sudden we entered into a large circle with a corridor path going slightly downhill joining another circle, the classic dumbbell formation... but yet with a few surprises.

Measuring the large circle in two different directions, it turned out to be a perfect circle measuring 105 feet in diameter both directions. The corridor path joining the circles measured exactly 98 feet long and 6 feet wide which joined the smaller circle which measured 47 feet wide in 2 directions, making the total length of the formation exactly 250 feet.

Surprisingly, the lay and the weave of the crop was in pretty good shape considering the amount of people that had visited the site. The large circle had a very neat counter clockwise weave effect. Further study indicated that under the top weave effect, another layer underneath traveled in the opposite direction. The smaller circle proved to be just one layer also going in a counter clockwise direction.

The corridor path joining the two circles were fascinating. The crop lay from the large circle ran down the corridor in the direction of the smaller circle as the crop lay from the small circle ran up to the large circle, both joining each other exactly half way up the corridor to create a tuff of crop pointing to the outside of the corridor. (see photo).

In our initial visual examination I noticed an interesting aspect where the edge of the large circle joined the edge of the corridor path. At first glance it looked like the weave of the circle was overlapping the downed crop of the corridor path, but on closer examination I discovered there was absolutely no overlapping, they both joined exact.

There were no power lines or towers in close vicinity of the formation. Although this formation must had been a couple of weeks old, we did do compass and battery checks but did not discover any abnormalities. One final note - I called the owners of the land again last night to keep them informed of what is happening. They are very interested in this phenomenon and informed me of strange animal behavior (friend's dog) at the site. They will keep me informed of any additional happenings they hear of. By far, my most interesting formation experience.

Dennis Eklund
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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Morris

From: Neil Morris <neil@adm1.ph.man.ac.uk>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:47:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:32:34 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Morris

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 10:49:10 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 23:55:39 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Peter Brookesmith, The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 13:52:37 -0400
>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 20:04:14 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

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>>As to Ridpath's photo, the tip of the lighthouse is indeed
>>"just visible" in a "notch on the horizon." This raises
>>several more issues:

>>1. It is obvious that the lighthouse tip would NOT be visible
>>from a number of nearby vantage points. Move a few steps left
>>and the lighthouse disappears behind some trees to the left of
>>the narrow notch. Move a greater distance to the right, and the
>>tip disappears to the notch's right. Move down 100 yards or so
>>into the field in the foreground, and it looks again like that
>>lighthouse would disappear behind the trees near the farmhouse.

>>The fact that Ridpath can find one small area in all of
>>Rendlesham forest where the lighthouse is barely visible through
>>a small gap hardly explains how an obscured lighthouse elsewhere
>>with a main beam "masked to the landward side" can lead some men
>>on a 2-mile chase through the woods.

>Hi, David, Peter:

>Has anybody plotted all of this on a map and is this available
>on an URL, somewhere?

Bob,

I have a couple of general area maps scanned at:

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

Having spent many a long summer break on the Welsh coast close
by both lighthouses and beacons in all types of weather. I
cannot see anyone being taken in by identifying these coastal
lights for anything other than just that, fixed coastal lights,
they were there for years before hand and they've been there for
years since, so why the misidentification just on those couple
of nights only?.

Just a thought.
Neil.

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 15:09:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:34:59 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 23:05:55 -0400

>This is an old discussion, but I have something new and tangible
>to add.

>Those who know the Linda Cortile case -- recounted in Budd
>Hopkins's book "Witnessed" -- know that traffic supposedly was
>stopped after midnight one night on the Brooklyn Bridge in New
>York, apparently because of electronic interference from a UFO.

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>other reasons) so spectacular a stoppage of so many cars -- no
>matter what the cause -- would have been all over the media the
>next day. And, of course, no such story appeared.

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>Yorker -- that very likely no news story would have appeared.
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>convinced. My examples weren't exactly parallel, after all, and
>you have to live in New York, I think, to understand how many
>things that would make the news instantly most other places
>never even get mentioned here.
>

Greg,

The difference in nature between the above incident and the
blocking off of the Brooklyn Bridge you mentioned below -- with
no apparent follow up in the next day's paper -- should be
apparent.

Let's look at it in a little detail. You and your girlfriend
look at each other and wonder, "Hmmm, I wonder why the bridge
is closed off? I'll check the papers in the morning to see."

Probably every other New Yorker who saw it thought the same
thing. No need to pull over and call the cops because obviously
they already know something's going on -- as they're the ones
doing the blocking. They'll look to their morning papers, too.

Meanwhile, down at the newspapers, at least one second-shift
reporter at each paper is monitoring the police channels and now
pretty much knows what is going on that caused the bridge's
closure. It goes up to the night editor, who now has to decide
whether the cause of the closing is something that would
interest his audience -- after the fact, of course. (By the same
token, you'd have thought the TV station would have announced it
if only as a way of avoiding a traffic jam on the way home, but,
like you said, this is New York!)

Now, let's say that what caused the bridge to be closed was the
fact that a truck carrying nuclear waste rods from 3-Mile Island
had jack-knifed. That, no doubt, would have made the papers,
even in news-jaded NYC.

So, whatever it was, must not have gotten the editor's attention, thus no story. In other words, the actual cause must have pretty mundane.

(I should also point out that your sampling included only three media outlets out of a city media pool that probably numbers in the hundreds. How do you know it wasn't mentioned on radio, for example? Beyond whether it made the media or not, its cause was certainly on file in police records. Did anyone check the latter in the Cortile Case?)

Contrast that with the Cortile Case. Witnessing a large, glowing flying saucer that floats somebody out of an apartment window and stalls your car in the bargain is pretty, to coin a cliché, paradigm-shifting stuff. Everybody there that night -- which assumes that anyone was there -- now knows they're here, and here for real.

You'd think at least some of them -- if only in a "You're not gonna believe this, but..." mode -- would have reported same to someone, the police, the papers, or, for that matter, a UFO group. This is the sort of stuff that gets your attention. We're not talking distant nocturnal light or even daylight disk stuff, but up close observation accompanied by physical effects. Presumably, some of these people would have seen the object disappear into the river as well -- where for all intents and purposes, as far as they would have any way of knowing, the damn thing would still be there the next day.

Unfortunately, this happens to be the least of the Cortile Case's problems. It's futile to argue that it should have been reported at this stage (or was, but wasn't followed up on) because that's an argument that can never be confirmed, only suggested.

As we all know, though, this was only the beginning of the Cortile Case. Next comes Richard, Dan, and the Secretary General of the United Nations, not to mention diving helmets and "altered" sand samples. (Any updates on the latter, btw?)

I'm as loathe as Greg to raise this case again, but the question remains: if ufologists out there (and you know who you are) are willing to grant the Cortile Case even the semblance of credence, what UFO case wouldn't you believe? How outrageous and unbelievable on the surface would it have to be before you shook your head and said, "No, no. Look, guys, I've swallowed quite a bit in the last few years, but don't you think this is stretching it just a little bit? I mean, at some point, extraordinary claims really do demand extraordinary proof -- and this would seem to be one of those times, if ever there was one."

Note: "You" in the above graf refers to the ufological community in general, not to Greg Sandow personally.

Dennis Stacy <http://www.anomalist.com> San Antonio

(Home to Jacques Barzun) The City That Never Sleeps And Where It Never Rains (Ever)
But at least traffic jams get reported (on radio)

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Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 15:41:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:36:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow & You
>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 23:36:12 -0400

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>And to say that I've "turned my back on the psychological
>aspects of alien abduction" -- much less that I've "obviously"
>done so -- is amazing to read. I wonder how much Serge knows
>about my abduction work. I might refer him to my essay "The
>Abduction Conundrum," which originally appeared in Dennis
>Stacy's publication, The Anomalist, and can now be found on my
>UFO website, <http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo>.

Greg,

Yeah, and howabout a plug for The Anomalist over there, anyway!?

<BG!>

Dennis Stacy
<http://www.anomalist.com>

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 17:32:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:38:06 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Mortellaro

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 23:05:55 -0400

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>things that would make the news instantly most other places
>never even get mentioned here.

>But now I have very strong evidence that I was right. Note that
>I'm not arguing that the "Linda" case really happened as Budd
>describes. That's another discussion, and I'm not going to
>resume it here. I'm just offering what I think are conclusive
>reasons why this particular skeptics' argument is wrong.

>Last weekend, my fiancée and I went to a Mets game. We took a
>ferry from Manhattan to Shea Stadium, and liked the ride so much
>that, instead of getting off at 34th Street on our return trip
>as we'd planned, we went all the way down to the South Street
>Seaport. It was just fabulous -- wild currents in the East
>River, which I'd heard about but never seen, all the bridges,
>six of them, all of them different, all spectacular in different
>ways.

>The last bridge we went under was the Brooklyn Bridge, and
>something mildly astounding was happening on it. Emergency
>vehicles had taken up positions about a third of the way out on
>either side. No traffic was moving on the bridge. And, as we
>could see as we moved further south and could see emergency
>vehicles blocking the approaches to the bridge, no traffic was
>allowed onto it.

>Of course we were curious to know what was going on, so when we
>got home, we turned on New York 1, the city's 24-hour local news
>cable channel. Not a word about the Brooklyn Bridge. The next
>morning we scanned the two newspapers we get delivered, the New
>York Times and the Daily News. Not a word in either one of them.

>I think this proves my point. If there wasn't media coverage of
>an event that happened in full view of thousands of people at 11
>PM, snarling traffic on both sides of the river, and with police

>and paramedics right in the middle of the action, why should
>there be coverage of something that (allegedly) happened to a
>relatively small number of cars, with no police present, much
>later at night?

>Greg Sandow

Dear Listers et Al,

If the issue under discussion is the closing of the Brooklyn Bridge, as Greg indicates, then it would be worthwhile to determine whether or not it was or wasn't shut down and by whom. If it was shut down to traffic on the authority of those on the bridge having witnessed a strange phenomenon, then unless one or more of those witnessing reported this to authorities, this matter would not have been transmitted on any of the com links (my specialty as a consultant to law enforcement is data and RF com). Then, the matter would not have been reported and as a consequence, would not likely appear in the media.

Of course, the copy of Budd's book is, thanks to my Rosie, burried deep in one of the myriad boxes she used to pack mostly my stuff prior to our move north. I still cannot find my collection of Dylan's songbooks, every single one ever printed, much to the relief of those who abhor everything Froggy says. I do it to make them uncomfortable, like some folks get when you run your finernails down a chalk board. Besides, most of these people don't need no wax job. They're smooth enough for me. (Travelling Wilburry's, Wllberries... whatever).

I will look into the matter personally, hoping to utilize the substantial number of contacts I have garnered since beginning my own investigation on the matter of me. I've determined that people, even those in authority, (except for the Federal Government and the military) are generally respectful of one who speaks truthfully and seeks answers to honest questions.

As a side bar, in dealing with state and local authorities ranging from state police (which is a paramilitary organization in many states including New York), sheriff's offices, marshals, county and local police covering the six counties nearest to NYC, ARC, etc., information is not so difficult to come by as many have experienced. Strange two, I have never even had a bad day in Paris. Not even with Paris cab drivers. Wonders will never cease.

Must be karma.

Anything turned up (or not turned up), will be reported here.

My best to those interested.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: ElectroMagnetic Attack? - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:49:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:29:51 -0400
Subject: Re: ElectroMagnetic Attack? - Lemire

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 27 Aug 2000 16:21:55 EDT
>Subject: Re: ElectroMagnetic Attack? - Rudiak
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Sun, 27 Aug 2000 11:06:58 -0400
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 27 Aug 2000 11:28:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: ElectroMagnetic Attack? - Goldsmith

>>>From: Rick Goldsmith <rgoldsm@synapse.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: ElectroMagnetic Attack?
>>>Date: Fri, 25 Aug 2000 20:11:49 -0400

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>A proposed weapon, that has been tested in the laboratory, acts
>as a wireless taser stun unit. It utilizes an ultraviolet laser
>to ionize a narrow beam of air between the laser and target.
>Once ionized, the air briefly forms a highly conductive path
>(thus forming the wireless wire). The target can then be
>stunned by passing a high voltage pulse of current down the
>ionized path.

>Range is limited (tens of feet as I recall). An ultraviolet
>laser powerful enough to do this would also cause a burn where
>it "painted" the target Practical use as a portable weapon
>(stun ray) is also currently limited by the lack of a powerful,
>compact UV laser.

>People being burned or stunned by UFO close encounters, or
>having their cars stalled and electrical components blown out,
>could conceivably be the result of a similar targeted stun
>weapon. However, I think high-power, pulsed microwaves are the
>more likely culprit. According to the Air Force Scientific
>Advisory Board Web paper a few years back, the Air Force
>already has these weapons, which can also be used to scramble
>aircraft navigation and communications.

>I don't think the striking similarity between the effects of the
>AF weapon and those described from old UFO close encounters is
>simple coincidence. In fact, I think it is a striking example
>of how UFOs CAN and HAVE been studied scientifically behind the
>scenes and some of their technology retro-engineered.

>David Rudiak

David,

Two excellent references along these lines are Alan C. Holt's
work, of which reports appear in the 1983 and 1984 Mufon
Symposium Proceedings. These reports are titled, "UFO
Propulsion:Pulsed Radiation And Crystalline Structure", and "UFO
Light Beams:Space-Time Projections", respectively. I highly
recommend these sources.

Todd Lemire

Michigan UFO CENTRAL

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The only barriers thrown in the way of legitimate scientific study of the subject (of UFOs) are political.

From "Clear Intent" - Fawcett and Greenwood

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New Jersey UFO Conference - Addenda

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2000 10:10:32 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:33:22 -0400
Subject: New Jersey UFO Conference - Addenda

>Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2000 13:50:47 -0300
>From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
>Subject: New Jersey UFO Conference
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hi List:

>The subject conference, sponsored by THE UFO/ET WORLD TRAVELING
>MUSEUM & LIBRARY OF SCIENTIFIC ANOMALIES will hold the 11th
>UFO/ET CONGRESS on October 7 & 8, 2000 at the Days Inn in
>Bordentown, New Jersey, NJ Rt. 206 at exit 7 of the New Jersey
>Turnpike. For information write: Pat Marcattilio- DR UFO, 221
>Joan Terrace, Hamilton, New Jersey 08629 or call(609)631-8955
>between 11am and 3 pm week days or Saturday/Sunday or e-mail Tom
>Benson at sparkle@earthlink.net. or write: Tom Benson, P.O. Box
>1174, Trenton, New Jersey 08606-1174.

>The group that sponsors the above conference, the Trenton UFO
>Study Group has held meetings once a month since the Fall of
>1984, one of the oldest in the country. The meetings are open to
>the public on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the
>Hamilton Township Library (609)581-4060.

>Tom

To List:

Addenda:

The Conference will cost \$85 for both days, if sent by September
23, 2000. One day pass is \$50, 1 lecture only \$20, workshop,
\$20. Checks payable to Pat J. Marcattilio, 221 Joan Terrace,
Hamilton, N.J. 08629.

Speakers include:

Thomas J. Carey - UFO Crash at Roswell, New Eyewitness come
forth. The lecture will focus on key issues surrounding the
case and what the future holds for its further investigations.
Emphasis will be placed upon new discoveries made during the
last two years and what further might be in the offering.
Thomas has worked with Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt for the
past ten years on the Roswell incident.

Michael Mannion - Project Mind Shift - Michael is author of this
book and he will tell us about the forces in the US Government
who have been conducting a 50 year campaign of re-education,
using the media, first to conceal, then slowly reveal to the
public the possibility of ET life. He will also discuss his
work with experiencers whose encounters suggest that there is a
healing and transformational aspect to the ET-Human encounters.

Hans Holzer - Ghosts - Life Beyond Death & UFOonauts. Hans will
give two separate lectures on these topics. He is author of
over 100 books including: Yankee Ghosts, Ghosts that walk in
Washington, D.C., Psychic Investigator, travel Guide to haunted
Houses.

Vicki Ecker - Editor in Chief of UFO magazine, based in Los Angeles, California. Vicki will discuss In Search of the Secret Knowledge Keepers, Who Really Controls American UFO Scene. Is it MJ12 or some other clandestine group? This presentation from little known sources, outlines a strange secret cabal that may or may not have "special access to the situation."

Don Ecker - Director of Research for UFO magazine. Don will The Dark Side of the Moon. His illustrated talk will show us the Lunar Anomaly reports and photographs that show us that the Moon is not just a dead body. He will critically evaluate the Lunar photographs and other research he has conducted for 8 years.

Jim Moseley - Editor-In- Chief of Saucer Smear and other publications since 1954. Jim has spoken on various UFO topics to 100's of college and other audiences since the 60's. He held the largest UFO Conference in New York City in 1967 that was attended by 6000 people. Jim is Permanent Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the National UFO Conference which is the oldest U.S. UFO organization continually holding annual conferences since 1964. Jim will discuss Ufologist thoughts and ideas of the times and other areas.

Pat Marcattilio, Conference host will also lecture on Origins of Civilizations throughout history with a focus on ET or other intelligence involvement with humans in their development.

Antonio Huneus - MUFON International Coordinator, FATE columnist and science journalist will discuss UFO Chronicles: 2000- From historical research to the latest UFO waves in South America. This veteran journalist from the international UFO front lines, reviews the field with his intensive slide and video collection. Military generals of Chile speak out on their official UFO Investigations Committee. Surprisingly, and clear footage of UFOs by Russian Cosmonauts from the new DVD, Ultimate UFO, is one of Antonio's latest projects shown. Historical insights from one of the co-authors of the recently released Dell paperback: "UFO Briefing Document", the acclaimed Lawrence Rockefeller- funded report given to U.S. Congress and selected VIP's worldwide. Also discussed is the latest from the San Marino (Conference in Europe, that he attended and lectured to.

Other speakers to be announced.

Tom Benson

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* GUEST CORNER *

WELCOME TO THE VIRTUAL VILLAGE
& 'ER' THE NEW WORLD ORDER
By David Icke

Just been watching CNN (Criminal News Network, Claptrap No News)
and there is clearly a new code for centralised global control
the Virtual Village.

It was a documentary on the use of the Internet in the
"developing world" and all the classic triggers were there &
everyone on the planet is now just a click away, the Virtual
Village crosses all borders and makes them
irrelevant...etc..etc... and in the advertisement breaks we had
propaganda from the Illuminati's World Bank in which it said it
wanted the whole world "connected" (controlled, monitored) and
free from poverty.

What a joke.

This from an organisation which has been responsible for massive
grants to support the agenda of the transnational corporations
in these same "developing countries", a policy that has
destroyed again and again the ability of those people to be
self-sufficient, thus creating widespread poverty, hunger, and
death.

So we have had "The Global Village" (New World Order), the
"Global Commons" (New World Order), "One World" (New World
Order) and now the latest, the "Virtual Village" (New World
Order).

That is not to say that connecting the world's population for
inter-action and dialogue is not a desirable development - in
the right hands with the right motivation. But that is not we
are talking about here. One World - discussions and negotiations
for mutual benefit - is not what is being offered here. It is a
centrally controlled dictatorship.

The environmental movement has bought this illusion, so has much
of the "New Age" and by the time they realise what One World
really means it will be too late.

As always, the Internet is very much a two-edged sword. On one side it has allowed suppressed information to be communicated, but on the other it allows the Elite to monitor communications very easily, see who knows what, and to justify the destruction of the national state and national borders by crossing them electronically at will to create the "Virtual Village". Once again it is not the principle we need to look at so much as the motivation behind it.

And once the world government is in place, they have the global base to legislate against the Internet and begin to remove its benefits while keeping what suits them. The Internet is a stalking horse for the agenda and that's why they allowed military technology to be used to make it possible.

We need to use it while we can to expose and reveal while being aware of its true agenda.

David
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* FAVORITE QUOTES *

"The philosophy of a generation in the classroom will become the philosophy of the government in the next." - Abraham Lincoln
Sent by: Richmond, Robert

"PRIOR PLANNING MAKES BETTER EXECUTION OF THE MISION"
Sent in by: timothy m hall

"Most folks claim to have a few skeletons in their closet. I own several cemeteries."
Sent in by: Marcia McGuire

"Who would ever recognize Einstein without his 'bad hair'?"
Sent in by: jules w.

"Rules are rules" is the cry of the irresponsible, not the responsible. When rules come before humanity, then we must be aware that the guile of the New World Order has already done its job and we are already slaves."
- Peter farley
Sent in by: Batbordc

"Any government big enough to give you everything you need, is big enough to take everything you have"
- Thomas Jefferson
Sent in by: Ron Davis

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* TOP STORIES *

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- * New Info From Oz On Gun Confiscation & Army Anti-Terrorist Training
- * Bats And West Nile In New York - First Time In Wild Mammals
- * P.M. Tony Blair - "We Will DNA Test Every Criminal In Britain"
- * USA TODAY Clarifies Noni Juice Article
- * Another Major Crop Formation Appears In Montana
- * New Remote Viewing Website Launched - Everyone Invited To Participate
- * The Evidence That HIV Causes AIDS
- * American Cities Target Of 13 Of China's 18 Long-Range Nuclear Missiles
- * The Truth About The Jews
- * Touching Old Vinyl Toys May Disrupt Body's Endocrine System
- * UPDATE Chupacabra Killed - Corpse Found in Nicaragua - Photo
- * US-Israeli Laser Knocks Out Two Rockets At Once
- * Robotic System Can Design And Make Other Robots
- * St. John's Wort 'Best Treatment For Depression' - British Medical Journal
- * Electrolyzed Water Destroys Deadly Food Pathogens
- * SOHO Space Observatory Discovers Its 202nd Comet
- * Why Self-Tickling Doesn't Work
- * Tens Of Thousands Of Chinese In Sudan 'To Guard Sudanese Oilfields'
- * Dazzling August Crop Circles In England
- * Moosomin, Saskatchewan Crop Formation Photos
- * Al Fayed To Sue US Government In Death Of Son Dodi & Princess Diana
- * Dental Water Sprays Contain Bacteria That Could Kill Some Patients
- * New Armed 'Roboguard' Debuts - 'You Have Twenty Seconds To Comply'
- * 'Beaming' JonBenet Parents End Police Interviews
- * Geo-Meteors, Tunguska - & Pulsed Electromagnetic Weapons Tests In Oz?
- * Immortality Protein May Offer Cancer Vaccine
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Encore from Thursday 8-31
Capt. Joyce Riley: Air Force Spray Unit Identified
Dr. Roger Leir: Alien Implants

MON 9-4
John Carman: US Customs Corruption

TUE 9-5
George Filer: UFO Sighting Highlights
Dr. Robert And Ryan Wood: New Roswell Witness Account

WED 9-6
Pending

THU 9-7
MUFON National Report

FRI 9-8
Brad Steiger: A Paranormal Evening

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By Tupper Saussy

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:38:29 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 15:09:32 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>The difference in nature between the above incident and the
>blocking off of the Brooklyn Bridge you mentioned below -- with
>no apparent follow up in the next day's paper -- should be
>apparent.

Well., right here you're raising the ante. When we had this discussion long ago, all you said was that the interruption of traffic, all by itself, regardless of its cause, would have been in the media. Not that I had only you in mind when I wrote my new post -- you're not the only one who made that argument -- but I wanted to show that the mere interruption of traffic isn't enough to make the news here.

>Probably every other New Yorker who saw it thought the same
>thing. No need to pull over and call the cops because obviously
>they already know something's going on -- as they're the ones
>doing the blocking. They'll look to their morning papers, too.

At the time I kicked myself for not strolling a couple of blocks uptown from the South Street Seaport to ask the cops what was happening. I've seen this kind of thing before -- a posse of cop cars, for instance, screeching to a stop outside my local subway station, arriving from all directions, disgorging cops who rush down the stairs. Not a word in the press about that one, either. I've learned to ask if I want information, and should have done that this time.

>Meanwhile, down at the newspapers, at least one second-shift
>reporter at each paper is monitoring the police channels and now
>pretty much _knows_ what is going on that caused the bridge's
>closure. It goes up to the night editor, who now has to decide
>whether the cause of the closing is something that would
>interest his audience -- after the fact, of course. (By the same
>token, you'd have thought the TV station would have announced it
>if only as a way of avoiding a traffic jam on the way home, but,
>like you said, this is New York!)

Do you mean a radio station? Not much reason for traffic reports on TV. You've got a point, though. I should have turned on the radio.

>Now, let's say that what caused the bridge to be closed was the
>fact that a truck carrying nuclear waste rods from 3-Mile Island
>had jack-knifed. _That_, no doubt, would have made the papers,
>even in news-jaded NYC.

>So, whatever it was, must not have gotten the editor's
>attention, thus no story. In other words, the actual cause must
>have pretty mundane.

Are you imagining that the Brooklyn Bridge gets closed to traffic -- by a dozen emergency vehicles, lights flashing -- every night? In a lifetime in the city, I've never seen anything like that, on any NYC (or vicinity) bridge. To me, the stoppage

itself was notable, no matter how mundane the cause was.

>(I should also point out that your sampling included only three
>media outlets out of a city media pool that probably numbers in
>the hundreds. How do you know it wasn't mentioned on radio, for
>example? Beyond whether it made the media or not, its cause was
>certainly on file in police records. Did anyone check the latter
>in the Cortile Case?)

Always good to talk about NYC media with an expert. Yes, the city might have 20 or so major media outlets, counting newspapers, TV, radio, and a whatever magazines might report city news. I can't pretend to have sampled many of them. Forgive me if I just chose three of the most prominent -- the two major dailies and the 24-hour local TV news channel, a Time-Warner enterprise that's the CNN of New York, and is more likely than any other station to report breaking local news. I can't prove that whatever happened on the bridge that night was completely absent from the media. But if it didn't make the Times, the News, or New York 1, it obviously (to any New Yorker) wasn't a serious media item here.

>Contrast that with the Cortile Case. Witnessing a large, glowing
>flying saucer that floats somebody out of an apartment window
>and stalls your car in the bargain is pretty, to coin a cliché,
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>disappear into the river as well -- where for all intents and
>purposes, as far as they would have any way of knowing, the damn
>thing would still be there the next day.

Oh, of course, because we know that most UFO sightings are immediately reported to someone in authority.

Ooops, wait a minute. I got that backwards. The vast majority of UFO sightings are never reported anywhere. If you want to unilaterally repeal that rule of thumb for the Linda case, feel free, but I'm just going to look at you quizzically, and repeat that famous line from the Reagan-Carter presidential debates.

Greg Sandow

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From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 23:05:55 -0400

>>This is an old discussion, but I have something new and tangible
>>to add.

>>Those who know the Linda Cortile case -- recounted in Budd
>>Hopkins's book "Witnessed" -- know that traffic supposedly was
>>stopped after midnight one night on the Brooklyn Bridge in New
>>York, apparently because of electronic interference from a UFO.

>>Skeptics argued that this couldn't have happened, because (among
>>other reasons) so spectacular a stoppage of so many cars -- no
>>matter what the cause -- would have been all over the media the
>>next day. And, of course, no such story appeared.

>>When we discussed this here, I suggested -- as a lifelong New
>>Yorker -- that very likely no news story would have appeared.
>>All sorts of things, I said, happen here without news coverage.
>>I gave various examples, but I doubt the skeptics were
>>convinced. My examples weren't exactly parallel, after all, and
>>you have to live in New York, I think, to understand how many
>>things that would make the news instantly most other places
>>never even get mentioned here.

>Greg,

>The difference in nature between the above incident and the
>blocking off of the Brooklyn Bridge you mentioned below -- with
>no apparent follow up in the next day's paper -- should be
>apparent.

>Let's look at it in a little detail. You and your girlfriend
>look at each other and wonder, "Hmmm, I wonder why the bridge
>is closed off? I'll check the papers in the morning to see."

>Probably every other New Yorker who saw it thought the same
>thing. No need to pull over and call the cops because obviously
>they already know something's going on -- as they're the ones
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>thing would still be there the next day.

>Unfortunately, this happens to be the least of the Cortile
>Case's problems. It's futile to argue that it should have been
>reported at this stage (or was, but wasn't followed up on)
>because that's an argument that can never be confirmed, only
>suggested.

>As we all know, though, this was only the beginning of the
>Cortile Case. Next comes Richard, Dan, and the Secretary General
>of the United Nations, not to mention diving helmets and
>"altered" sand samples. (Any updates on the latter, btw?)

>I'm as loathe as Greg to raise this case again, but the question
>remains: if ufologists out there (and you know who you are) are
>willing to grant the Cortile Case even the semblance of
>credence, what UFO case wouldn't you believe? How outrageous
>and unbelievable on the surface would it have to be before you
>shook your head and said, "No, no. Look, guys, I've swallowed
>quite a bit in the last few years, but don't you think this is
>stretching it just a little bit? I mean, at some point,
>extraordinary claims really do demand extraordinary proof --
>and this would seem to be one of those times, if ever there was
>one."

>Note: "You" in the above graf refers to the ufological community
>in general, not to Greg Sandow personally.

Dear Weary Listers and Dreary others, and of course, EBK,

What Mr. Savvy Stacy forgets is that this is New York. You can't
imagine how much goes on in this city which goes unreported.
Notice I did not say unnoticed. I said "unreported".

Let me give you an example of something which I witnessed on or
about the summer of 1990. I was on the East Side, somewhere in
the fifties stuck in a really rotten traffic jam. Nothing was
moving. Alongside me on the block, was a fine eatery which name
escapes.

There must have been no fewer than 20 automobiles, many with
cellular phones within seeing distance of what was about to
occur. About five VERY well dressed men nonchalantly walked up
to this restaurant and attempted to get inside. The restaurant
was closed.

The doorbell either did not ring or no one was inside to answer.
Or whomever was inside was not interested in answering the door.
The perps tried everything from banging on the door to
attempting to push it in using quite a repertoire of implements.

I saw a sledge hammer, three garbage cans (metal and apparently full), and finally got a little suspicious when one of the men (who was standing by idly) produced a shotgun from his rain coat. (Dupione and handcrafted, I was that close). Inside the raincoat (it was a warm and sunshiny day) was another Dupione silk hand tailored suit in charcoal gray. Cuff links, silk tie, what looked to me like a gorgeous and out of the box white silk shirt, etc., etc. These dudes were well dressed.

Thinking at first that these men were police or other law enforcement, I decided not to do anything. However when a combination of garbage can and shotgun blasts to the door produced the desired entry for the perps, and out came other semi automatic weapons, I decided to call the local precinct. I reported what I saw. By radio on the interagency frequency.

This took place in a period of approximately five minutes (knock to entry). Even some Boombats walking down the street (and there were countless of those - who did absolutely NOTHING) would suspect something was rotten in New York and report it via 911 at any phone booth on the street. And there were a bank of them on the corner not more than 20 feet from the restaurant.

Because of my work, I carry lots of communications gear in my car. There was only one dispatch to a car, the rest of the police calls were for backup and some portables reporting what was going on. So I know that no one else called. When there are multiple calls on an event occurring in New York City, there is usually a second or even a third call to the responding officers, saying something to the effect that there have been more calls to 911 on this job.

There was only one call for backup and that was to a supervisor (sergeant) because this was apparently an unusual case.

By now I had double parked my car, not that it mattered, with emergency lights going so as not to be shot by a citizen who was upset over my blocking blocked traffic. After the police arrived (by foot from their car now parked on a N/S Street), they entered the building with weapons drawn. About five minutes later the supervisor arrived, followed in five minutes by a radio report that no further was needed at the location and things were under control. A number of detectives arrived after the premises was secured and arrests made, likely to retrieve whatever evidence needed retrieving.

The perpetrators exited the restaurant in handcuffs and leg restraints, followed by the sergeant and that was it except for the detectives arriving shortly after.

Mind you folks, shots were fired. This was dispatched as an "armband and dangerous" call. The shotgun sounded like a 12 Ga. to me and looked like a short or shortened barrel. In broad daylight on the East Side of Manhattan in a really posh neighborhood.

The following day, or anytime thereafter, there were no reports of the incident in any of the papers, nor on the radio or TV. I should know, I looked.

Whilst I never called the media to ask about the incident, this is proof ample, that stuff which happens in NYC never gets a second glance by the citizens or the press. The news media said nuttin honey.

Looking at the Cortile incident on the bridge (which I indicated I would check on personally) from that perspective and from the perspective of the witnesses, I don't doubt that nothing was said, if indeed this all occurred as reported in "Witnessed."

Think about it. "Uh, hello 911? Uh, I just saw a flying saucer beam a cupla dudes outa this apartment house. I can see it all from the Brooklyn Bridge. Uh, Hello? Hello?"

Stacy, your perspective is too southern. And your attitude much to skeptical. A turn to the left might help you adjust to the fact that some of the things you deny as being impossible, may indeed be possible. Notice the word "probable" never left my lippies.

Jim Mortellaro

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Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 01:54:38 -0700
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Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hale

>From: Rory Lushman <oubliette@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Lushman
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2000 09:47:50 +0100

>Well we'll just have to wait and see what the footage shows
>there then. I do have a few questions in mind but who knows
>Chris may even answer them during his talk.

Hi Rory,

An excellent way to approach the whole debate, lets hope Chris can answer your questions!

Regards,

Roy..

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Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hale

>From: Terry Rhodes <UtterMole@cs.com>
>Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2000 10:00:06 EDT
>Fwd Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 00:32:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Rhodes

>What do you believe this footage shows?

>Terry

Hi Terry & All,

Terry would you like to meet up at Chris Martin's meeting, set out below?

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Admission: £4 On the door.

Because you seem very interested in the footage of Chris' it really would be an excellent chance for you to see the footage at close hand, enabling you to have a better perspective, and understanding of the footage' also you can fire any questions at Chris you may have concerning the footage, but most importantly you will get to hear the background and history of Chris and how he filmed his footage.

I think it will also be a good opportunity to break the ice with each other and start to get along a bit better' and find out a bit more about each other concerning the ufo subject as I know you are new to updates, and well I must admit I know nothing of your background or where you are coming from as far as ufos and research goes, most people on here know roughly what others have done in ufo research over the years, so I feel it would be an enlightening evening for both of us (I promise not to bore you to death) 'as I think we got off on the wrong foot so to speak . We would be more helpful to each other if we got along together.

So how's about it Terry, see you at Chris Martins meeting on the 8th?

If you have any problems with knowing how to get to the meeting please let me know, and I may be able to give you directions. And if all is okay and you can go, e-mail me and perhaps you can meet up with myself and colleagues and we can take you to the meeting, seeming we know where it will be held.

Oh, and yes the first coke will be on me <g>

Kind Regards,

Regards Roy..

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 02:10:57 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:48:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hale

>From: Martin Jeffrey <martin-j@lineone.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 21:32:33 +0100

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>storytellers aiming to make money.

Hi Martin,

Can I thank you for this helpful insight into London UFOS, I shall bear this in mind, I may raise this point on friday as one of my questions at the meeting if this is okay with you?

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>Karl Woods and Chris Martin arguments brewing.

Would you consider sending a review of the conference to me as I am unable to reach Leeds? I would be interested on your perspective of the events.

Kind Regards,

Roy..
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Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 22:12:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:52:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 01:47:48 -0700
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua

>>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>>Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua
>>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 16:02:45 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>some local political diatribe. There was no mention of
>Chupacabras, dead or alive, that I could see.

>Best

>- Larry Hatch

Hi!

You may want to check out the latest photos and news of a
supposed Blood Predator or "Chupacabras" that was killed in
Leon, Nicaragua in our web page:

<http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>

There are three daily newspaper, not tabloid, carrying the news:
La Prensa. El Nuevo Diario and La Nacion. Also, we are receiving
news, in English, on local TV, like FOX channel 7, in Miami, CNN
and NBC channel 6 in Miami, thats besides the Spanish TV
channels. It goes world wide. For example; we received reports
from Spain, in TEVE 5 and TV Valenciano channel 9, and so
on... News is posted almost daily and everybody is waiting the
scientist's final report, in spite of some loops in their
opinions.

Also, try a direct contact, in English, with Mr. Kim Burrafato,
of "La Prensa" at: lensman@stardrive.org

Regards,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com>
Miami UFO Reporter (English) <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>
Depredador de Sangre (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
Hemo Predator (English) <http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>
Patagrande -Bigfoot- (Español) <http://patagrande.homestead.com/index.html>

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From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 07:25:12 +0200
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:54:16 -0400
Subject: Soviets Smart On UFOs Over US?

Forwarded from "alt.ufo.reports".

Stig

Subject: Soviets Smart On UFOs Over US?
Date: Fri, 01 Sep 2000 23:29:06 GMT
From: Joseph Palermo <dmsllc@earthlink.net>
Newsgroups: alt.ufo.reports

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Soviets Smart On UFO's Over U.S.?

ST. LOUIS, MO - August 17, 2000 (DMSLLC) -- Dream Masters Studios, LLC., of St. Louis, Missouri has made available to the "streamers" of the world a free, RealPlayer presentation by nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman on what Russia may have over the United States in terms of UFO investigation and research. This is the first part of a double presentation titled Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project.

The second part, The Starchild Project, gives us Lloyd Pye (who was seen on the television program "Extra" in the fall of 1999 about the skull) presenting the full story of the anomalous skull that has gotten mixed reviews as to it's origin.

"The anomalous skull stands out so much because it would appear to be a complete redesign of a human skull. The question of 'how did it happen?' has resulted in one theory of extraterrestrial causation." says Dream Masters Studios executive producer and program producer Joseph L. Palermo.

Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project follows the Dream Masters Studios streaming media program Chupacabras! The Legend Begins

both found at StreamSearch.Com. The biggest difference this time is that Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project is offered for free instead of pay-per-view.

Palermo arranged for this and sites his reasoning. "Yes, there is a lot of money being dumped into e-commerce with an expected world wide return of billions of dollars. And, yes, it has cost money to produce the programs we're offering 'streamers' but there has to be other considerations. I want to make our programs available to the world population for free at least once. Television used to be that way. If a viewer likes it, they can choose to buy the video."

To view "Soviet Ufology/The Starchild Project", go to

<http://www.ss.com>

and search for "Dream Masters Studios" on screen right, which will take you to the Dream Masters Studios page. The presentation will look better if viewed with a high speed connection.

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hayes

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 08:05:03 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:57:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hayes

Hi Roy,

Do you know Martin Jefffrey?

In the message below he mentions you, LUFOS and Robert La Mont in a not too flattering light. Roy Hale has NOT mentioned you or LUFOS.

Thought it only correct to let you see it.

Regards,

John.

>From: Martin Jeffrey <martin-j@lineone.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 21:32:33 +0100

>>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 14:44:35 -0700
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?

>>>From: Rory Lushman <oubliette@currantbun.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 08:24:39 +0100

>>>No objections Roy, just interested as to why you are giving this book so much attention and not any others.

>>Hello Rory,

>>Anyone wishing to advertise their product on my site, are welcome to approach myself at anytime, obviously this is not a free service as I have to maintain the site myself.

>>As for Chris and his book, I have known Chris for some time, and he is very local to me' so when his book arrived we discussed on how to get it out to the public and the ufo community, the web is just one outlet for this.

>>>Also, in all the excitement, you forgot to answer my previous questions.

>>Although I have advertised Chris martins book to a degree, I feel that some of your questions concerning Close encounters etc.. would be best answered by Chris himself. Perhaps you may already have these questions in mind for the Leeds Conference.

>>Best for now,

>>Roy..

>Hi Roy and Rory

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Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 08:31:57 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 09:58:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 01:47:48 -0700
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua

>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
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>Chupacabras, dead or alive, that I could see.

Hello Larry,

I posted that message just before Errol announced the list was
offline until Friday. On checking the site I have found the
story has moved to the archives for 30th August at:

<http://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/archivo/2000/agosto/30-agosto-2000/nacional/nacional4.html>

Best wishes,

John Hayes

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 01:04:56 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 10:01:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Hatch

>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 18:47:05 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Morris

<snip>

>Bob,

>I have a couple of general area maps scanned at:

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

>Having spent many a long summer break on the Welsh coast close
>by both lighthouses and beacons in all types of weather. I
>cannot see anyone being taken in by identifying these coastal
>lights for anything other than just that, fixed coastal lights,
>they were there for years before hand and they've been there for
>years since, so why the misidentification just on those couple
>of nights only?.

>Just a thought.
>Neil.

Hello all:

I don't want to argue the merits of the Orford Ness case here,
but I need to review my own database listing based on the
general discussion.

Can anyone give me the precise date and time of day the "events"
were first perceived? I have several entries for the general
area on different dates.

Thanks in advance.

- Larry Hatch

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Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains -

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 06:20:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 10:07:14 -0400
Subject: Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains -

>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 01:43:43 -0700
>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains

>Hello Scott!

>This is indeed novel, some remains at long last. Can you tell us
>anything about La Prensa de Nicaragua? If LP de N is a tabloid,
>one may well question their editorial policies of course. A web
>browse might help, but I can only read Spanish very slowly.
>Perhaps a listing of their other headlines could give some
>clues.

>Best - Larry Hatch

Dear Larry,

You're quite correct to suggest that LP de N might be a tabloid, which automatically makes it a "leper outcast unclean" to us. But I don't detect a gossipy, sensationalist tone to any of the materials I've translated. The exposition of facts is quite straightforward, IMHO. If what they found was a dog, then so be it. The initial black and white photo was unconvincing at best.

Best,

Scott Corrales

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UFO Meeting, Clacton-on-Sea, UK - 6th September

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 13:23:19 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 10:09:23 -0400
Subject: UFO Meeting, Clacton-on-Sea, UK - 6th September

6th September

Essex UFO Research Group Meeting

Venue: Friends/Quakers Meeting House, Granville Road,
Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

Guest Speaker: Ann Andrews - author of 'Abducted'

Time: 7.00pm to 9.45pm

Admission: £3.00 - includes refreshments

Details: Phone 01255 821 121

Regards,
John Hayes

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Schweinfurt UFOs

From: **Andy Roberts** <AndyRoberts@ancientassociates.fsnet.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 15:09:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 10:41:31 -0400
Subject: Schweinfurt UFOs

Hi,

Listers may be interested in the following article. It has no copyright - feel free to send, post, print where you will. Just credit it to me please.

Happy Trails

Andy

Schweinfurt - A Mystery Solved?

In 1990 I wrote an article entitled W.W.II Document Research - In Search of Foo-Fighters, which primarily dealt with the 'UFOs' allegedly seen in the 14th October 1943 Schweinfurt raid(1). This has since been posted on the Project 47 site (2) and now forms the background to the present article.

The tone of my 1990 piece was very sceptical of the case because, despite having gone to great lengths, I had been unable to track the source of the case down. The source was an alleged UK government document quoted in author Martin Caidin's Black Thursday, a book which dealt with the events of the bombing raid of Thursday 14th October 1943(3).

Having done quite a bit of research into foo-fighters, and having a general interest in W.W.II, I have been quite obsessed by the story over the years. All avenues of enquiry seemed to lead nowhere and in 1999 I went to the Public Records Office (PRO) at Kew and searched many files connected to the Schweinfurt raid. At that time I found nothing at all relating to Caidin's claims and this only strengthened my feelings it was a fabrication. However.....

In July 2000 I spent another few of days at the PRO and this time hit pay-dirt. Besides finding several hitherto unseen references to what would later be termed 'foo-fighters', much new material on ghost rockets and 1950s UK government UFO research, I again went through all the available Schweinfurt related files and came across something of great relevance. But first here is how Martin Caidin reported the incident in Black Thursday.

"As the bombers of the 384th Group swung into the final bomb run after passing the Initial Point, the fighter attacks fell off. This point is vital, and pilots were queried extensively, as were other crew members, as to the position at that time of the German fighter planes. Every man interrogated was firm in his statement that "at the time there were no enemy aircraft above." At this moment the pilots and top turret gunners, as well as several crewmen in the Plexiglas noses of the bombers, reported a cluster of discs in the path of the 384th's formation and closing with the bombers. The startled exclamations focused attention on the phenomenon, and the crews talked back and forth, discussing and confirming the astonishing sight before them.

The discs in the cluster were agreed upon as being silver colored, about one inch thick and three inches in diameter. They were easily seen by the B-17 crewmen, gliding down slowly in a very uniform cluster.

And then the "impossible" happened. B-17 Number 026 closed rapidly with a cluster of discs; the pilot attempted to evade an imminent collision with the objects, but was unsuccessful in this manoeuvre. He reported at the intelligence debriefing that his "right wing went directly through a cluster with absolutely no effect on engines or plane surface."

The intelligence officers pressed their questioning, and the pilot stated further that one of the discs was heard to strike the tail assembly of his B-17, but that neither he nor any member of the crew heard or witnessed an explosion.

He further explained that about twenty feet from the discs the pilots sighted a mass of black debris of varying sizes in clusters of three by four feet.

The SECRET report added: "Also observed two other A/C flying through silver discs with no apparent damage. Observed discs and debris two other times but could not determine where it came from."

No further information on this baffling incident has been uncovered, with the exception that such discs were observed by pilots and crew members prior to, and after, Mission 115 of October 14, 1943.

Memorandum of October 24 1943, from Major E.R.T. Holmes, F.L.O., 1st Bombardment Division, Reference FLO/1BW/REP/126, to M.I. 15, War Office, Bombardment Division, London, S.W. (copy to Colonel E.W. Thompson, A-2, Pinetree)"(4)

Caidin's account of this event via the alleged UK document has existed in UFO legend for forty years without proof. Now I can reveal that the document exists and is almost as Caidin records it.

The document, which Caidin obviously based his account on, reads as follows. All spelling and punctuation is in the original. The file in which the document can be found is: AIR 40/464

At the top right of the document is a rubber stamp giving details of circulation to:

1. Col Kingman Douglas
2. A.I.3. ? (W/Cdr Smith)
3. A.I. 2. ? (W/Cdr Heath)

(Author note: the ? refers to a squiggle or letter I cannot decipher, although it could well be 'to'. Also the background of the stamp on which the above was written says:
"Received 17 Oct 1943"
"Copies sent to A.I.8 (USA))

The rest of the document is as follows:

EKG. TELEGRAM EN CLAIR 4112
Recd. AMCS. 171129a hrs Oct.43

To- OIAWW, OIAJX, OISHL, HBC, AMY.

From - OIPNT

IMPORTANT - CONFIDENTIAL

8 BC 0-1079-E
Annex to Intelligence Report Mission Schweinfurt 16 October 1943

306 Group reports partially unexploded 20mm shell imbedded above the panel in the cockpit of A/C number 412 bearing the following figures 19K43. The Group Ordnance Officer believes the steel composing the shell is of inferior grade. 348th Group reports a cluster of disks observed in the path of the formation near Schweinfurt, at the time there were no E/A above. Discs were described as silver coloured - one inch thick and three inches

in diameter. They were gliding slowly down in very uniform cluster. A/C 026 was unable to avoid them and his right wing went directly through a cluster with absolutely no effect on engines or plane surface. One of the discs was heard striking tail assembly but no explosion was observed. About 20 feet from these discs a mass of black debris of varying sizes in clusters of 3 by 4 feet. Also observed 2 other A/C flying through silver discs with no apparent damage. Observed discs and debris 2 other times but could not determine where it came from.

Copies to:-

P.R. & A.I.6.
D.B.Ops
War Room
D.A.T.
A.I.3. (USA) (Action 2 copies)

Analysis

Presumably Caidin must have seen a copy of this document from one of the American recipients. The following points seem relevant:

* I have tried to check the reference Caidin gives three times now at the PRO, once by using a professional researcher. It does not exist. However the AIR files were all re-numbered at some point prior to them being located at the PRO and it is possible the reference refers to the files' original designation.

* It is also possible the reference pertains to the accompanying letter when it was sent to the USA. This is unlikely however, as the memo is stated to have been sent from one UK source to another and then on to the USA. The Rubber stamp clearly states it was received on 17 October, pre-dating Caidin's reference by seven days. But the sheer number of channels through which documents went be the reason for this confusion and now the original document has been located I don't think we need get hung up on the original reference any more.

* I have found no record of most of the personnel listed. However a Squadron Leader Heath was involved in the UK's investigations of the Scandinavian 'ghost rockets' in 1946.

* Besides the above, other than some possibly excusable authorial hype, Caidin has recorded the incident more or less as the document states

Conclusion

At least we now know Caidin's reference exists! Besides that there is little to say really. The objects reported are intriguing but not completely mystifying. There were many types of flak being used by the Germans in W.W.II and several files in the PRO refer to coloured flak, flak which threw off unusual fragments, and so on. This explanation is made more likely by the fact that the 'F.L.O.' in Caidin's reference stands for 'Flak Liaison Officer', at least suggesting that the Air Ministry were treating it within a flak context.

The objects could also have been some kind of 'window' dropped by the Germans in an attempt to disrupt radar or radio communication among air crew. The explanation as to what the small objects were is now more of a task for the air historian than it is for the ufologist. What is clear from the original account is that the discs, whilst unusual, were clearly not any type of 'craft', under intelligent or purposeful control or dangerous to the air craft or crew.

In my opinion these objects do not belong in the category of sightings referred to as 'foo-fighters', both by their physical description and by their behaviour and characteristics. Although often lumped in with foo-fighter reports they are clearly different. This story has been a staple of UFO writers for the past three four decades. Now we have further clarification and I believe that this particular mystery is more or less laid to rest.

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 11:53:21 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

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Greg, anybody interested:

Yes, but by general informed assent, it seems that 95% are IFOs.

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Does this suggest that the Linda Case is an IFO or true UFO, or something else?

Clear skies,
Bob Young

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FOIA Research - URL

From: **Todd Lemire** <tlemire@home.com>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 12:13:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 13:12:35 -0400
Subject: FOIA Research - URL

Thought I'd pass this along. It may be of help to someone.

<http://notes.ire.org/FOIAedFO.nsf/FOIA%20Case%20Log%20Database?OpenView>

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

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The only barriers thrown in the way of legitimate scientific
study of the subject (of UFOs) are political.

From "Clear Intent" - Fawcett and Greenwood

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 11:43:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 13:13:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

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>unilaterally repeal that rule of thumb for the Linda case, feel
>free, but I'm just going to look at you quizzically, and repeat
>that famous line from the Reagan-Carter presidential debates.

>Greg Sandow

You mean the one about lust in my heart?

<BG>

Dennis

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:54:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 13:32:12 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
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>Yes, but by general informed assent, it seems that 95% are IFOs.

Here we go again. What informed consent? This number (95%) has no basis. Repetition doesn't make it correct.

Some facts:

1. 21.5% of 3201 sightings investigated by Battelle Memorial Institute under Contract to the USAF Project Blue Book were finally labelled as 'Unknowns' (all 4 of the evaluators had to agree before a sighting could be listed as 'Unknown') completely separate and distinct from the 9.3% listed as Insufficient Information. So overall only 70% were identified.
2. According to the AIAA UFO Committee 30% of the 117 cases studied by the U. of Colorado (Condon Report) could not be identified... again leaving only 70%.
3. "The UFO Evidence" reports that there were 746 Unknowns remaining of 4500 cases investigated, or more than 15% Unknowns.
4. It is totally false reasoning, apparently subscribed to by certain UK sceptics, that says that since most sightings can be explained, it is likely that all can be. This is as foolish as suggesting that since 99% of naturally occurring isotopes cannot sustain a chain reaction, none can. Since 99.99% of the population do not have Hemophilia, nobody does. Since 99% of the people are not 7' tall, nobody is. Of course, no eggs are fertilized by sperm since more than 99.999% of sperm never reach an ova. Therefore none do and none of us were born.

When working on radiation shielding for high performance nuclear reactors for propulsion applications, I learned very quickly that absorbing 99.99% of the radiation leaving the reactor was just not good enough. One would still kill people in the area. It is the neutrons and gamma rays that get out that matter, not the ones absorbed. It is the sightings that are not explainable that matter.

>The Linda case involved, as Jim just pointed out, a flying

>saucer hovering over Manhattan, beaming up Linda over the
>Brooklyn Bridge, also seen by the Secretary General of the
>United Nations.

>Does this suggest that the Linda Case is an IFO or true UFO, or
>something else?

Wasn't the sighting late at night? I certainly don't expect many
New Yorkers are walking around looking at the sky after dark
rather than being worried about being mugged or being hit by a
taxi. There isn't much skyline easily accessible from the narrow
canyons between tall buildings. It isn't Roswell, after all,
with lots of clear sky or even Fredericton.

Stan Friedman

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'The People's Front'

From: Dave Bowden <grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 17:34:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 13:33:20 -0400
Subject: 'The People's Front'

Hi all,

Has anyone out there ever seen Monty Python's 'Life of Brian'?

Well for those who haven't there's an interesting scene, where the Peoples Front of Judea (hope I spelt that right) have their usual meeting.

The only thing they can think to talk about it is another group called The Judean People's Front.

Brian stands up and says something like "shouldn't we be discussing the real matter?!" Their reply is "YES! The Judean Popular Front!!"

"NO!" says Brian, "I'm talking about the Romans!".

They all look at each other..."The Romans...? Yes of course the Romans!"

After being on UpDates for some time I finally get the joke.

If we exchange the People's front of Judea for LUFOS, MUFOS, CUFOS, BUFOs and DUFOs I think you might also get it.

I even heard of a group calling themselves 'That In The Sky' but since the acronym is TITS they might have to rethink that one.

I have received far too many private mails naming names... like it matters.

It's saddening to see that most of the cat-fighting seems to go on within UK ufology, it must be quite amusing to the rest of the world as it sometimes is to me.

Anyway, on to the Chris Martin footage.

Regardless of who is who's best friend or who is now a member of this group but was once a member of that group the footage still remains. (Try not to make your comments until you have actually seen the footage please).

For anyone who cannot make it to Leeds but are interested in having a look I will extend my invitation.

I have received some mail from those who either cannot download from Roy's site or simply do not have the ability to view the zipped files I have sent them.

Send me your home address and I will send you a CD containing the full sized images and .AVIs (uncompressed and unzipped) for your viewing pleasure.

Please remember the .AVIs are uncompressed and range from 100 to 280 meg in size, if your machine has less than 64 meg of memory on board you might want to decline.

All the best,

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Re: COMETA Release and Republication of CIA's 1997

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <GBourdais@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:19:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 13:37:30 -0400
Subject: Re: COMETA Release and Republication of CIA's 1997

>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2000 04:27:47 +0200
>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca,
>Subject: COMETA Release and Republication of CIA's 1997 Report

>Interesting, though the post doesn't prove unambiguously that
>the timing is anything, but coincidence, and it is not true,
>that no major Western news media have mentioned COMETA's report.
>French media and articles in the Boston Globe and the Irish
>Times have discussed it thoroughly.

I have to correct you on the French media.....

After the release of the Cometa report, there were very few reactions : Three articles violently opposed to it (prominently, one full page by Pierre Lagrange in the daily 'Liberation', comparing it to the X Files and Independence Day). The weekly "L'Express", labelled it a "delirious report".

One good article in the provincial paper "Ouest France", and a few small pieces here and there, presumably.

A little radio (two minutes early morning), nothing on TV (a programme on UFOs on France 2, two months later, did not say a word about it) Liberation refused a "right of answer", but at the end of the year, corrected Lagrange in a short, mildly favorable article.

The two major daily papers, Le Figaro and Le Monde, said nothing. But Le Figaro printed a full-page story on the new release of the CIA report!

In the US, the Boston Globe is a kind of exception. So, the analysis made by Michael Lindemann in CNI News sounds good to me.

Gildas Bourdais

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Test

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 21:45:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 21:45:27 -0400
Subject: Test

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 19:10:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 21:54:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 10:49:10 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

Bob asked:

>>The fact that Ridpath can find one small area in all of
>>Rendlesham forest where the lighthouse is barely visible
>>through a small gap hardly explains how an obscured lighthouse
>>elsewhere with a main beam "masked to the landward side" can
>>lead some men on a _2-mile_ chase through the woods.

>Hi, David, Peter:

>Has anybody plotted all of this on a map and is this available
>on an URL, somewhere?

Bob,

On my web site there's a map showing the relative positions of
the bases, 'landing site', Orford Ness lighthouse and Shipwash
lightship - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/map2.jpg>

Incidentally, there is a detailed understanding about how the
perspective of the lighthouse and other landmarks is affected as
you walk towards it along the same, due east route that was
taken back in December, 1980. I know from recent discussions
with Ian Ridpath that he has studied this. Also, one of the
UFORL subscribers lives close to Rendlesham forest and has
coincidentally only just provided some exceptional local
knowledge about this and other relevant case issues.

Personally, I wouldn't spend a lot of time on this aspect,
there's already sufficient evidence that the light Halt
witnessed and couldn't identify was Orford Ness lighthouse.
However, if time permits, I'll summarise what we do know about
the terrain and how the lighthouse does 'move about' as you head
towards it.

I'm not sure why there apparently remains some doubt that Orford
Ness lighthouse did fool the security police, it's documented in
the participants testimonies and verified in two others which
confirm what was reported over the radio.

>>I greatly doubt Halt, the Deputy Base Commander, would put his
>>AF career in jeopardy with his famous memo, unless he felt he
>>had witnessed something highly unusual.

>Yes, and he waited weeks before putting a statement down on
>paper. Maybe he hoped it would all go away.

As Jenny notes, the delay was largely down to procedural issues,
however, another factor was that Halt didn't interview the three
security police involved in the first incident (26 December)
until a week later. He has explained this was simply due to the

holiday period. It seems this was hardly being viewed as an urgent, important matter.

Still, when Halt did receive the written statements requested from those involved in the first night's incident, he would have learned, for the first time, how that three-man patrol ended up chasing the beacon from Orford Ness lighthouse for an incredible two miles through forest and countryside at 3 o'clock in the morning.

In 1997, Halt was interviewed by journalist Salley Rayl and acknowledge the UFO hysteria which had affected the 81st Security Police Squadron following the inaugural 'UFO sighting'. He also confirmed that on the night of 27th December, having been told that the security police thought the 'UFO was back', he immediately followed this up and effectivly investigated the location where the first 'UFO' was believed to have been seen:

RAYL: Okay. And you decided to take a team of men and go and investigate. What was your objective as you headed out to the woods?

HALT: Well, really, to put the whole thing to rest because it had been, how shall I say, the center of a lot of activity and controversy in the police squadron, and they seemed to be more focused on UFO activity than their primary duty. [End]

In early January 1981, Halt finds out from those statements that the UFO scare which sparked events involved the two mile pursuit of a lighthouse beacon.

Worse... by far... it was in this exact same location, Halt and others had observed an unidentified flashing light, which he even noted on his microcassette recording was "clear off to the coast".

Surely, common sense dictates that he verifies the lighthouse was responsible for the light he witnessed, or perhaps, incredibly it wasn't and that's just a remarkable coincidence. Either way, you check it out.

Instead, Halt propagates the UFO hysteria.

I would be very interested to know if Halt ever revealed to his base commander that the lighthouse was now confirmed as a factor in the 'UFO' frenzy.

When Halt writes his memo to the MoD, he doesn't refer to the misidentified lighthouse and by this time seems to believe of the "red sun-like light" which he observed, that, "At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared".

That never happened, as was proven when a copy of Halt's microcassette recording from that night became available. It is, nonetheless, still a part of the 'UFO' story Halt relates to this day. Similar to the more recent discovery of those written statements from early January 1981, the facts confirm our UFO tales have grown somewhat substantially in the telling.

This 'pulsating light' which Halt witnessed next to the farmhouse and in a direct line of sight to Orford Ness lighthouse, was seen again and described by Halt on his recording, after he documents that five white lights were visible in the distance:

HALT: We've passed the farmer's house and are crossing the next field and now we have multiple sightings of up to five lights with a similar shape and all but they seem to be steady now rather than a pulsating or glow with a red flash.

[...]

HALT: 2:44. We're at the far side of the second farmer's field and made sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks like it's clear off to the coast. It's right on the horizon. Moves about a bit and flashes from time to time. Still steady or red in color. [End]

I understand those white lights may have been from the five

radio masts at Orford Ness. These are much taller than anything else at Orford Ness and housed the 'Cobra Mist' radio antennas.

In his memo, Halt also omits to say he is using the 'starscope' image intensifier during many of his observations. Again, it's only from the microcassette recording that we hear Halt refer to this: "And when you put the Starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow center, a dark center, it's like a pupil of an eye looking at you, winking".

When Salley interviewed Halt, she asked him some questions on my behalf:

"A question that I would like to pass on to you is why have there been variances in the dates given for both incidents? Your memo claims that the dates were on the evening, early morning of the 26th, 27th and 28th, 29th of December, respectively. But elsewhere, you know, the dates have been given as 25 to 26 and 29 to 30, he says. So why, why are there differences in those dates?"

Halt responded:

HALT: Well, I tried to go back and recover the police blotter and the security blotter think I mentioned to you earlier to re-affirm the dates. Keep in mind, I wrote the memo several weeks later. And it was not a really important memo. The date was not critical. The critical portion was, you know, what happened and are you interested? And how about getting involved and let's investigate this. It's possible that I, I put the date down wrong. But I don't believe so. [End]

In his 'not really important' memo, the dates of both incidents are of course wrong, as is Halt's central claim about the 'light exploding' and we can see how this all evolved amidst the UFO excitement at that time.

As I've said before, some critical appraisal and cursory further investigations, indeed any, would perhaps have quickly put to an end to the UFO terror, however... it was Halt who had responsibility for this.

Looking at a transcript of the interview with Salley, I see that Halt provides a direct answer to the question you've asked:

RAYL: Okay. Now, two weeks later on January 13, 1981 you issued a memorandum to the British Ministry of Defense.

HALT: That's correct.

RAYL: And why did you do that?

HALT: At the request of the R.A.F. Liaison Officer or the R.A.F. Base Commander, as we called him, Don Moreland.

RAYL: Okay.

HALT: I went and approached him, and I said, "You know, this happened off base". Well, I did discuss this through our channels and the real answer from our channels was, "Hey, we don't want to touch this with a pole. This was a British incident. It happened off the installation. Let them handle it". So, I contacted him. In fact, I contacted him earlier and the only reason the memo was dated that late was that he was on vacation and I wasn't able to find out what he wanted and how much detail he wanted and what he wanted to do with the information. When I finally caught up with him on the, about the 10th or the 12th, he said, "Well, write a brief memo. Kind of sanitize it and we'll send it to London. We'll see what happens." So, that's what I did. [End]

I wonder if Morland was informed that the original UFO, or more exactly 'unidentified lights', sighting resulted in three security policemen chasing the beacon from Orford Ness lighthouse, or that Halt's own sighting of 'weird lights' was from the same location, in the identical direction and "clear off to the coast".

It seems reasonable to conclude that he wasn't.

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From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 14:31:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:02:29 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

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>Always good to talk about NYC media with an expert. Yes, the
>city might have 20 or so major media outlets, counting
>newspapers, TV, radio, and a whatever magazines might report
>city news. I can't pretend to have sampled many of them. Forgive
>me if I just chose three of the most prominent -- the two major
>dailies and the 24-hour local TV news channel, a Time-Warner
>enterprise that's the CNN of New York, and is more likely than
>any other station to report breaking local news. I can't prove
>that whatever happened on the bridge that night was completely
>absent from the media. But if it didn't make the Times, the
>News, or New York 1, it obviously (to any New Yorker) wasn't a
>serious media item here.

Greg, List

Slow Sunday/Labor Day Salutations!

I now solemnly promise never to post anything here about which I
am not a working expert. (Well, you can dream, anyway!)

Don't take it personal. I wasn't faulting you for not personally
checking every media outlet in town, just saying that it might
have been reported somewhere. I know that in Ft. Worth, when I
was growing up, one of the papers used to publish two or three
issues a day. I know there was a Home and Street edition, and I
think the Star-Telegram used to do an afternoon edition, too.
But that was back in the days when they delivered the mail twice
a day, too. Maybe the News publishes two editions, I don't know.

<snip>

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>that famous line from the Reagan-Carter presidential debates.

>Greg Sandow

Again, sticking strictly to things in which I am expert...I can
only say that my one and only good UFO sighting got reported --
to Carswell AFB yet, home of the infamous Roswell press
conference. I was told that they'd gotten "several" reports
about it. I'm sure I looked to see if it was in the morning
papers, but I honestly don't remember whether it was or not. I
was 14 at the time. Just doing my civic duty.

I don't find it remarkable that most UFOs don't get reported, as

the great majority of "UFOs" are unremarkable nocturnal lights. Mine was a night light, too, but with clearly visible shape.

I suspect, though, that the more remarkable the UFO, the more likely it is to get reported, viz., Levelland, 1957, and the Hudson Valley sightings. The Brooklyn Bridge UFO, if true, would have ranked among the most spectacular UFO sightings of all time.

Not that it matters, but I've subscribed to the NY Times for years, the Texas/ regional edition, of course. (I wonder if they dumb it down for us?) Started reading the Village Voice in college but have recently had to give it up. Can't keep up with everything. Recently let my sub to the New Yorker lapse, too.

Had three friends from high school and college who were flight hosts with American Airlines, based out of New York City. Used to stay with them on the way to and back from Europe, or while on the way to visit my then girlfriend in Montreal.

Star sightings? Saw Yoko Ono play a little club on E. 81st or 83rd, somewhere around there. (She got a bad rap. I thought she was very good.) In the Village (where one of my friends lived), once saw Sophia Loren come out of a showing of "Oh, Calcutta!" Got bawled the next day in Central Park, but that's another (long) story. Last in NYC the weekend they were looking for Kennedy's plane.

Not claiming honorary citizen status or amateur expertise, mind, just saying I've been off the farm once or twice. Or is it plantation? Even if it may not always sound like it.

And Jacques Barzun now calls San Antonio home!? Go figure. I was surprised, too.

Everyone have a safe and pleasant holiday, watch the skies, and remember the Alamo.

If you live in NYC or environs, visit your local bookstore and pick up a copy of my latest book, The Field Guide to UFOs, co-authored with Patrick Huyghe and illustrated by Harry Trumbore. Non-New Yorkers use the following link:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0380802651/qid=968007308/sr=1-1/102-5_014327-2420104

Gotta get that Amazon ranking down!

Also available via <http://www.anomalist.com>

Dennis Stacy
Sweltering in San Antonio

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In Search Of Other Worlds

From: Michael Wysmierski <wufor@ldnet.com.br>
Date: 03 Sep 2000 17:27:59 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:21:00 -0400
Subject: In Search Of Other Worlds

Source: BeliefNet

http://www.beliefnet.com/story/40/story_4062_1.html

In Search of Other Worlds
They're there, but the news is not encouraging

by
Gregg Easterbrook

Will extraterrestrials have religion? This is one of the provocative questions people ask as they look outward to the stars. More basic is the question of whether there is or will be extraterrestrial life, and more basic to that, in turn, is whether there are other planets similar to Earth. On that final point, scientists have recently made a burst of discoveries with many implications for the question of whether there are other thinking beings in the universe.

As recently as six years ago, no "extra-solar" planet--meaning beyond our solar system--had been found. Because planets don't make any light and emit only slight amounts of heat, they produce little for astronomers to detect. Pluto, the outermost planet in this solar system, was not discovered until 1930, and then by accident, by an astronomer who was looking for something else. Today, even the Hubble Space Telescope has a hard time getting a decent view of Pluto, because the planet is so far away. And Pluto is only about five light-hours from Earth, making it a much more "nearby" object than extra-solar planets that are dozens, hundreds, or thousands of light-years distant.

Because today's telescopes cannot obtain a standard visual image of an extra-solar world, astronomers search for distant planets using two inferential methods. They examine the movements of other stars to determine if the stars "wobble" in a way that would indicate the gravitational tug of planets. And they watch some nearby stars to see if they can catch an extra-solar planet in "transit," passing across the disc of the star and causing a momentary, moving dim spot. Using these two techniques, astronomers have since 1995 located almost 50 extra-solar planets, including one orbiting Epsilon Eridani, the closest star that is similar to our sun. (Epsilon Eridani is about 10.5 light-years away.) Another planet has been found orbiting the sun-like star designated 51 Pegasi. A full solar system of several planets has been detected spinning around the star Upsilon Andromedae. And here's the common denominator in these discoveries: Every one of the planets found so far is utterly uninhabitable by any kind of life we can imagine. Let's start by contemplating what kinds of life can be imagined. Based on what is known to us, at least, life must have access to liquid water or a similar liquid, and life must be either organic--that is, carbon-based--or silicon-based. Liquid as a necessity for any physical form of life seems an inescapable requirement. (All living things, including Homo sapiens, are primarily made of liquids, because liquids can engage in complex chemical reactions and yet hold an information-storing form: Life based entirely on solid materials wouldn't have metabolism, or if it did would evolve unimaginably slowly, while life based on gaseous substances might be too nebulous to have any

information-storing equivalent of DNA.) Meanwhile, all living things we observe are carbon-based, because carbon is one of only a handful of elements capable of forming, breaking, and reforming chemical bonds with the kind of relatively low energy input available from sunlight. (This happens for a techno-reason concerning the number of electrons in its outermost "valence level.") Silicon, like carbon, also has the ability to form complex molecules with small energy inputs, which is why scientists speculate about silicon-based life. All other elements with this property are metals, which seems to rule them out.

Now how do these rules--liquid water, amenable to carbon or silicon chemistry--apply to the extra-solar planets found so far?

All are huge, roughly the mass of Saturn or larger. (Saturn's volume is about 766 times greater than Earth's.) This means the extra-solar planets have crushing gravity, which seems to rule out Earth-like biochemistry. Some of the discovered planets are spectacularly huge, much larger than Jupiter, the king of our solar system--one extra-solar world, spinning around a star designated HD162020 on charts, is 14 times the size of Jupiter. Complex carbon and silicon compounds might survive on such high-gravity worlds, but it wouldn't be in forms of life recognizable to us.

Heft, however, is just the beginning of what's wrong with the extra-solar planets, from the standpoint of the one form of life we know to be possible. Standard theories of how planets form hold that above a certain size (not too many times larger than Earth), planets cannot coalesce of solid materials, but must be frozen gas. Saturn and Jupiter are mainly frozen hydrogen. If the extra-solar worlds discovered so far really are as enormous as they appear, astronomers assume they must be "gas giants," again ruling out the form of biochemistry known to us. Some of these gas giants are sufficiently gigantic that they may be "brown dwarfs," or structures that are almost stars, but don't have quite enough gravitational pressure to ignite.

And there's more wrong with them. Many lack the neat, stable orbits of our solar system. One planet, found around a star called 70 Virginis, has such a loop-shaped "eccentric" orbit that it spends extended periods in the deep-freeze, far from its sun, followed by brief jaunts of close-up overheating. Instead of four seasons, it would have two: frozen and boiled. Other extra-solar planets spin so far from their stars that they would simply always be below the freezing points of all liquids. The planet orbiting 51 Pegasi goes to the other extreme. It spins so close to its star-- only five% as far from 51 Pegasi as the Earth is from the sun--that its surface would always be above the boiling point of all liquids, to say nothing of being constantly bathed in levels of radiation lethal to all forms of life we can imagine. If you could stand on this planet, the sun would not be a shiny dollar coin in the air. The entire sky would be intense, glaring yellow, with solar flares thousands of miles long rippling toward you.

Of course, it's possible there are forms of life capable of existing in conditions that seem incredible to us. (Our conditions may seem incredible to them: "What do you mean these Earth beings breathe oxygen? Nothing can live in oxygen!") It's possible that "wobble" measurements and other techniques make planets seem larger than they really are. Most of all, it stands to reason that since small planets would be harder to detect than big ones, there must be Earth-sized extra-solar worlds that we simply haven't spied yet.

But would an Earth-sized world in another solar system necessarily be an Earth-like world? Here enters one of the more disturbing calculations in astronomy, that of the "continuously habitable zone."

A few decades ago, an astronomer named Michael Hart calculated how far from a sun-like star a planet would have to be in order to have liquid water on its surface and the right temperatures and pressures for carbon-based or silicon-based life. What Hart found was that the planet would have to sit almost exactly where Earth sits, or be too hot or too cold. Venus and Mars seem evidence of this. Venus, the next planet closer to the sun than Earth, has a runaway greenhouse effect and 900°F surface

temperatures much hotter than fire; Mars, the next planet out, is locked in what appears to be a permanent ice age. Hart called the star-distance relationship that allows for liquid water and carbon or silicon chemistry the "continuously habitable zone" and found that for a sun-like star, the zone is less than 1% of possible orbits. This means that other things being equal, an Earth-like planet has 99 chances out of 100 to form in such a way as to be uninhabitable.

Many astronomers have since tried to punch holes in Hart's work, for it implies that unless there are fundamentally different forms of existence, planets with life will be exceedingly rare. About a decade ago, a group of astronomers led by the late Carl Sagan offered a revision of Hart's calculations, suggesting that for various reasons (Earth-like planets may tend to form in the middle orbital bands, and different atmospheres may moderate temperature better than ours can) the continuously habitable zone will turn out to be 5% of possible orbits for a sun-like star, not 1%. But this still means the conditions for organic life will be highly improbable. Most planets won't be Earth-like to begin with (in this solar system, only three of nine are: Earth, Mars, and Venus), and of 20 Earth-like planets that do exist, 19 will fall outside the habitable zone. Human understanding of distant space is in its infancy, so many of the assumptions made today may turn out to be wrong. And we know precious little about what causes life, since we still can't even answer whether the life of our own world is natural or divine in origin.

But what's known about other worlds so far, and what can be projected about their habitability, suggests that even in an immense cosmos, life may be rare. Certainly, the absence of artificial radio signals in our galaxy--SETI searches haven't found one yet--suggests intelligent life is atypical. That in turn makes our lives and the living creatures of our Earth all the more precious. If God placed us here, then we may indeed be the sole thinking beings of the cosmos, or one of just a few such species. If natural forces placed us here, our rarity may be the same, and the entire cosmic enterprise is dependent for its meaning on our survival and maturation to wisdom.

MW

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 14:41:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:22:36 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Clark

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:54:01 -0300

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

Stan,

>>Yes, but by general informed assent, it seems that 95% are IFOs.

>Here we go again. What informed consent? This number (95%) has
>no basis. Repetition doesn't make it correct.

Good point. This 95% figure gets recycled endlessly even by those who ought to know better, but that doesn't make it any truer.

Besides the evidence you cite that the IFO percentage is not really that high, you might have mentioned the Blue Book statistics during the Ruppelt era, the last time the Air Force was conducting really serious investigations of UFO reports rather than conjuring up farfetched explanations based on little or no research. Ruppelt found that the unknowns comprised between 20 and 25% of the total, and even then he was arbitrarily tossing out most close-encounter cases as inherently unbelievable. Interestingly, the Condon Committee found a slightly higher percentage of unknowns, and even then, as Jim McDonald and others documented, some of the solved cases really weren't.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 15:31:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:24:39 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:54:01 -0300

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>Wasn't the sighting late at night? I certainly don't expect many
>New Yorkers are walking around looking at the sky after dark
>rather than being worried about being mugged or being hit by a
>taxi. There isn't much skyline easily accessible from the narrow
>canyons between tall buildings. It isn't Roswell, after all,
>with lots of clear sky or even Fredericton.

>Stan Friedman

Stan,

Does this mean that you haven't read 'Witnessed' by Budd Hopkins?

Off the top of my pointy head, it happened between 3-4 am. It's a terribly complicated case (the Sec. Gen. of the UN was allegedly a witness of same, for example).

Some of the witnesses on the Brooklyn Bridge reportedly had a very good view of the UFO as it beamed Linda Cortile out of her apartment building, as it also caused their cars to stall on the bridge and their headlights to go out. I don't remember the exact numbers w/o looking them up, but let's say some 20 cars were so stalled.

The pseudonymous Dan and Richard were reportedly guarding the UN guy, Perez de Cuellar, at the same time. What this trio was doing up at this hour is anyone's guess, but in Witnessed they were parked underneath an overpass, and Dan or Richard, I forget which, first became aware of the UFO when he saw its reflection in a gum wrapper. It's suggested that de Cuellar was abducted, too. Later, he's identified as the man who reportedly gave one of Cortile's sons a diving helmet as a gift.

The UFO, after abducting Cortile, was said to have dived into the Hudson River.

I'm not making this stuff up!

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0671570315/gid=968011052/sr=1-1/102-5014327-2420104>

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 14:07:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:28:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua -

>From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 08:31:57 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua

>>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 01:47:48 -0700
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Chupacabras-Like Entity Slain in Nicaragua

<snip>

>>Hello John:

>>I clicked on the first link above (Nicaragua) and only found
>>some local political diatribe. There was no mention of
>>Chupacabras, dead or alive, that I could see.

>Hello Larry,

>I posted that message just before Errol announced the list was
>offline until Friday. On checking the site I have found the
>story has moved to the archives for 30th August at:

><http://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/archivo/2000/agosto/30-agosto-2000/nacional/nacional4.html>

Hello John and Scott:

Well! The link (above) was certainly worth the wait!

Some earlier accounts (links provided by Scott) seemed to indicate a dog or other canine cross-breed out on a wild blood feast, but the skeleton shown looks more reptilian to me, especially the skull and vertical "ribs" on the upper vertebrae.

I'm no biologist. Unless this is some elaborate hoax, we may have found a new species of critter! How it could have escaped attention for decades or centuries, especially given its nasty habits, is quite beyond me.

Biological scientists should be able to distinguish between mammals and reptiles... the lines having diverged millions of years ago. If this is an assembly of very different critters, something like the "Piltdown Ma" only worse, it should become apparent before long.

If it was a genuine living entity, there should be other skeletal remains out in the wild waiting for discovery.

This specimen does not much resemble the more fanciful artists renditions however. One of these (from Scott's website) looks like an unlikely cross between an oversized flea and a standard issue grey alien, complete with large teardrop eyes.

Of all these conjectures, some exotic canine crossbreed sounds the least fantastic, but that does not explain the special skeletal features like some elaborate hoax would.

I will watch this with interest.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: How about a blood-thirsty iguana? No, I suppose not.

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Iguana Salad: A Quickie Recipe

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 14:20:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:32:57 -0400
Subject: Iguana Salad: A Quickie Recipe

Dear Scott, John and all:

A quick browse eliminates any sort of iguana as the "chupabras". Far from blood sucking predators, iguanas are strict vegetarians!

Here is a link for "iguana salad". The top line reads " first you catch an iguana." But no, the innocent iguana is not an ingredient.

http://www.sonic.net/~melissk/ig_diet.html

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: If it weren't for Walt Disney, millions of kids couldn't tell the good animals from the bad ones.

http://www.sonic.net/~melissk/ig_diet.tml

Iguana Salad

This is an abbreviated form of the iguana diet from my Iguana Care, Feeding and Socialization article. I strongly recommend that you read the full section on food selection and preparation that appears in the ICFS article for the full discussion on foods, rationale, etc.

How to make iguana salad

First, you capture an iguaua...!

Basic Recipe

1/2 cup shredded raw green beans

1/2 cup shredded raw orange-fleshed squash (such as acorn, banana, kabocha, spaghetti, and pumpkin) - you can occasionally alternate with carrots

1/2-3/4 cup alfalfa pellets (rabbit food pellets) or crumbled alfalfa hay

1 med or 2 small raw shredded parsnips (in areas where these are seasonally hard to find, you can substitute with asparagus or cooked or canned lima, navy or kidney beans that have been well rinsed and minced or mashed. If you use beans, add extra calcium to offset their high phosphorus)

1/4 cup mashed/minced fruit (strawberries, raspberries, mangos, papaya, figs, cantaloupe, cactus pear)

Thoroughly mix all ingredients together. Makes about 3.5-4 cups.

Add in a multivitamin supplement (any multivitamin supplement for birds or reptiles is fine - best, actually, is a crushed Centrum tablet) and a calcium supplement. You do not need to get a calcium supplement that has phosphorous or D3 in it, as the iguana is already getting considerably phosphorous from the plants and multivitamin, and their D3 is best metabolized in their bodies by regular exposure to direct sunlight or special UVB-producing fluorescents.

If you will be freezing any of the food, mix in some Brewer's yeast to replace the thiamin (B1) that will be lost when the green vegetables are thawed.

Serve the salad in the morning. Once the iguana is freely eating the salad, greens (collards, mustards, dandelion, escarole, occasionally some kale and chard) can be served on the side. If the iguana will only eat the greens, stop feeding them greens and only put down salad, fresh every day. When they start feeding on the salad and are generally clean-platers, you can then start offering greens in the afternoon. Once they assimilate that, you can serve the two together. The salad is actually more nutritious than the greens, not the least of which because they can fit more of the salad into their guts, and it is more efficiently digested, than the greens. In no event should greens exceed 40-45% of the total diet.

Iguanas have evolved as late morning/early afternoon feeders; if you feed them when convenient for YOU rather than when they need to eat, you end up with an iguana who is not eating as much as it should and who is not digesting as effectively as it could. Iguanas can only extract out 40% of the nutrients in the food they eat, making it imperative that we not only feed them only healthy nutrition-loaded foods, but that we feed them at the proper times, as well.

Related Articles:

Iguana Care, Feeding & Socializations

Lighting & Heating

Illustrated "MK Diet"

Vegetable and Fruit Name Translations

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Blanton

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 17:25:54 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:35:30 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Blanton

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:54:01 -0300

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>Does this suggest that the Linda Case is an IFO or true UFO, or
>>something else?

>Wasn't the sighting late at night? I certainly don't expect many
>New Yorkers are walking around looking at the sky after dark
>rather than being worried about being mugged or being hit by a
>taxi.

I have spent many lonely days in NYC and the one thing that New
Yorkers absolutely do not do is 'look up'. Anyone in Manhattan
who walks around looking up is a tourista.

It is one truth which supports the 'Linda' case.

Terry

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Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 15:38:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 22:38:30 -0400
Subject: Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains - Hatch

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 06:20:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains

>>Date: Sat, 02 Sep 2000 01:43:43 -0700
>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: More on Nicaraguan Chupacabras Remains

>>Hello Scott!

>>This is indeed novel, some remains at long last. Can you tell us
>>anything about La Prensa de Nicaragua? If LP de N is a tabloid,
>>one may well question their editorial policies of course. A web
>>browse might help, but I can only read Spanish very slowly.
>>Perhaps a listing of their other headlines could give some
>>clues.

>>Best - Larry Hatch

>Dear Larry,

>You're quite correct to suggest that LP de N might be a tabloid, which
>automatically makes it a "leper outcast unclean" to us. But I don't
>detect a gossipy, sensationalist tone to any of the materials I've
>translated. The exposition of facts is quite straightforward, IMHO. If
>what they found was a dog, then so be it. The initial black and white
>photo was unconvincing at best.

>Best,

>Scott Corrales

Hello Scott:

I didn't say anything about leprosy etc., in fact I enjoy the headlines of the Weekly World News while standing in line at the Supermarket. Its almost always worth a good chuckle. One time the front page was filled with the photo of a space alien (who looked like an ordinary man wrapped in white tape like a mummy) pushing an aged crippled ex-President Kennedy around in a wheelchair.

But! Browsing for la Prensa de Nicaragua, I found no real indication of tabloidism in the WWN vein. Most articles were ordinary reports much like you would find in the mainstream press elsewhere.

Two articles dealt with the "Chupacabras" skeleton matter, and neither seemed sensational in tone.

This one in Spanish:

<http://www.laprensa.com.ni/nacionales/nacionales-20000903-09.html>

has it that the skeleton being examined is indeed that of a

domestic dog, if I mis-translate. correctly. Talavera, the man who shot the critter is claiming that the skeleton was switched. I think he is saying that he had taken a rear foot section from the original remains as proof.

I suppose that's where the matter rests until somebody can verify Talavera's foot evidence!

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: If the link above gets truncated, please tediously piece it back together. I have no way to shorten it. You might try navigating from the Prensa national news page:

<http://www.laprensa.com.ni/nacionales>

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E-Mail Server Problems

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 10:42:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 10:42:40 -0400
Subject: E-Mail Server Problems

Gentle Subscribers,

Sympatico.ca are having problems with the POPserver the List uses - I'm able to send messages out but not able to D/L incoming mail.

I've been assured that "all in-bound mail is stacking up and will be in your mailbox once the problem is resolved."

So, when I receive the in-bound, I'll pass it on to the List - "it could take up to 24 hours..."

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Chupacabras Study Leaves Questions Unanswered

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 06:09:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:03:15 -0400
Subject: Chupacabras Study Leaves Questions Unanswered

SOURCE: Diario La Prensa de Nicaragua (Nicaragua)
DATE: September 3, 2000

CHUPACABRAS STUDY LEAVES QUESTIONS UNANSWERED
by Clarisa Altamirano and Maricely Linarte--Correspondents

* Dissatisfaction in Malpasillo with University Conclusions *
Jorge Luis Talavera, the beast's slayer, claims "researchers left many questions unanswered, such as the cause of death and why it fed on blood" * For Sor Hidalgo, the experts' testimony left serious gaps, such as the question of why an ordinary dog engaged in a random act [of violence] such as draining the blood of 12 sheep in a single night and leaving them uneaten, unlike any other wild animal *

LEON.- Leonel Navarro, mayor of Malpasillo, and Sister Paula Hidalgo were not satisfied by the scientific results of the UNAN research laboratory, which established that the alleged Chupacabras skeleton was indeed that of a dog.

Such a conclusion was reached after having performed an anatomic and morphological appraisal and comparison of the specimen's bone structure, said university authorities.

However, for Sol Hidalgo, the experts' statement leaves several gaps, such as [the unanswered question] of why a common dog engaged in random acts of violence such as draining the blood of 12 sheep in a single night and leaving them uneaten, unlike any other wild animal.

Furthermore, Jorge Luis Talavera, who shot the beast, claims that "the researchers left many questions unanswered, such as the cause of death and why it fed on blood."

Talavera says that from the day that the skeleton was found, there were no renewed sheep attacks in the area, in spite of the fact that the remaining three animals have prowled the region.

Vicechancellor and research coordinator Dr. Edmundo Torres explained that the study conducted was purely scientific and proper of a serious university and scientific institution, and that they have no interest in concealing the truth.

He added that the canids (zoological branch which includes dogs) are solitary hunters who catch their prey thanks to their speed and on certain occasions to their endurance. Experience and learning are also very important. Canids are highly adaptable and spread over 12 branches and 34 species which included coyotes, dogs, foxes, etc. and can reach speeds of up to 75 km/hour., he explained.

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"This Isn't My Goatsucker!"

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 06:18:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:05:40 -0400
Subject: "This Isn't My Goatsucker!"

From: lornis1@juno.com

SOURCE: Diario La Prensa de Nicaragua
DATE: September 3, 2000

THIS ISN'T MY GOATSUCKER!
Owner alleges skeleton was swapped for that of a dog.

"That animal was switched around at the university," claimed Jorge Luis Talavera, who a week ago opened fire against the alleged Chupacabras on his property, San Lorenzo, in the jurisdiction of Malpaisillo.

Jorge Luis Talavera's reaction followed disclosures by UNAN specialists that the skeleton allegedly belonging to the mythic Chupacabras was that of a domestic dog.

Talavera claims that there are several pieces of evidence [to prove] that the skeleton was indeed changed at the UNAN-Leon's laboratory. The first of these is that "the skeleton is complete, although I kept a piece of its front leg". He also claims that the bones turned from a dark color to a lighter one, the teeth turned from pink to white, and from 22 teeth that he counted there are now 40 as well as "more skin on the legs".

On Monday, Talavera will report to the university's Medical Campus to claim the skeleton and return it to Malpaisillo. "They offered to return it even after saying that they would not, that they were going to keep it in the municipality because even though it may have been a dog, it was an uncommon one, given that it fed on blood," he fumed.

He added that he is willing to turn it over to international researchers for a better analysis of the animal's remains, given the fact that local residents are dissatisfied with the UNAN results.

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Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras'

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 06:25:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:09:49 -0400
Subject: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras'

SOURCE: Diario El Nuevo Dia (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
DATE: Saturday, September 2, 2000

As a result of press reports concerning the discovery of a strange creature in Nicaragua, identified by that country's peasants as the "Chupacabras", speculation was once more rife in Puerto Rico...as well as the willingness for adventure.

For this reason, during a recent radio broadcast, Chemo Soto, the intrepid mayor of Canovanas, indicated that he was hoping to run into the "chupacabras" to battle the now-folkloric entity and "shoot it to death". When his interviewer asked if he would be willing to negotiate with the chupacabras rather than resort to violence, the mayor claimed that he would do so, but that the creature runs very quickly and that it would disappear at the slightest hesitation.

Therefore, "Chemo Jones" reiterated that the best approach to deal with the ravager of birds and quadrupeds would be to shoot it with no questions asked.

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:13:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:11:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:54:01 -0300

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

<snip>

>>>The vast majority of UFO sightings are never reported
>>>anywhere

>>Yes, but by general informed assent, it seems that 95% are IFOs.

>Here we go again. What informed consent? This number (95%) has
>no basis. Repetition doesn't make it correct.

>Some facts:

>1. 21.5% of 3201 sightings investigated by Battelle Memorial
>Institute under Contract to the USAF Project Blue Book were
>finally labelled as 'Unknowns' (all 4 of the evaluators had to
>agree before a sighting could be listed as 'Unknown') completely
>separate and distinct from the 9.3% listed as Insufficient
>Information. So overall only 70% were identified.

>2. According to the AIAA UFO Committee 30% of the 117 cases
>studied by the U. of Colorado (Condon Report) could not be
>identified... again leaving only 70%.

Stan, List followers:

According to a later study by J. Allen Hynek and Center for UFO
Studies workers the USAF figure of unexplained cases was
reduced to 5.8%.

CUFOS' Allan Hendry's later study of 1,307 cases had 8.7% UFO.

>3. "The UFO Evidence" reports that there were 746 Unknowns
>remaining of 4500 cases investigated, or more than 15%
>Unknowns.

The numbers have always depended upon who was doing the
investigating, and when, and also who is doing the counting. How
can you say that the figure of 95% has no basis in fact, Stan?
Are you suggesting that certain investigators are lying about
their results? I mean, there are differences of opinion about
all of this. If not, after 50 years there wouldn't be a
continuing controversy.

>4. It is totally false reasoning, apparently subscribed to by

>certain UK sceptics, that says that since most sightings can be
>explained, it is likely that all can be.

Allan Hendry pointed out that, in his study, more cases were identified just by pure luck than remained as UFOs. I agree that if 30% is an accurate figure for, your word, Unidentifiables, the hypothesis that the rest could probably be solved with enough time, money and up to date info, would be questionable.

But, if the unidentified figure is only a few percent, this could be a good assumption for a working hypothesis.

<snip>

>Since 99.99% of the population do not have Hemophilia,
>nobody does. Since 99% of the people are not 7' tall, nobody is.

The difference is, we have known, proven hemophiliacs, the cause is understood, as well as the specific tests which can show that a person is a hemophiliac. No putative UFO has yet met tests like these.

As to 7 foot tall arguments, one only has to measure one to determine the validity of the argument. No 7 foot tall UFOs have been proven to exist. Yet.

Could we agree to the following statement: Investigations have resulted in from 30% to a few percent unknowns, depending upon who is doing the counting?

<snip>

>It is the sightings that are not explainable that matter.

OK, except that I think that Hendry was right when he pointed out that what we have learned from the IFOs can probably tell us a lot about the remaining unknowns.

This thread started out with the Linda incident in NYC. A probable explanation has been identified: a strikingly similar story in a novel.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Chupacabras Killed in Nicaragua

From: Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <ufomiami@prodigy.net>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:05:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:13:13 -0400
Subject: Chupacabras Killed in Nicaragua

Hi!

I received this answer from Mr. Kim Burrafato
<<mailto:lensman@stardrive.org>> of "La Prensa" newspaper in
Nicaragua:

Monday, September 04, 2000 12:40 AM

Virgilio,

I believe your preliminary analysis is an accurate one. This matter is far from being resolved. What's needed is for someone to speak to the examining pathologists and biologists directly. There are a number of suspicious contradictions and varying from proper procedure that raises the red flags as far as I'm concerned. I fear that the U.S. people may have gotten to them, and "convinced" them of the need to squash this immediately. I hope I'm wrong..

Regards

Kim Burrafato

Comments anyone?

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com>
Miami UFO Reporter (English) <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>
Depredador de Sangre (Español) <http://ufomiami.homestead.com/index.html>
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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 12:01:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:14:40 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>The Linda case involved, as Jim just pointed out, a flying
>saucer hovering over Manhattan, beaming up Linda over the
>Brooklyn Bridge, also seen by the Secretary General of the
>United Nations.

>Does this suggest that the Linda Case is an IFO or true UFO, or
>something else?

First we need an absolutely unambiguous sighting report, from
someone whose name is on record. Until we have that, it's too
early to ask what the "thing" was. We don't know that the
reported event -- whatever its cause -- even happened.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Alternative 3 - Redux

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 17:52:48 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:18:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Alternative 3 - Redux

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto [mailto:updates@sympatico.ca]
>Sent: 29 August 2000 05:25
>To: 02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers ;;
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Alternative 3 - Redux

>The following came from the IUFO List.

>The original transcript appears to have come from a fax. It was
>in the form of speech notes - all caps and had some words
>missing from the right-hand side of the page.

Thanks for taking the time to post that Errol, it was very interesting.

Georgina

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2000 13:01:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:23:19 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 17:25:54 -0700
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>I have spent many lonely days in NYC and the one thing that New
>Yorkers absolutely do not do is 'look up'. Anyone in Manhattan
>who walks around looking up is a turista.

Very true!

When I was writing about the Linda case, I talked to truck
drivers at the NY Post plant near Linda's apartment building.
They, conceivably, could have seen the UFO. But they don't look
up. Why would they?

And once I was listening to a NYC radio talk show about UFOs. A
skeptic called up to defend one pro-UFO point -- that many
people wouldn't see a UFO if it passed overhead. She said she'd
seen a low-flying weather balloon one day, and no one on the
street looked up.

Me, I've seen one astounding aerial sight -- a commercial jet
(I'm not making this up) fly south over 5th Avenue, so low that
when it went further south and passed it World Trade Center
towers, it was lower than they were. Not a soul on the street
looked up to watch it.

Greg Sandow

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S. African Minister Spreads Bill Cooper's Theories

From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 08:49:27 +0200
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:17:04 -0400
Subject: S. African Minister Spreads Bill Cooper's Theories

Source: Sunday Times (South Africa),

<http://www.suntimes.co.za/2000/09/03/politics/pol02.htm>

Stig

03 Sep 2000

Minister spreads bizarre AIDS theory

CAROL PATON

THE Minister of Health, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, has circulated a bizarre theory on the origin of AIDS to all provincial premiers and health ministers. It claims that the virus was introduced into Africa by a worldwide conspiracy.

The theory claims that the Illuminati - an international conspiracy to take over the world - introduced AIDS to Africa through the smallpox vaccine in 1978 to reduce the African population. It states that although the cure is known, it is being kept secret until enough people have died.

The theory is contained in a book titled Behold, A Pale Horse written by William Cooper.

Tshabalala-Msimang circulated a chapter from the book, which deals with AIDS, to provincial health ministers at their last meeting held two weeks ago.

The Western Cape Health Minister, Nick Koornhof, confirmed that ministers had received the document.

It was also distributed to all premiers by Tshabalala-Msimang's parliamentary officer, Johannes Kgatla. He said he had distributed the extract "on the instructions of the minister".

Tshabalala-Msimang, who is in Burkina Faso a meeting, could not be reached for comment.

Nono Simelela, head of the HIV/AIDS directorate, said she had heard of the book "as something that lands on one's desk" but had not read it.

Koornhof said that there was no explanation attached or reason given by Tshabalala-Msimang for circulating it. He said he had written to the minister expressing hope that she would distance herself from the theories expressed in the book.

The circulated extract was attached to an anonymous covering letter addressed to "all African health ministers". The letter warns that the AIDS virus could be in any vaccine bought by or donated to any African country.

In his book, Cooper provides a detailed account of how the Illuminati came up with the idea to "increase the death rate" after the baby boom following World War Two.

The plan was to "develop a microbe that would attack the immune system and thus render the development of a vaccine impossible".

Cooper, a former US naval officer, has also written about UFOs and alien conspiracies.

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TMP News: Weekly Briefing 9.4.00

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:27:56 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:21:23 -0400
Subject: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 9.4.00

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<http://www.egroups.com/group/tmpnews>
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa>

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WEEKLY BRIEFING
A Weekly Summary of Current News and Reports

9.4.00

CHUPACABRAS KILLED IN NICARAGUA?

Articles and information on the breaking news concerning the killing of an unknown creature in Nicaragua, which according to reports may be a "Chupacabras", which has been blamed by the local populace for the killing of many domestic farm animals the past few years. Some scientists say the skeleton may be just a dog, but others disagree...

<http://bloodpredator.homestead.com/index.html>

NICARAGUAN EXPERTS STUDY "CHUPACABRAS"

The skeleton of the alleged "Chupacabras" was taken yesterday to the medical campus of the UNAN at Leon in order to determine what species it belongs to, according to biologist Pedrarias Davila...

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

LIFE AMIDST GLACIERS THRIVES AND SURVIVES

A new study shows that life can not only survive beneath tons of ice at the dark, near-freezing junctions between glaciers and Earth, but actually thrive there. Researchers say the discovery reinforces the notion that the bottom of the ice cap at Mars' north pole should be a primary target in the search for life...

http://www.space.com/searchforlife/glacial_life_000829.html

REPORT: GLOBAL WARMING A THREAT TO SENSITIVE ECOSYSTEMS

The Earth's climate is warming so rapidly that many species of wildlife and plants cannot survive the rising mercury and will be wiped out, an environmental report warned on Wednesday...

http://CNN.com/2000/NATURE/08/30/global_warming_reut/index.html

SOVIET UFOLOGY / THE STARCHILD PROJECT

Dream Masters Studios presents a RealPlayer streaming documentary on the current state of Russian ufology with Stanton Friedman and the famous mystery "Starchild" skull, with Lloyd Pye...

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

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Re: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2000 13:04:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 20:26:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 14:31:10 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>I suspect, though, that the more remarkable the UFO, the more
>likely it is to get reported, viz., Levelland, 1957, and the
>Hudson Valley sightings. The Brooklyn Bridge UFO, if true, would
>have ranked among the most spectacular UFO sightings of all
>time.

People with "high strangeness" sightings often don't report them because they think they'll be laughed at. I've heard this many times from abductees, and also from the few people I've known who've had strange sightings. Most of the people I know who've had any kind of sighting at all never reported their experience. Most never even thought of doing it.

>Had three friends from high school and college who were flight
>hosts with American Airlines, based out of New York City. Used
>to stay with them on the way to and back from Europe, or while
>on the way to visit my then girlfriend in Montreal.

>Star sightings? Saw Yoko Ono play a little club on E. 81st or
>83rd, somewhere around there. (She got a bad rap. I thought she
>was very good.) In the Village (where one of my friends lived),
>once saw Sophia Loren come out of a showing of "Oh, Calcutta!"
>Got busted the next day in Central Park, but that's another
>(long) story. Last in NYC the weekend they were looking for
>Kennedy's plane.

And I spent a lovely weekend in San Antonio once, watching a production of Rossini's opera William Tell, and getting mightily drunk on double margaritas. But that's another story....

Greg Sandow

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 21:10:31 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2000 06:19:45 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

The Duke of Mendoza, who is beginning to like horses more than people, presents his weary compliments.

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 23:55:39 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>OK. Let's review. The Orfordness light is "masked to the
>landward side." So if it's masked, how can the beam be
>"seen _directly_" 3 miles inland?

Or rather more miles, I think. But: because it's not masked from every inland point on God's Earth, that's why. Here is something or two from a private exchange I had a few days ago (before 29 August anyway) with Ian Ridpath:

[1] IR: It's true that the Orford Ness lighthouse is blanked to prevent it from shining into the town of Orford but the cut-off isn't as sharp as some people might think and the beam can indeed be seen directly from the supposed landing site. The BBC got it on video back in 1983 and I saw it again for myself on a visit as recently as October 1998. I think even the lighthouse keeper (or whatever they call them these days) was surprised to learn that the beam could be seen that far inland, but he's never been to look for himself, either.

[2] PB: >"I hadn't realized that the light shone directly into the 'forest'"<

IR: Nor do many others, of course.

PB: >"This would have been obvious if I'd actually checked the bearings of the light against a map, I spose..."<

IR: Not necessarily - a map can't give you the effect of the intervening land. In fact, it wasn't until I went back to the forest a couple of years ago that I realized the lighthouse was visible only through that gap on the far tree line. Also, nothing can quite prepare you for the surprise of having a lighthouse beam shine into your eyes while standing in a forest.

I hope this helps. This does not:

>The fact that Ridpath can find one small area in all of
>Rendlesham forest where the lighthouse is barely visible
>through a small gap hardly explains how an obscured
>lighthouse elsewhere with a main beam "masked to the
>landward side" can lead some men on a _2-mile_ chase
>through the woods.

1. "Barely visible": If you've been there you wouldn't say that.

2. The loom of a lighthouse lamp, as I've explained before, is

not as dim as you seem to think. I wonder if you have ever seen one. I've seen loads, including this one.

3. As an educated American you, I suspect, would be astonished at how little your compatriots seem to notice *or accept* when beyond the confines of their own great nation. There are various statements scattered throughout the mass of American testimony on this case that powerfully suggest that many airmen, including the security police, were remarkably -- to a British country gent -- unaware of the local sky at night.

>2. Where exactly were Col. Robin Halt and his band of
>merry men in relation to Ridpath's narrow spot of
>visibility in the farm field

Don't know offhand. Don't care. I thought, following Jenny Randles' suggestion, we were talking about Night One, not Night Two. In any case the more elaborate of Halt's own descriptions were inspired by what he saw through a Starlite scope whose use and effects he didn't seem to understand (and why should he: Halt isn't an infantryman). Which accounts for the "red sun-like light... seen through the trees" that "moved about and pulsed" that you mention.

>3. How do those red/green navigation lights on the
>lighthouse figure into all of this? I notice throughout
>your entire post, you deftly avoid mentioning anything
>about them

You may find this hard to credit, sunbeam, but having absorbed Bruce's comments on my original speculations (and information) I was thinking perhaps they didn't after all. Not having been out there in the woods at the time, and not knowing what mists were about nor where, I would now regard reflections, refractions or whatever of the red and green lights on the tower as iffy at very best. Even including this comment from Halt's own mouth about the events of Night One:

"Eventually, a group headed out to the forest. They reported strange noises - animals, movement, like we heard two nights later. As they approached the clearing, they reported seeing a large yellowish-white light with a blinking red light on the upper center portion and a steady blue light emanating from underneath. The tower again reported nothing on radar." ["Inside the Military UFO Underground A.J.S. Rayl - Omni]

Nonetheless, Col Halt speaks of "a steady blue light emanating from underneath", and you will have noted my earlier comment about the confusibility of blue and green light or pigment.

>>And look at me all in a lather over his analysis.

>No wonder.

Your humor bypass is well-known, Dave, and I'm sorry to tell you what you best friends won't -- the scars show! -- but I didn't know you'd had an ironectomy as well. Before you rattle on about British aristocratic buffonery again, do reflect on what "wonder" it is you find yourself in receipt of it, and take a short course in irony (any edition of Fowler makes a good start).

Let me spell this out slowly. I was *not*, and am *not*, in a lather about Bruce's analysis. I am grateful for his remarks. I don't, and you don't, and he doesn't, know enough about the actual weather conditions to be sure about what may or may not have been visible from anywhere the airmen were that night. So I put my speculations -- and they were never more than that -- about the additional colored lights seen on Night One into a pending file. Despite Halt's comments quoted above, upon which a true Klass Klown would probably have leapt like a tramp on a kipper.

>I greatly doubt Halt, the Deputy Base Commander,
>would put his AF career in jeopardy with his famous
>memo, unless he felt he had witnessed something
>highly unusual.

I think you exaggerate the potential jeopardy. Indeed mitake it for something else. The evidence (please go look at James Easton's website!) would suggest that in fact Halt was covering

his ass -- trying to get his career *out* of jeopardy -- with that memo. Not least because he & half his men had been racketing around in the woods on Night Two, where they had no jurisdiction, and by then UFO gossip was rampant on the base and likely to leak (as indeed it did).

Curious point of UK law, with which Halt must have either been fully aware or incompetent at his job if he wasn't: were Soviet Spesnaz, even, to have landed en masse & without warning to secure a USAF base, the protocol for the base commander is to contact the local Mr Plod, as we call the police. Who then requests aid from the commander of the local military district. Under whose command SP or other INF-trained US units would then be placed. In a real unexpected hot war this process would very likely happen retrospectively, and no one would mind, but that was hardly the case here. By letting his lads (and himself) nose around all over the woods Halt was two stages away from doing what we British aristocrats call "doing the right thing". Or more likely we'd say what he *did* do was "not on". He surely had some explaining to do to the MoD.

But, yes, Halt did witness something that to *him* was highly unusual. I'm reminded of Hynek's comment on unidentified flying objects: "Unidentified to whom?". Halt didn't know what he was looking at, or with what. Very unusual indeed. But that does not an alien visitation make.

best wishes
Pampered D. Macaroni
Mind The Riding Crop

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Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Brookesmith

From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2000 06:21:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Brookesmith

Compliments of the Duke:

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children
>Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2000 15:39:53 -0400

>But aren't they correct, my criticisms? Fascinating
>how you didn't address the substance of what I wrote.

Greg--

The answer is still "No" -- which was intended to address the "substance" of what you wrote.

Now, I could be wrong (which case, sorry), but I suspect you want to draw me out into some public discussion of what you already know I think even if you don't and I'd be surprised if you didn't: which is that the context of Cone's account of Janet and the context of abductologists' "anecdotal" evidence are completely different. It would take many words (and you know how prolix I can be) to work through that argument, and I'm not going to play that game.

And suppose Cone has discussed the Janet case in the professional literature -- as he may have done, for all I know. By your lights that would appear to give it some greater credibility, apparently. Do you see what a twist you get into here? Just where does "anecdotal" stop and "objective research" begin when psychologists discuss individual cases?

The question is largely rhetorical. But you may like to think about it. And we can chew it over when next we meet. But not here.

best wishes
Psychodynamics D. Motherlover
Problem Child

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Cashman

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Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2000 06:23:21 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Cashman

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>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Yes, but by general informed assent, it seems that 95% are IFOs.

I hate to belabor this point again but the proper qualifiers are

- 1) When there is an organized official UFO report receiving agency...
- 2) Run by the US Government (i.e. widely known)...
- 3) That discards 99% of close encounters...
- 4) And engages in dubious statistical practices...

95% of reported UFOs are classed as IFOs. One might expect a somewhat different profile from

- 1) A general absence of known reporting points...
- 2) Non-official, largely non-professional reporting points...
- 3) Little followup or statistical analysis except for isolated local samples...
- 4) Emphasis away from NL cases...

But what effect that might have has never been properly analysed.

Another largely unsupported by countervailing figure is that only 10% of UFO sightings are reported. Hynek's interviews with astronomers indicates a significant reservoir of unreported UFO sightings by highly qualified observers, so at least there is a tiny amount of research on that question. There is also some reason to believe that more highly qualified observers are less likely to report their sighting, especially if no officially respectable resource exists.

We also have no idea about...

- 1) The degree of reporting prevalent today for all classes of non CE UFOs
- 2) The degree of reporting of CEs, today or ever.
- 3) The identification rate of CEs.

Without that knowledge, it is difficult to say anything concrete about reporting of UFOs, much less the frequency of sightings that are unreported.

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International Space Station Visible With Naked Eye

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Subject: International Space Station Visible With Naked Eye

Source: Chattanooga Times - Chattanooga Free Press,

<http://www.timesfreepress.com/2000/sep/05sep00/WEBLN05SPACESTATION1.html>

Stig

This story appeared in The Times & Free Press on Tuesday,
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International Space Station is visible with naked eye

BY DUANE W. GANG

Staff Writer

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If you look up into the sky on a clear evening and see a steady, bright light rapidly moving across the horizon, it is not a UFO. It may not even be an airplane. It could be NASA's International Space Station.

The International Space Station -- set to take on its first expedition crew in October -- is visible with the naked eye at certain times and locations. And it is not just the space station that can be seen. If one knows where and when to look, the Russian space station Mir, the space shuttle and other satellites can be seen.

In fact, they are often some of the brightest objects in the night sky.

Kelly Humphries, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman, said, excluding the moon, the International Space Station is the third brightest object in the night sky.

By the time it is completed, Mr. Humphries said the space station will be the second brightest, after the planet Venus.

To see the space station, certain conditions must be met, Mr. Humphries said. First, the observer must be in darkness and located in a place where the object passes. Then, the space station or satellite must be in the line of sight. The sun has to be below the horizon yet still shining on the space station or satellite. And, he said, the earth's shadow cannot be in the way.

Mr. Humphries said the sun reflects off the space station or satellite making it visible. But he also said that the space station's size helps.

Henry Kuhlman, a physics professor at Southern Adventist University who teaches astronomy, said it is actually quite easy to see satellites with the unaided eye. People just need to know what to look for, he said.

"You need to know your location," Dr. Kuhlman said. "It is very,

very specific. (Satellites) act as a mirror. It is sending the light on a pretty narrow beam onto the earth."

So, how does one find out when and where to look for the International Space Station and other satellites? Just hop on the Internet and choose a city or enter the location's latitude and longitude.

Go to spaceflight.nasa.gov and follow the links to real-time data and sighting opportunities. One can either choose a city from a provided list or type in more specific coordinates. Chattanooga's coordinates are 35.046 latitude and -85.310 longitude.

The data will then indicate where in the sky to look and when to look.

"You no longer have to guess," Mr. Humphries said. "You can punch in your exact longitude and latitude."

Mr. Humphries said NASA has done work to automate the web site, and it even allows users to print out a map of the night sky to help people locate objects.

For a quicker and simpler approach, visit www.heavens-above.com. The site, based in Germany and originally part of the German Space Operations Center, posts sighting opportunities for a variety of satellites.

The site gives users a list of more than 2 million locations to choose from -- including Chattanooga. The site provides coordinates for areas as specific as North Chattanooga, Highland Park, Orchard Knob and the Hampton Heights subdivision.

"Most (people) are thrilled when they use the predictions to then spot satellites, especially the brighter ones such as ISS, Mir and the Shuttle," said Chris Peat, the developer of heavens-above.

"The ISS and Mir are already brighter than most stars and the ISS will be brighter than all of them when complete. Most satellites are not this bright, but over a hundred can easily be seen with the naked eye."

Mr. Peat, 41, who is English but lives in Munich, Germany, originally developed heavens-above in 1999 as a hobby.

According to the site, the next opportunity to see the International Space Station in the Chattanooga area is next week. On Sept. 14 at about 6:30 a.m., the space station can be seen for about five minutes, weather permitting.

The International Space Station travels over the Chattanooga area at other times, but it is not always visible.

The next chance to see the Russian space station Mir is Sept. 13 at about 9:43 p.m. It will be visible for only a short period of time.

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Velez

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Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2000 06:27:39 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Velez

>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 14:31:10 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

<snip>

>Greg, List

>Slow Sunday/Labor Day Salutations!

Hi Sasquatch, Greg, All,

Dennis writes:

>I now solemnly promise never to post anything here about which I
>am not a working expert. (Well, you can dream, anyway!)

I can't even dream about it Dennis. Someone will come along and
spoil it by telling me it's just a sleep paralysis induced
hallucination. :)

>Don't take it personal. I wasn't faulting you for not personally
>checking every media outlet in town, just saying that it might
>have been reported somewhere.

I always thought that the most likely suspect for any reports
would have been the local police precinct. Also, there is a city
wide grid of traffic lights that is monitored 24 hours a day.
I'm not sure if Greg or Budd ever checked out the local police
station for any relevant reports that may have been filed or
called in that night, or if anyone has checked with traffic
control to find out if any of the traffic lights in the grid
surrounding Linda's building suddenly went off line that night.
If the UFO cut off the cars' engine, I would imagine it affected
other nearby electrical devices, traffic lights, street lights,
the lights on the bridge etc.

The one thing that has always left me a bit stunned about this
case is why neither Linda or Budd ever reported her kidnapping
by Dan & Richard to the police or to the FBI. I wish I could
report my own UFO abduction(s) to the FBI without being locked
up or laughed off the phone so I kind of understand why Linda
wouldn't run to the police with her story. It's just that if it
was me, and two men kidnapped me off of the street like that,
I'd report them in a New York minute. Even if I had to tell them
about the 'alien abduction' part of it. I would want those two
lunatics off the street. I wouldn't feel safe until they were.
I've never understood why Linda or Budd chose not to report a
blatant crime (Linda's kidnapping by Dan & Richard) to the
proper authorities. Having the Feds track them down and attempt
to identify them could only have strengthened Budd's case. Not
to mention bringing the Feds into the middle of an alien
abduction investigation.

Greg, has this point (why the kidnapping was never reported) ever come up in your discussions with Budd about Linda's case? If so, 'why' wasn't it reported?

>Star sightings? Saw Yoko Ono play a little club on E. 81st or >83rd, somewhere around there. (She got a bad rap. I thought she >was very good.)

You can get the same sounds at home in Texas! Just swing a cat around by its tail while you blast a combination of Rap and hyper-modern jazz on the stereo. <LOL>

>In the Village (where one of my friends lived),
>once saw Sophia Loren come out of a showing of "Oh, Calcutta!"

While walking in Central Park one afternoon I caught Elliot Gould yelling at his (then) eight or nine year old son. He was really dressing the kid down verbally. He got all uptight and embarrassed when he noticed me. I just put my head down and kept walking. Seeing a "star" that way wasn't as delightful an experience as it could have been. It was more like walking into someone's bathroom accidentally and catching them with their pants down. <LOL>

>Got busted the next day in Central Park, but that's another >(long) story.

Probably for rolling one of those homemade pipe tobacco cigs that you love to smoke. How long did it take the police lab to figure out that it was Captain Black and not Maui Wowie! <LOL>

Regards,

John Velez

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 00:51:55 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2000 13:01:49 -0400

>>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 17:25:54 -0700
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>>I have spent many lonely days in NYC and the one thing that New
>>Yorkers absolutely do not do is 'look up'. Anyone in Manhattan
>>who walks around looking up is a tourista.

>Very true!

>When I was writing about the Linda case, I talked to truck
>drivers at the NY Post plant near Linda's apartment building.
>They, conceivably, could have seen the UFO. But they don't look
>up. Why would they?

Terry, Greg,

This rather misses the point. The alleged eyewitnesses on the elevated Brooklyn Bridge would hardly had to have looked "up" at all. In theory, the glowing UFO pulling Linda out of her apartment would have been roughly eye-level. And these people also reportedly had their cars stalled. And don't forget: Dan/Richard wasn't looking up, either; he first saw the UFO as a reflection in a gum wrapper! You might as well argue that, of all New Yorkers, only those employed to guard the Sec. Gen. of the UN at 3am in the morning, parked underneath an underpass near Linda's apartment while on his way to a closed heliport, chew gum. (Btw, does anyone know if he was even headed in the right direction?)

And I say that not as a claimed expert about anything. I just get a warm and fuzzy feeling whenever Greg agrees with an observational NYC "expert" who isn't me.

>And once I was listening to a NYC radio talk show about UFOs. A
>skeptic called up to defend one pro-UFO point -- that many
>people wouldn't see a UFO if it passed overhead. She said she'd
>seen a low-flying weather balloon one day, and no one on the
>street looked up.

>Me, I've seen one astounding aerial sight -- a commercial jet
>(I'm not making this up) fly south over 5th Avenue, so low that
>when it went further south and passed it World Trade Center
>towers, it was lower than they were. Not a soul on the street
>looked up to watch it.

>Greg Sandow

But you did. So did the woman who saw the weather balloon earlier. "Not a soul...?" Surely neither of you actually meant to speak for the entire rest of the city. Or maybe you do?

As for Terry, next time you go to NYC, don't do it alone. May you look up and not down. But I guess that would brand you as a tourista.

Try the double margaritas. And relax. You won't be abducted tonight. Not in NYC.

Dennis Stacy

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Re: S. African Minister Spreads Bill Cooper's

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 00:56:59 -0400
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>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 08:49:27 +0200
>Subject: S. African Minister Spreads Bill Cooper's Theories on AIDS

>Source: Sunday Times (South Africa),
><http://www.suntimes.co.za/2000/09/03/politics/pol02.htm>

>Stig

>***

>03 Sep 2000

>Minister spreads bizarre AIDS theory

>CAROL PATON

>THE Minister of Health, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, has circulated
>a bizarre theory on the origin of AIDS to all provincial
>premiers and health ministers. It claims that the virus was
>introduced into Africa by a worldwide conspiracy.

>The theory claims that the Illuminati - an international
>conspiracy to take over the world - introduced AIDS to Africa
>through the smallpox vaccine in 1978 to reduce the African
>population. It states that although the cure is known, it is
>being kept secret until enough people have died.

>The theory is contained in a book titled Behold, A Pale Horse
>written by William Cooper.

Cooper did not originate the theory and merely repeated what
he has heard.

Cheers,

Robert

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CPR-Canada News: Hazlet, Saskatchewan Crop Circle

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September 5, 2000

HAZLET, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLE

Preliminary Report - September 6, 2000

Hazlet, Saskatchewan
August 24, 2000

Report received this afternoon of another circle in Saskatchewan, at Hazlet, near Swift Current. Report received from farmer Ellis Randy. First found in morning by Ellis while combining the field on August 24.

Formation is a 22' diameter circle, in durum wheat. Very neat and tight clockwise spiral lay pattern, a "perfect circle", with no damage to plant stalks, entry / exit paths, etc. reported (circle is again in a field with no tramlines).

Digital aerial photo already taken by a local neighbor who is a pilot, and I should have a copy shortly. Farmer has also taken ground photos, copies pending of these as well.

Ellis' wife Heather reported odd feelings when she stepped inside the circle, like suddenly having had "too much coffee", which she described as like feeling some kind of energy inside the formation. Also some unusual UFO / alien -related dreams a couple of weeks before.

Both Ellis and Heather are open-minded and curious about the crop circle phenomenon, especially after having it finally "arrive on their doorstep", and don't attribute this circle to pranksters, based on their physical examination.

The circle is well into the field, not visible from any nearby pathways or roads.

The circle has also been filmed by a CBC affiliate film crew from Swift Current.

This is the sixth formation reported in Canada for 2000.

Paul Anderson

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Re: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras' - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2000 21:40:16 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 01:02:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras' - McCoy

Hello, all, buenos dias Scott,

>From: Scott Corrales <lornisl@juno.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 06:25:40 -0400
>Subject: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras'

>SOURCE: Diario El Nuevo Dia (San Juan, Puerto Rico
>DATE: Saturday, September 2, 2000

>As a result of press reports concerning the discovery of a
>strange creature in Nicaragua, identified by that country's
>peasants as the "Chupacabras", speculation was once more rife in
>Puerto Rico...as well as the willingness for adventure.

>For this reason, during a recent radio broadcast, Chemo Soto,
>the intrepid mayor of Canovanas, indicated that he was hoping to
>run into the "chupacabras" to battle the now-folkloric entity
>and "shoot it to death". When his interviewer asked if he would
>be willing to negotiate with the chupacabras rather than resort
>to violence, the mayor claimed that he would do so, but that the
>creature runs very quickly and that it would disappear at the
>slightest hesitation.

>Therefore, "Chemo Jones" reiterated that the best approach to
>deal with the ravager of birds and quadrupeds would be to shoot
>it with no questions asked.

># # #

>Translation (c) 2000. Institute of Hispanic Ufology

Well pards, I've been a hunter and grew up the son of a hunter,
with the 'Chupacabras' it fails some basic lessons of hunting.

1. Don't shoot it unless your'e prepared to eat it. (this goes for Bigfoot hunters too.)
2. Clearly identify what your'e shooting at. Cougars tend not to wag their tail, and do not go "Woof" (this acutually happened to my Pop who almost shot a neighbor's Great Dane.)
3. If you do manage to get a shot off, or several, as the case may be, this is important, -make shure you hit somthing vital. A pissed off ah, Bigfoot or Chupacabra would not be good.
4. Getting good confirmation that what you just offed is what you were meaning to ah, kill, would be important (see lesson #2)

Thanks,

GT McCoy

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Rhodes

From: Terry Rhodes <UtterMole@cs.com>
Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 19:26:02 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 01:02:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Rhodes

>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 13:11:30 +0100
>From: Dave Bowden >grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto >updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?

>Thanks for the info, when I checked Roys site there was no
>mention of "actual footage of the alien visitors". Perhaps you
>should take this up with Roy, if he was guilty of jumping the
>gun a bit it would be understandable since the recent footage is
>very interesting.

But later in your post you stated the footage ONLY shows UFOs,
which does it show, an unidentified flying object or an alien craft?

>About a year or so ago he had video of what was thought to be an
>'FT' (flying triangle for all those who thought I was talking
>about the Financial Times) taken in Wiltshire at night. After
>hi-res imaging and enhancement it was clearly shown to be a
>military helicopter.

Is it your expert opinion that this military helicopter is also
responsible for the crop formation that was alleged to have been
created by the 'FT' that Chris Martin captured on video?

>Having said that, I later saw 'UFO's the best evidence caught on
>tape, part 2' hosted by Jonathan (commander Riker) Frakes. The
>helicopter footage was shown and described as something like
>'also this mysterious video taken in southern England showing a
>triangular craft'.

A similar report still sits on the Lost Haven website that you
have admitted to being a contributor to. How credible are your
associates for portraying the facts about UFO sightings?

>Chris is annoyed about this because they used his footage
>without his consent and I am annoyed because they used it
>without an explanation of what it actually was, just going for
>the big sale I suppose, sensationalism.

How does Chris feel about his footage being promoted as showing
the alien visitors themselves?

>Cutting to the chase however, we have other stuff which just
>doesn't fit any category.

Not even alien?

Terry

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Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 22:49:34 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 07:56:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow & You
>Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2000 23:36:12 -0400

>>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow & You
>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 14:48:33 -0400

Greg, (see, not too hard to say allo)

<snip>

>That said, I'm grateful to Serge for recommending an impressive
>five year-old scientific paper on the important topic of False
>Memory Syndrome, especially one questioning whether such a
>condition even exists. I'm grateful, even though I'm familiar
>with these discussions, and have read other papers questioning
>FMS. I don't want to shock Serge too much, but the thinking in
>the paper he insists that I read might be newer to him than it
>is to me.

<snip>

Please refer to "Observation 1" below where it is demonstrated
that you didn't know about this 1995 paper in January 1999. You
never _ever_ mentioned the works of Kenneth Pope in _any_ of
your posts since 1995.

I would like also to know, if it's not asking too much, when
exactly you got familiar with such work. Pardon my curiosity
since you addressed the subject of False Memory Syndrome in 1999
in those words:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jan/m30-050.shtml>

Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

<snip>

>We need to use a little common sense when we talk about memory.
>Recovered memories are tricky, no doubt about it. But some of
>the writing from critics of recovered memory makes you wonder
>how any of us could ever trust our minds at all. That was one
>feeling I had after reading Elizabeth Loftus's book (she being
>the psychologist most cited in attacks on recovered memories).

<snip>

Strange that only Loftus is mentioned. Especially when others
like Crews, Dawes, Goldstein, Farmer, Ketcham, Ofshe, Watters,
Underwager, Wakefield and Wassil-Grimm are noted in the Kenneth
Pope review which you are sooooo familiar with.

But back to today...

<snip>

>That said, I'm grateful to Serge for recommending an impressive

>five year-old scientific paper on the important topic of False
>Memory Syndrome, especially one questioning whether such a
>condition even exists.

<snip>

If you knew the Kenneth Pope paper, you wouldn't say that.

Start quote

On one hand, it is crucial that we review all available evidence
and consider the implications that the claims may be valid.

[...]

On the other hand it is equally crucial that we allow for the
possibility that the evidence and logic do not convincingly
establish the validity of some or perhaps any such claims.

End quote

So, the FMS proponents may be wrong; they may also be right. I
know this must be a pain in the neck for abductologists.
Imagine: they could be playing with the minds of people, they
could be implanting false memories. Life sucks.

Are you still grateful? I must ask the question as there are
obvious doubts concerning your objectivity.

>I wonder how much Serge knows
>about my abduction work. I might refer him to my essay "The
>Abduction Conundrum," which originally appeared in Dennis
>Stacy's publication, The Anomalist, and can now be found on my
>UFO website, <http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo>.

<snip>

Please refer to "Observation 2" below where it is established
that you seem to ignore some fundamentals your own work.

<snip>

>>For all of you interested, and before any discussion on the
>>reality of abduction takes place, the following is a must
>>read:

>><http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

>This is patronizing nonsense. I'll leave myself out of any
>further comments I make, and say how offended I am for Kevin's
>and Peter's sake. I've disagreed with both of them, but I'd
>never insult them the way Serge has. Kevin has a PhD in
>psychology, and wrote an abduction book that describes at great
>length many of the psychological issues involved.

<snip>

I am sorry to bring this up again, but I suggest you read the
following posts.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m26-027.shtml>

Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Randle

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m28-009.shtml>

Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Salvaille

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m27-044.shtml>

Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Randle

I am perfectly justified to ask Kevin Randle to read

<http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

I am justified also to ask an owner of a PhD in psychology if he
knows about a fundamental paper in his domain, to ask for
enlightenment in order to heighten a discussion. You know, let's
stop hiding behind the conformity to group norms and the
obedience to authority. Put the less you can between yourself
and the search, not for truth, but for honesty. Truth you can't
find. Honesty is a choice.

<snip>

>Peter also
>wrote an abduction book, that, like Kevin's, gives ample
>evidence of the care he's taken in studying the background of
>this phenomenon.

<snip>

Peter on PTSD:

Start quote

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m27-016.shtml>

Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

>Frankly, the literature is a pile of crap generated by a therapy
>industry (part of victim culture at large) trying to turn a
>perfectly ordinary reaction into an illness in order to Hoover
>up bucks from a gullible health insurance industry.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m29-027.shtml>

Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

>Serge, is this a rib? Is this one of the boys in the office? You
>want *references* for an *opinion*??

End quote

Wow, woohh. I'm on my knees.

<snip>

>I'd feel free to point out things both men seem
>to ignore, or that I interpret differently from them. But I'd
>never talk about them as if they were careless children, as
>Serge does here.

<snip>

Timely call for reinforcements. But this is an ambush. You
cannot escape reality.

Final words:

<http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

Memory, Abuse, and Science:

Kenneth S. Pope

Start quote

Refusing to consider divergent evidence, disallowing doubt or
skepticism, and discrediting anyone who disagrees, especially
through unsupported claims about character are the hallmarks of
pseudoscience.

End quote

My point exactly,

Serge Salvaille

Observations and contradictions:

Observation 1:

<snip>

>I don't want to shock Serge too much, but the thinking in
>the paper he insists that I read might be newer to him than it
>is to me.

<snip>

Contradiction:

The Abduction Conundrum - Greg Sandow

at <http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

Start quote

Researchers who study hypnosis and memory haven't quite have the courage -- if that's the word -- to set up real traumatic situations. (Though Elizabeth Loftus, a psychologist who conducts her own kind of memory experiments, once got children to falsely believe that they'd been lost in a mall. 13)

End quote

Kenneth Pope's paper at
<http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

Start quote

Does the trauma specified in the lost-in-the-mall experiment seem comparable to the trauma forming the basis of false memory syndrome? Loftus (1993) described the implanted traumatic event in the shopping-mall experiment as follows: "Chris was convinced by his older brother Jim, that he had been lost in a shopping mall when he was five years old" (p. 532). Does this seem, for example, a reasonable analogy for a five-year-old girl being repeatedly raped by her father? Pezdek (1995; see also (Pezdek, Finger, & Hodge, 1996) has suggested that this may not be the case. In attempting to arrive at a more analogous situation-that of a suggested false memory of a rectal enema-her experimental attempts at implantation of a suggestion had a 0% success rate.

[...]

On the other hand it is equally crucial that we allow for the possibility that the evidence and logic do not convincingly establish the validity of some or perhaps any such claims.

End quote

Further contradictions:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/sep/m25-023.shtml>
Re: Scientific American 'Explains' Abductions

Greg Sandow addressed the Loftus position on false memories _without_ _ever_ mentioning Kenneth Pope's paper.

This was in 1997.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jan/m30-050.shtml>
Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

Same. This was 1999.

Observation 2:

>I wonder how much Serge knows
>about my abduction work. I might refer him to my essay "The
>Abduction Conundrum," which originally appeared in Dennis
>Stacy's publication, The Anomalist, and can now be found on my
>UFO website, <http://www.gregsandow.com/ufo>.

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/jul/m29-013.shtml>
Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

>But exactly what kind of professional help is appropriate for
>people who come to abduction investigators? From what I've seen,
>from sitting in on Budd's first interviews with people who come
>to him, and from reading many of the letters he gets, people
>approach him because they feel they're having concrete
>experiences. Not abduction experiences; it's rare for him to see
>anyone who states outright, "I'm being abducted by aliens."

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m01-024.shtml>
Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

>No. As I've just restated, people go because they have
>experiences they can't explain. Budd says those experiences
>could be caused by abductions. The people having the experiences
>aren't sure of that, and may never have heard about abductions
>before. Thus they can't think they've been abducted. They're
>anxious to talk to Budd because they've never before known of
>anyone to talk to about these experiences.

Contradiction:

The Abduction Conundrum - Greg Sandow
at <http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

Start quote

It's true, of course, that anyone who comes to him knows what he believes, and that in his support groups it's taken for granted that abductions are real. So clearly he's at least a little ingenuous when he says he'll never tell anyone that they've really been abducted. He might not say the words, but the very fact of a relationship with him implies what isn't spoken.

End quote

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Filer's Files #35 -- 2000

From: **George A. Filer** <Majorstar@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2000 10:05:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 08:01:40 -0400
Subject: Filer's Files #35 -- 2000

Filer's Files #35 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations
George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern
September 4, 2000, Sponsored by Electronic Arts, C. Warren
Webmaster. <http://www.filersfiles.com>. - Majorstar@aol.com.

UFO REPORTS RELATIVELY LOW: Heavy rains in Eastern US, sweltering heat in South, fires in West and a mass ejection of electrified gas from the sun's corona on September 1, 2000, kept UFO reports low. Sunspot activity remains fairly high in recent weeks but sightings are reported in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Canada, and Pakistan. Debunker Phil Klass denies that the US Government has ridiculed those who see UFOs.

NEW JERSEY SILVER UFO SPOTTED

POMPTON PLAINS -- Chis writes that he observed a UFO on August 8, 2000. It was silver, no lights, and at > first it seemed long looking but changed shape to typical UFO or disc look. My brother and sister saw it too, but I had the first and closest view. I took about a two minute video showing the UFO rotating frame by frame. Thanks to Chris.

PENNSYLVANIA DISC FLIES OVER POWER PLANT

POTTSTOWN -- I was observing the night sky from a hill in Berks County, west of town on August 20, 2000, at 10:00 PM. I saw a disc shaped object moving slowly and silently from south to north above the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant. I was 6 miles from the power plant and from my point of view, the UFO appeared about 1/2 inch across, The sky was clear. The object was flying at approximately 700 feet. I used binoculars and could see the object clearly. It was transparent and glassy around the entire surface, with bright lights, blue, white, red, and orange, flashing across the center of the object. I also observed another, tiny white flashing light below and to the north of the object, traveling near it. I observed the disc until it was no longer in my field of vision. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director National Reporting Center
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

TENNESSEE CYLINDER SHAPED UFO

MT. JULIET -- I saw two cylinder shaped UFOs in close formation on August 21, 2000. They were moving across the sky to the southwest at 7:35 PM. The sun had just gone below the horizon and the objects seemed to be reflecting sunlight. I'm not sure of their altitude but it must have been at least ten thousand feet for them to still be reflecting sunlight. First, I thought they were large military aircraft flying in formation, but as they passed overhead and the trailing object seemed to break formation and continue in a more southerly direction. They moved fairly quickly and made no noise. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director National Reporting Center
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT ROSWELL CRASH DEBRIS PHOTOS

James Bond Johnson the photographer of the Roswell crash debris

flown to General Ramey's office in 1947 writes, "We have further evidence that this series of historic photos is not part of a staged "press conference" but the press camera chronicling a high level initial personal investigation of the strange wreckage by the commanding general of the 8th U. S. Air Force. "Neil Morris from the University of Manchester, England' has made fascinating observations that some of the "debris" displayed in my six Ramey Office Photos "move around" in some of the shots. I spent some time carefully comparing these photo enlargements. I completely concur with Neil that many of the debris objects in fact ARE arrayed differently in some shots! Further, the later photo taken of Warrant Officer Newton and the debris was drastically "sanitized" and a number of key objects seen in my six shots -- including the bars upon which the glyphs appear -- are not to be seen in the Newton shot. It occurs to me that the likely reason for this strange development is that as General Ramey apparently was conducting his initial examination during the photo shoot he would have been picking up various pieces, looked them over and then replaced them on the pile. This also is consistent with our growing beliefs that the Ramey Message -- which obviously is being read by General Ramey during the photo shoot -- contained information that caused General Ramey to take several drastic and unprecedented actions immediately thereafter: 1. He prevented any further exposure of the Roswell crash debris to any known members of the media, or any other civilians.

2. He did not hold any "press conference" but only gave vague answers on the phone or through his staff to questions by the press. He never mentioned the Roswell Incident again after that day and ordered his staff -- at least Colonel Dubose and Major Marcel -- to "NEVER" discuss this incident with anyone.

3. He ordered his weather officer, Warrant Officer Newton, to rush to the general's office and after a hurried "briefing" arranged for Newton to agree that the displayed debris was "nothing but a weather device!"

4. Ramey then went immediately to radio station WBAP where he broadcast live to the waiting world that the debris displayed in his office -- earlier officially announced by the AAF as being "a captured flying saucer" -- actually was "nothing but a weather device!" It was quite extraordinary that an Air Force commanding general in 1947 would take these kinds of personal and official steps. Normally such announcements would have been made through his PIO or other staff officer.

5. No member of the media EVER has been permitted to examine or even to see this debris ever again, even though more than 53 years have passed. Thanks to Col. James Bond Johnson

MISSOURI CONTRAILS

FORSYTH -- I live up high on a ridge which looks toward the south on September 1, 2000, while having breakfast on our deck, I watched a precise line of contrails 6 in a row so far; they are still doing them as I type. They are short bursts of contrails probably 10 to 20 miles in length, all in a row, and the contrails persist and are gradually spreading out. Earlier they must have been doing this north of Forsyth because I also looked directly above my house from the deck and there was two contrails which had been done earlier because they were very spread out and turning into cloud-like wisps. These current contrails look as if they are drifting slowly toward the northwest. Thanks to Ken in Forsyth seven777@inter-linc.net

CALIFORNIA UFO FLIES OUT OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA -- Jeffrey Griffith writes several years ago, two friends of mine were driving in a convertible along the Palos Verdes Drive in L.A. County. They saw a large glowing light moving very swiftly underwater from the general direction of just east of Santa Catalina Island towards them. They watched the light surge toward the cliffs below, but their view was blocked by the cliffs. Suddenly a bright UFO flew up over the cliff's edge and over their heads, and up the ravine cut into the steep slope of the mountain. They chased after it with their sports car speeding up the road, then drove off the road as high up as they could go. They then ran further up the hill toward residences high up the mountain. Abruptly, they were accosted by a policeman in an "odd" uniform and police

car, who asked them what they were doing there? They told him what they saw and that they were investigating it. He told them that they were trespassing on private property and that they would have to leave, so they did. A few weeks later on the same area, my friends were paced by a shiny, metallic disc for some distance before it took off into the night sky. Thanks to Jeff Griffith jwgriffith@earthlink.net A site focused exclusively on incidents involving UFOs and water is: <http://www.waterufo.net/index2.htm>

CANADA FLYING BLACK TRIANGLE OVER NOVA SCOTIA

CAPE BRETON -- Eugene H. Frison the MUFON Provincial Director reports that another Flying Black Triangle was observed in the region by a new set of witnesses on August 1, 2000. The local newspaper carried an article claiming three of these flying black triangles were spotted by multiple witnesses. Again, on August 13, 2000, another Flying Black Triangle was viewed by multiple witnesses. These sightings occurred in the River Bourgeois area of Cape Breton near the Atlantic Ocean. The Cape Breton Post newspaper article August 25, 2000, contains a good representation of one of the objects. This photo was taken from the television screen as the witness played the master tape for the media. Attempts are being made to obtain copies. In January of this year, a paperboy observed another Flying Black Triangle in a cemetery. This occurred in Cape Breton (Glace Bay) and you published the incident in Filer's Files #6-2000, with an update in #19- 2000. I am presently investigating these incidents for MUFON and will keep you informed. Thanks to Eugene H. Frison genefrison@mail.auracom.com.

AUSTRALIAN REPORT OF DISAPPEARING AIRCRAFT

Harry Mason writes, "I have some input for you on the disappearing aircraft technology?" I have a friend in a foreign country who is their top English language translator. I will not name the country for her safety. In the early 1980s, she went with a foreign military delegation from her country to the USA to meet with top US Military. She translated for both sides. One aspect of their visit was to observe film and hard technology of the operation of a "cloaking device." This made ships, aircraft, or airfields totally invisible in reflected light and radar wavebands. It was being offered to her country as an inducement to back US policy. The device was capable of retrofitting to any aircraft etc. There is "eyewitness" evidence of such a device in operation at an RAF-NATO airbase on the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland. One day a bunch of golfers noticed a 'V' shape wave rushing across the calm sea surface with a vague shimmering space in the air above it -- similar to that seen in the movie "Predator." The 'V' wave of unsettled water and the shimmering air shot towards them at a fair speed and the shimmering went over their heads accompanied by a loud roaring noise -- exactly in line with the airstrip. They concluded that a high powered invisible aircraft had approached low over the water and landed at the airfield. Thanks to Harry Mason orbitx@iinet.net.au

US AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ROOSEVELT

Investigator John Thompson interviewed a crewman from the USS Roosevelt who told of that the ship was operating near "Gitmo Bay, Cuba. " On leaving the area on October 18, 1956, the ship hit "something" that was submerged. Whatever they hit, it raised the fully loaded 64,000 ton ship out of the water nearly three feet! According to the retired chief they were never told what they hit. Scuttlebutt had it that they had hit a submarine. What is certain is that they did not hit a reef or run-aground? As far as hitting a submarine, the witness is doubtful. He said in his twenty-odd years in the Navy he never heard of a carrier raising out of the water on hitting something. The ship soon after went into dry dock in Virginia, to repair the considerable damage done. Thanks to John Thompson and ISUR.

http://www.isur.com/cases/case_fil.cgi?file=100102

DESTRUCTION OF RUSSIAN SUB KURSK

I am Beth of the Downers grove sighting. I read Filer's Files #34, and I feel I must respond to one of the articles on UFO's and the ocean. I feel that just because the reason for

underwater crashed and sudden boat sinking are not confirmed does not mean UFO's are abundant in our sea. I feel that we are not given credit for how much we do know about our sea. In fact there are some very plausible explanations for these crashes and sinkings. The seas are extremely volatile. They act in sudden changes. Supercells clouds that form above the warmer waters of the ocean (like the Bermuda Triangle) can produce sudden and violent down drafts that can reach over 200 miles per hour with no notice and very little evidence of the occurrence. If any aircraft was caught in such a terrible force, they would crash and sink so fast, there would be virtually no time to radio help or location. There are literally tons of a substance called methane hydrate under the sediment at the bottom of the sea. When this sediment is ruptured or disturbed, then Methane Hydrate releases a lot of methane gas. For example, when you are drawing water from a water cooler in an office, the bubbles start small at the bottom and then grow until they reach the top and burst, sometimes hitting the top of the blue container. The same sort of thing happens here, but it takes over two miles before it hits the surface, and then the sea literally boils. If a ship was passing over an area where this gas was being released, the ship would lose buoyancy and sink, immediately. Also, if you were a sub and were cruising along at 12 knots and hit a huge bubble of methane gas, you would feel like you hit another sub, and if that highly combustible gas were to be drawn in, you would probably explode. This, happens without warning. The firing of a test missile may have disturbed the sediment. Methane Hydrate is so powerful, it is being considered as a fuel source. Methane Hydrate released from the ocean contributes to global warming 400 time more than human pollutants. Thanks to Beth. Editors Note: We may never know what happened to the Kursk, but the Russian government is sticking to their story that their sub hit an underwater object most likely a submarine. I got a call from a Navy diver who claims they see some very strange craft underwater.

NORTH POLE ICE 'TURNS TO WATER'

An American scientist DR James says the ice cap at the North Pole has melted. Oceanographer McCarthy, says he found a mile-wide stretch of open ocean on his trip this August to the North Pole aboard a Russian Ice Breaker. Some experts believe it is the first time in more than 50 million years that the North Pole has been covered in water rather than ice. They point to it as further evidence of global warming -- but other scientists say movements in polar ice regularly create gaps in the ice cap -- including at the North Pole itself. "It was totally unexpected," he said. Another scientist on the cruise, paleontologist DR Malcolm C. McKenna, said the ship was able to sail all the way to the North Pole through only a thin crust of ice, and arrived on the spot to discover no ice at all. "I don't know if anybody in history ever got to 90 degrees north to be greeted by water, not ice," DR McKenna was quoted as saying. In the past the North Pole has been covered by 9 feet of ice.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/americas/newsid_888000/888235.stm

EGYPT PILOTS MAY SUE US OVER CRASH PROBE

CAIRO -- Egypt's Pilots' Federation has threatened to file a lawsuit against the US President if the US investigation committee fails to consider all possible causes of last year's EgyptAir plane crash, including missiles and technical failure. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said earlier this month it had been unable to conclude what caused the crash of Flight 990 from New York to Cairo, which plunged into the Atlantic on October 31, 1999, killing all 217 aboard. US says they are working on a theory that relief copilot Gamil al-Batouti deliberately crashed the plane. The NTSB's assessment dismissed Egyptian theories that technical problems on the Boeing 767 or that surface-to-air missiles downed the craft," said Ali Murad, of the Egyptian Pilots' Federation. "They have no tangible evidence that Batouti committed suicide," Murad said. "But they have many witnesses of the fireballs flying towards the plane," The Egyptians want the US authorities to release radar images and to question an air traffic controller, as well as two pilots from Germany and Jordan said to have seen a missiles while flying in the area at the time of the crash. Five fishermen are possible witnesses.

EgyptAir Chairman Mohamed Fahim Rayan said last week he was 99 percent sure a technical problem in the elevator system caused the crash, citing Boeing's bulletin as evidence to inspect the elevators on the horizontal tail surface. Thanks to Ed Komarek ekomarek@mail.caironet.com and Esmat Salaheddin (Reuters)

PAKISTAN UFO LANDS

DERA GHAZI KHAN -- An UFO from the west side landed in the tribal area of Dera Ghazi Khan on August 27, 2000, reports reaching here said. The UFO which was seen flying over Fort Munro and Rakhi Gaaaj towns hit the ground between Baghalchor and Rounghin, some 80km from here, at 8.30 PM. Sources in the Border Military Police quoted tribesmen living in Rounghin area as saying the unidentified flying object had come from the West, Balochistan. "It was nose-diving and after a few moments the sky was lit up," the tribesmen said. The area where the UFO probably landed was deserted and was the second UFO which landed in the tribal area in the last two weeks. Its wreckage was removed by members of sensitive agencies a few days ago. Thanks to Tariq Birmani and Don Ware donware@earthlink.net

Editors Note: Some of the seven objects streaking through the skies in Balochistan on August 15, were probably Ghauri III missiles, tested by Pakistan deliberately on India's Independence Day. The missiles are being developed by Pakistan to carry its recently exploded atomic bomb against its potential adversaries such as India. Historically, when the US and other countries were developing atomic weapons UFOs were also frequently seen and reported around such areas as White Sands Proving Grounds. Intelligence sources indicate Pakistan has likely obtained the two-stage North Korean Taepodong-1 missile, which uses the Nodong as its first stage. The rash of UFO sightings probably indicate the visitors are interested in Pakistan's nuclear missile progress.

"SPYTIME" THE UNDOING OF JAMES JESUS ANGLETON,

Although a novel "SPYTIME," this latest work by William Buckley is clearly identified as based on Angleton's career over three decades in the OSS and CIA, even if half the pages are taken up by an account of Antonio Crespi, presumably a fictional recruit and Angleton protégé. According to reviewer Allen Weinstein the result is an "absorbing but at times disconnected narrative, illustrating some of modern American tradecraft's recurrent dilemmas." Please see below and the follow on report for a possible UFO/Mj12 connection: http://home.sprintmail.com/~rigoletto/reports/tim_james_angleton.html

POLICY OF DEBUNKING UFOs BEGAN WITH ROBERTSON PANEL

Debunker Phil Klass writes, "This is to challenge the false allegation by Jeff Chandler in FF #34 that there is a U.S. Government "policy of aggressive attacks on [UFO] witnesses," and your claim that "there really is a national policy to ridicule UFO reports." I herewith offer to contribute \$1,000 to your favorite charity for each and every one of the many dozens of UFO reports publicized in Filer's Files since its inception--in response to which ANY U.S. Government agency has issued a statement which "attacked" the person(s) reporting a UFO sighting or "ridiculed" the report. Excluded from my generous offer are the USAF reports which it issued in the mid-1990s based on its investigation into the "Roswell Incident," which the USAF conducted at the request of the General Accounting Office.

You err in claiming that the Robertson Panel of five top scientists (including a Nobel Prize winner) "was formed at the request of the White House to quell the situation." In fact, the Robertson Panel was convened by the CIA to assess the best UFO cases to assist that agency in deciding whether to request White House approval to launch its own research into UFOs. This was disclosed in documents declassified and released in late 1978--as reported in my book "UFOs: The Public Deceived." (Chapter 3) You err also in your claim that the Robertson Panel was "given several poor UFO cases to examine." Among the many UFO cases presented to the Panel were TWO home-movies of UFOs, taken by Coomander Delbert Newhouse and Nicholas Mariana. According to David M. Jacobs' book "The UFO Controversy in America" (P. 92): "The Project Blue Book staff believed the

films were among the best evidence it had to give credence to the extraterrestrial intelligence hypothesis."

Reference your claim that "CIA documents reveal one of the panel's recommendations was that a policy of debunking UFO reports should be instigated." What a gross, perverse distortion of the Robertson Panel's wise recommendations, highlights of which are quoted below:

"(1) Pursuant to the request of the [CIA] Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, the undersigned Panel of Scientific Consultants has met to evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by Unidentified Flying Objects ('Flying Saucers'), and to make recommendations thereon. The Panel has received the evidence as presented by cognizant intelligence agencies, primarily the Air Technical Intelligence Center (USAF), and has reviewed a selection of the best documented incidents.

"(2) As a result, the Panel concludes that the evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security. We firmly believe there is no residuum of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile actions, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicate a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.

"(3) The Panel further concludes that the continued emphasis on reporting of these phenomena does, in these parlous times, result in a threat to the orderly functioning of the protective organs [i.e., Armed Services] of the body politic. We cite as examples THE CLOGGING OF CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS BY IRRELEVANT REPORTS, THE DANGER OF BEING LED BY CONTINUOUS FALSE ALARMS TO IGNORE REAL INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE ACTION [i.e., Soviet air attack], and the cultivation of a morbid national psychology in which SKILLFUL HOSTILE PROPAGANDA COULD INDUCE HYSTERICAL BEHAVIOR AND HARMFUL DISTRUST OF DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY. [Emphasis added.]

"(4) In order most effectively to strengthen the national facilities for the timely recognition and appropriate handling of true indications of hostile action, and to minimize the concomitant dangers alluded to above, the Panel recommends:

"(a) That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired.

"(b) That the national security agencies institute policies on intelligence, training, and public education designed to prepare the material defenses and the morale of the country to recognize more promptly and to react more effectively to the TRUE INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE INTENT OR ACTION. [emphasis added.]

"(5) We suggest that these aims may be achieved by an integrated program designed to reassure the public of the TOTAL LACK OF EVIDENCE OF INIMICAL FORCES BEHIND THE [UFO] PHENOMENA, to train personnel to RECOGNIZE AND REJECT FALSE INDICATIONS QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY, AND TO STRENGTHEN REGULAR CHANNELS FOR THE EVALUATION OF AND PROMPT REACTION TO TRUE INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE MEASURES." [Emphasis added.]

In the early 1950s, when the Robertson Panel made these recommendations, the U.S. was desperately trying to build a radar network which could warn of possible Soviet nuclear attack. But we were still largely dependent on volunteer human observers (of which I was one: from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. on Tuesday nights). The Robertson Panel wisely warned of the REAL threat to national security: spurious UFO reports, clogging communications channels, etc. Also, spurious UFO reports breeding "harmful distrust of duly constituted authority." Thanks to Phil Klass.

Editor's Note: I certainly am aware of the former Soviet threat, but as a former Intelligence Office I feel the US Government made a major mistake in not handling UFOs in a forth right manner. They potentially lost thousands of UFO sighting reports, and some could have been Soviet aircraft, because

their policy of ridicule. Major Keyhole tells of a sighting by an Electra airline crew approaching Washington when a strange flying object hurtled toward the plane. To the terrified crew they seemed only seconds from a fatal collision in January 3, 1965. This started a flap of reports and a huge lying disc flashed over NASA Wallops Island, Virginia two days later. The satellite tracking chief, Dempsey Bruton, calculated its speed at over a hundred miles a minute. According to the book "Aliens from Space", Major Keyhole states, "Dempsey Bruton, and other Space Administration observers at Wallops Island, were labeled incompetent. Without the slightest investigation, AF Headquarters said the Navy radar was found to be faulty, then for good measure it branded the radar operators as inexperienced. Within forty-eight hours, dozens of other factual reports were hastily explained as mistakes or hoaxes." I ask anyone who has called a government agency and had them ridicule your UFO report to please contact me. I personally have had this happen when contacting Mc Guire Air Force Base concerning sightings near the base.

NEW NASA SHUTTLE VIDEO OF UFOs IN SPACE

Jeff Challender has prepared a new tape of various UFOs that appear on recent Shuttle Tape footage. Jeff has noticed that when NASA is picking up UFOs they have tendency to first zoom in to observe the UFO better and then they cut the feed to the outside world. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space. He is probably more of an expert at watching NASA tapes than most NASA personnel. Even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does because of his experience watching numerous missions. Using Jeff's directions I have learned to pickup up the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. Using his experience you can also learn the difference. One segment has 24 UFOs watching the shuttle from space. I feel confident we could go into a court of law and convince any jury that there are UFOs moving at high speed around the Earth. Send \$25 to Jeff Challender 2768 Mendel Way Sacramento, California 95833-2011

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Another Chupacabra Prowls Malpaisillo

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SOURCE: DIario La Prensa de Nicaragua
DATE: September 6, 2000

ANOTHER CHUPACABRAS PROWLs MALPAISILLO
Maricely Linarte--Correspondent

Jose Luis Talavera says he is expecting it to attack sheep, and its ready to hunt it. "We stay awake all night when the Chupacabras is on the prowl. We take shifts so we won't be so tired, but it's becoming unbearable," states Talavera.

"Its a fact that I'm not going to withdraw [the creature], after they swapped the skeleton, what they're planning to do remains to be seen. Why should I bother? Let them discard it. " he added.

LEON.- The new specimen prowling Jorge Luis Talavera's sheep pen, located at Km. 154 of Malpaisillo at the San Lorenzo Ranch in the village of El Barrio, is slightly larger than an a Pekinese dog. This is the same location where the skeleton of the alleged "chupacabras" turned up.

Talavera told LA PRENSA that the animal comes up to the pen, which is adjacent to the living area, and will be allowed to attack a number of sheep to as bait. [Talavera] will then fire his shotgun at it, as he did 15 days ago with the first animal.

--A White Chupacabras--

"We'll let it taste blood once more, since that's the way the seem to develop the taste for sucking sheep. Once it's shyness has been overcome, I'll hunt it down," stated Talavera, adding that the new animal prowling around the property is white in color.

The rancher indicated that the family is tired of keeping watch for over a month, when the exsanguination of the area's sheep began.

Concerning recovery of the alleged Chupacabras skeleton he was scheduled to make this week at the UNAN-Leon's laboratory, he stated that he would no longer do so, since there was little sense in spending money on transportation from Malpaisillo to Leon to collect the bones of a "dog".

Edmundo Torres, vicechancellor for research at UNAN-Leon, denied Talavera's statement that the university was planning to keep the remains of the specimen discovered. "This is absolutely untrue. We have never had any direct communication with Talavera--only with the mayor of Malpaisillo. We have no interest in keeping its remains," Torres explained.

He further added that they hope Jorge Luis Talavera will present himself in order to formally turn the skeleton over to him, since it is does not belong to the institution. "If he no longer wishes to remove it, we will confirm this to make decisions until they authorize it, and avoid any misunderstandings about the canine." noted the Vicechancellor.

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Webcams At UFO-Hotspots?

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Subject: Webcams At UFO-Hotspots?

Hello List,

a question from Germany:

How many webcams are installed at so-called "UFO hotpots" - and
what are the URLs???

Greeting

Werner Walter

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 08:10:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

Hi,

With regards to the protracted guesswork about what happened in Rendlesham Forest 20 years ago (and thats all any of us can do).

Here are some key things to bear in mind:

1: The forest today is very different from the forest in 1980. It changed substantially in January 1981 when large swathes of trees in the area were felled (as they were set to do - although this may have occurred rather rapidly after the discovery of the damage to the pine tree canopy by a forester). It changed massively during the hurricane 13 years ago. So making exact comments on what is visible now and then back relating them two decades is fraught with difficulty.

2: The first time I visited the forest at night was over two years after the incident. It had changed some by then (but much less than now). The fence knocked over by the men as they pursued the UFO was still damaged.

3: As of 1983 you could - beyond question - see the following:

(a) the Orford Ness lighthouse beam sweeping over the trees from the access road to the East Gate. It was clear that something was 'pulsing' inside the forest (which is how it appeared) and if you spent any time there you would surely want to know what it was. If you were new to this place and didnt know you would be surprised. There is no way from this location in the dark you'd have a clue that you were looking towards the coast unless you were reading a map or geographically literate as many of the USAF servicemen likely were not - through no fault of their own, of course.

(b) from the area of the field the Orford Ness lighthouse beam WAS visible. It was not a dim light. It wasnt spectacular either - and I could never conceive how on its own it could generate the kind of descriptions that these witnesses are offering. But it was not a dim, distant flickering. It was a light that you would surely describe in your account in relation to the viretually adjacent UFO (according to the witness testimony). Nobody does so.

(c) to the side of the lighthouse - through the winter tree foliage at least - you could also see stationary building lights (on masts etc on the buildings on the Ness). Some of these either were blue or looked bluish - probably because of the distance. They never moved and even though on my first visit I had to ask what they were they never looked like the sort of thing you would misperceive as a landed UFO. But they were there and I know that witnesses do misperceive some odd things in curious ways during UFO encounters. So from what I saw it cannot be impossible.

(d) the Shipwash lightship was visible as you walked through the forest (maybe not all the time but I wasnt paying such close attention to it).It was clearly well to the right and a long way removed from where the UFO was reported as being. So you would quite reasonably not refer to it if you were seeing what you

thought was a UFO somewhere else ahead of you. It resembled a lighthouse much more obviously than Orford Ness through the trees did. It was above ground and in an area you would instinctively recognise as being the estuary if you even had vague awareness of local geography.

Now from these circumstances as they were much closer to the time of the incident - rather than 20 years on (important and useful as these new comments are I should stress) - what can we argue?

We are in 'possibility mode' - with all this, of course.

Firstly, there is no doubt that IF the witness testimony from certain aspects of this case is basically credible these events are hard to write off as nothing but a misperception (although its very hard to escape the conclusion that misperception does occur within this case). The close encounter descriptions by Burroughs and Penniston, the 'laser beams' etc, the object seen by several civilian witnesses (eg Gordon Levett at Sudborne who saw what was clearly not the lighthouse arrive from the north, hover at rooftop height over his garden and descend into the forest) - all of this is the kind of material that whilst not being unimpeachable is sufficient to require caution from any would be debunker.

Yes, there may be ways round this. Yes, its proper we search for them. No - in my view - is it right to say this case is not yet entirely solved. Although large parts of it are indeed heading that way.

Despite protestations on this list that I keep changing my mind - this is pretty much what I said in the IUR last year and whats in 'The UFOs that never were' - where I dont hide the major problems this case now faces - but equally argue that it has some aspects that one cannot just wish away because they do not fit the gathering scenario.

I truly dont know what really happened. Nor, of course, do any of us. Its reasonable that we argue this out and - like it or not - the lighthouse clearly did have a far more significant role in this case than seems likely.

If you study this case thoroughly it seems to me impossible to escape that honest conclusion.

Theres just no way around the argument for this because these witnesses were walking right towards it and yet never refered to it when they should have done so. And Halt at least has demonstrated in his internet Q & A that despite telling me (and others) he saw BOTH lighthouse and lightship he appeared to think that the Shipwash lightship was the Orford Ness lighthouse.

Now we can argue till Farmer Higgins cows come home (sorry - Rendlesham in joke there!) about how credible this all is, but those basic questions cannot be run away from. As yet nobody has explained how or why we get around the non appearance of the lighthouse PLUS the UFO in the witness testimony.

Beyond that we have all sorts of unanswered questions.

We know there was a tendency for mist on the first night. We know sea mist does occur in this area. Theres no way I guess we will ever know if local pockets did form on those nights save by looking at references in witness testimony which infer they saw the UFO riding on a curtain of mist (check out the comments of Adrian Bustinza for instance).

From this it is still not unreasonable to infer that the lighthouse PLUS mist might somehow have EQUALLED the UFO experience, helping to explain why a light that was modest in appearance and present before and after the sighting became something apparently very odd for limited periods of time.

Perhaps psychology can explain all that. Frankly, I'm not convinced.

Perhaps optics can account for it. Again we can only argue round it. We will probably never know.

Then there remains the thorny issue of what radar / energy experiments were or were not occurring in this area by 1980 (officially not post the early 1970s but there are some reasons to doubt that official claim).

Again it is supposition that anything connected with that research could have been a factor in this case. But its a plausible source of lights, energy fields and distorted perception and we know some odd things were reported locally during the currency of the experiments - so we cannot ignore its possible implications in 1980.

As such so far as I can see we can only reach the following tentative conclusions:

A: If the witness testimony is completely accurate and we can explain why the written statements are incompatible with what they verbally report then a real UFO might have been involved. There is some modest evidence for this (eg alleged radar trackings, what Levett saw, etc). But its not something we should leap to defend because its far from a given at this stage.

B: On the other hand why was the lighthouse never seen and reported at the same time as the UFO? Without answering that huge question it is impossible to dismiss the idea that the lighthouse somehow triggered the experience.

C: Could psychology / or the effects of mist / or the effects of any energy field experiments on the Ness have turned mundane stimuli into strange close encounters?

These are the stark questions we have to face up to. They may never be resolved, which is one reason why I do not believe this case is as strong as I once thought it was.

But like I said in 'The UFOs that Never Were' - Rendlesham isnt dead, but it does need a doctor.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

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>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:13:54 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
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>>>>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

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>>>>The vast majority of UFO sightings are never reported
>>>>anywhere

>>>Yes, but by general informed assent, it seems that 95% are IFOs.

>>Here we go again. What informed consent? This number (95%) has
>>no basis. Repetition doesn't make it correct.

>>Some facts:

>>1. 21.5% of 3201 sightings investigated by Battelle Memorial
>>Institute under Contract to the USAF Project Blue Book were
>>finally labelled as 'Unknowns' (all 4 of the evaluators had to
>>agree before a sighting could be listed as 'Unknown') completely
>>separate and distinct from the 9.3% listed as Insufficient
>>Information. So overall only 70% were identified.

>>2. According to the AIAA UFO Committee 30% of the 117 cases
>>studied by the U. of Colorado (Condon Report) could not be
>>identified... again leaving only 70%.

>Stan, List followers:

>According to a later study by J. Allen Hynek and Center for UFO
>Studies workers the USAF figure of unexplained cases was
>reduced to 5.8%.

It is true that Hendry claims (p.245) that CUFOS reexamined all 13,000 Blue Book case in the summer of 1976 and that only about 5% are worthy of being considered genuine UFOs. He says nothing about who did it, what the standards were, or provide any good reasons for us to blindly accept this number. Compare this with BMI which had scientists and engineers spending full time for years. They published over 240 charts tables, graphs and maps. They did quality evaluations of all the cases. They did a statistical cross comparison between unknowns and knowns on the basis of six different characteristics. The probability

that the _unknowns_ were just missed knowns was found to be less than 1%.

Perhaps I should comment that I was not impressed with Hendry's approach. Maybe the difference between a scientist and an artist. I recall his publishing a totally wrong claim that Zeta 1 or Zeta 2 Reticuli was a double star based on a footnote to an article, but without checking with the source.

>CUFOS' Allan Hendry's later study of 1,307 cases had 8.7% UFO.

>>3. "The UFO Evidence" reports that there were 746 Unknowns
>>remaining of 4500 cases investigated, or more than 15%
>>Unknowns.

>The numbers have always depended upon who was doing the
>investigating, and when, and also who is doing the counting. How
>can you say that the figure of 95% has no basis in fact, Stan?

Has Hendry published more than his proclamation? Phil Klass proclaims that all sightings have prosaic explanations. Is that a factual statement or a proclamation? It would help if Hendry's book had an index. In 100 days that would be 130 cases per day or about 5 minutes per case. Anybody who looks over USAF News releases will find lying, cheating, false reasoning.. such as suddenly deciding that all single witness cases are automatically "Not enough Data" and withholding the cases still under review and converting Possible aircraft to definite aircraft with no further investigation..

>Are you suggesting that certain investigators are lying about
>their results? I mean, there are differences of opinion about
>all of this. If not, after 50 years there wouldn't be a
>continuing controversy.

I am saying they do _not_ provide data to back up their proclamations. That is what is so special about Project Blue Book Special Report Number 14. The data is there. There is also data in the Condon Report and in the UFO Evidence.

>>4. It is totally false reasoning, apparently subscribed to by
>>certain UK sceptics, that says that since most sightings can be
>>explained, it is likely that all can be.

>Allan Hendry pointed out that, in his study, more cases were
>identified just by pure luck than remained as UFOs. I agree
>that _if_ 30% is an accurate figure for, your word,
>Unidentifiables, the hypothesis that the rest could probably be
>solved with enough time, money and up to date info, would be
>questionable.

If it were true that better data would solve more cases, than why is it the truth that the better the quality of the case, the _less_ likely it could be explained. The duration of observation was also greater for the _unknowns_ than for the _knowns_.

>But, if the unidentified figure is only a few percent, this
>could be a good assumption for a working hypothesis.

><snip>

>>Since 99.99% of the population do _not_ have Hemophilia,
>>nobody does. Since 99% of the people are not 7' tall, nobody
>is.

>The difference is, we have known, proven hemophiliacs, the cause
>is understood, as well as the specific tests which can show that
>a person is a hemophiliac. No putative UFO has yet met tests
>like these.

I suggest that one look at the 41 cases described in some detail by Jim McDonald in his congressional testimony. Note also that random sampling of hundreds of people would probably NOT turn up a hemophiliac or for that matter a 7' foot tall person.

>As to 7 foot tall arguments, one only has to measure one to
>determine the validity of the argument. No 7 foot tall UFOs
>have been proven to exist. Yet.

>Could we agree to the following statement: Investigations have

>resulted in from 30% to a few percent unknowns, depending upon
>who is doing the counting?

Far more important is the methodology , the detail of the
investigation. Artist or scientists?

><snip>

>>It is the sightings that are not explainable that matter.

>OK, except that I think that Hendry was right when he pointed
>out that what we have learned from the IFOs can probably tell us
>a lot about the remaining unknowns.

IFOs tell us about IFOs. They tell us nothing about unknowns. I
disagree. Remember that the knowns and unknowns have different
characteristics.

>This thread started out with the Linda incident in NYC. A
>probable explanation has been identified: a strikingly similar
>story in a novel.

What basis is there for saying this explanation is probable?
Possible? Yes.

Stan Friedman

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:06:33 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 08:18:02 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 23:46:51 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>2) Non-official, largely non-professional reporting points...

>3) Little followup or statistical analysis except for isolated
> local samples...

>4) Emphasis away from NL cases...

>But what effect that might have has never been properly
>analysed.

>Another largely unsupported by countervailing figure is that
>only 10% of UFO sightings are reported. Hynek's interviews with
>astronomers indicates a significant reservoir of unreported UFO
>sightings by highly qualified observers, so at least there is a
>tiny amount of research on that question. There is also some
>reason to believe that more highly qualified observers are less
>likely to report their sighting, especially if no officially
>respectable resource exists.

At the end of almost all of more than 600 (Mostly college and professional groups) lectures, I have asked how many in the audience have seen what I would describe as a flying saucer, having earlier given a definition.. People hesitantly raise their hands and I start counting. Typically 10% raise their hands mostly to the surprise of the audience. (About 30% at expensive workshops, but that is a select audience). I then ask how many of the sighters reported what they saw. Typically 90% drop their hands. If there are any left, I ask if any were in the military at the time and, if so, will they tell us about it. Get some great reports that way.

Stan Friedman

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - BYoung

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:17:29 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:14:38 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - BYoung

>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 21:10:31 -0400
>From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza ><DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Subject: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>3. As an educated American you, I suspect, would be astonished
>at how little your compatriots seem to notice *or accept* when
>beyond the confines of their own great nation. There are various
>statements scattered throughout the mass of American testimony
>on this case that powerfully suggest that many airmen, including
>the security police, were remarkably -- to a British country
>gent -- unaware of the local sky at night.

Dear PB, Dave, Other Ranks:

I have a friend who has been a lifelong astronomy enthusiast who was a member of the airbase security unit at Loring AFB, Main, USA, at the time of the famous sightings there back in the 70s. He told me that other guards would report UFOs which were astronomical objects, and even auroral rays would be reported as UFOs behind the trees. He told me it was really wild, that other guys were reporting "everything" as UFOs. In his opinion, and he was out there at night on patrol, was that nothing out of the ordinary (beyond aircraft and sky objects) happened.

Philip J. Klass proposed that astronomical objects (one light and no radar contact, for example) and flights by a civilian helicopter taking survey pictures provided good explanations. See the details of his investigation in: 'UFOs: The Public Deceived', Prometheus Books, 1983, pp. 89, 92-97,105.)

Many of the kids in these airbase security units thought they were going to be in the MPs and get training as policemen. They are often disappointed to learn that they are just security guards. Not to denigrate them, but I doubt that they get any training regarding what's in the sky. When they stumble upon the one spot in a wood where a lighthouse beam is visible, it's wasn't surprising that they were puzzled.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:16:21 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 23:46:51 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

<snip>

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>only 10% of UFO sightings are reported. Hynek's interviews with
>astronomers indicates a significant reservoir of unreported UFO
>sightings by highly qualified observers

Mark, others:

Hazard a guess as to what percentage of total reports these might represent:

<snip>

>There is also some reason to believe that more highly
>qualified observers are less likely to report their sighting,
>especially if no officially respectable resource exists.

Agreed. Also I think there are an unknown number of not reported investigations about these by these "highly qualified" observers or investigators. I once had occasion to ask, privately and individually, the professional astronomers working within 30 miles of me what they thought of UFOs. Nearly all (I think 4 of 5 at the time) told me that they had looked into reports, often when they were students or early in their careers, and has concluded that there wasn't anything there.

The problem is, as you point out, "black" (or unknown) data doesn't mean anything.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: S. African Minister Spreads Bill Cooper's

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:43:32 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:19:03 -0400
Subject: Re: S. African Minister Spreads Bill Cooper's

>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Mon, 04 Sep 2000 08:49:27 +0200
>Subject: S. African Minister Spreads Bill Cooper's Theories on AIDS

>Source: Sunday Times (South Africa),

><http://www.suntimes.co.za/2000/09/03/politics/pol02.htm>

>Stig

>03 Sep 2000>

>Minister spreads bizarre AIDS theory

>CAROL PATON

>THE Minister of Health, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, has circulated
>a bizarre theory on the origin of AIDS to all provincial
>premiers and health ministers. It claims that the virus was
>introduced into Africa by a worldwide conspiracy.

>The theory claims that the Illuminati - an international
>conspiracy to take over the world - introduced AIDS to Africa
>through the smallpox vaccine in 1978 to reduce the African
>population. It states that although the cure is known, it is
>being kept secret until enough people have died.>

>The theory is contained in a book titled Behold, A Pale Horse
>written by William Cooper.

>Tshabalala-Msimang circulated a chapter from the book, which
>deals with AIDS, to provincial health ministers at their last
>meeting held two weeks ago.>

>The Western Cape Health Minister, Nick Koornhof, confirmed that
>ministers had received the document.

>It was also distributed to all premiers by Tshabalala-Msimang's
>parliamentary officer, Johannes Kgatla. He said he had
>distributed the extract "on the instructions of the minister".

Just what we don't need... the writings of a paranoid delusional person who has grabbed onto the UFO phenomenon as a "pale horse" to ride to fame and glory. I checked the guy out years ago and found him to be, shall we say, of low credibility. His UFO stories have grown with time.

He was really "big" about 10-12 years ago, giving lectures and all. Haven't heard much about him recently. Now he'll probably be in demand. One can only hope that he will self-destruct in the light of media exposure.

Unfortunately some of that destruction is likely to rain down upon credible ufologists (assuming there are any. :-)

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:08:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:20:37 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:13:54 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>This thread started out with the Linda incident in NYC. A
>probable explanation has been identified: a strikingly similar
>story in a novel.

No way! I've read the novel, and its alleged similarities with the Linda case are a complete and total myth, promulgated by George Hansen, Joseph Stefula, and Richard Butler in their notorious "white paper" on the case. See my study of the case, on my UFO website, <http://gregsandow.com/ufo>.

The core of the Linda case is a UFO that allegedly hovers over a New York apartment building, where it's seen abducting people. No such incident occurs in the novel. In the book, a UFO lands on the roof of a New York building, disgorging aliens who come through the ceiling of a luxurious apartment, where they engage in a pitched battle with the occupants. Nobody sees it, except the distraught husband of the family in the apartment, who rushes to the roof after the battle, just in time to see the UFO disappear into the sky with his wife aboard. If that's "strikingly similar" to the case, then the word "similar" has lost its meaning.

The other alleged similarities are just as dissimilar.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:21:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:26:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 21:10:39 -0400
>From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Now, I could be wrong (which case, sorry), but I suspect you
>want to draw me out into some public discussion of what you
>already know I think even if you don't and I'd be surprised if
>you didn't: which is that the context of Cone's account of Janet
>and the context of abductologists' "anecdotal" evidence are
>completely different. It would take many words (and you know how
>prolix I can be) to work through that argument, and I'm not
>going to play that game.

>And suppose Cone has discussed the Janet case in the
>professional literature -- as he may have done, for all I know.
>By your lights that would appear to give it some greater
>credibility, apparently. Do you see what a twist you get into
>here? Just where does "anecdotal" stop and "objective research"
>begin when psychologists discuss individual cases?

The discussion I'd hoped to have is one that should concern all of us. It's about the double standard we all need to fight against -- the understandable urge to accept lower standards for evidence that supports our beliefs, and to demand the highest standards for evidence that points in directions we don't like. I've been guilty of that. So have you, Peter, along with nearly every other human being in this field and every other.

And yes, when I don't know the writer I'd give more credence to an anecdotal account in a peer-reviewed journal than to anecdotal accounts either in abduction books or anti-abduction books.

Greg Sandow

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:25:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:33:10 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 04:18:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>

>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Greg, has this point (why the kidnapping was never reported)
>ever come up in your discussions with Budd about Linda's case?
>If so, 'why' wasn't it reported?

"Officer, I want to report a kidnapping. I'm the one who was kidnapped."

"Tell me all about it."

So Linda tells the story, and the officer asks fairly obvious questions.

"Have you ever seen this man before? Do you know him?"

How could Linda answer that? If she tells the whole story, the police won't take her seriously. "Well, I was abducted by a UFO, and, see, these federal agents..." But if she holds most of it back -- and she'd have to hold back most of it, or be dismissed as a nutcase -- any experienced cop will know she's not telling what she knows. And that, too, will be suspicious.

Greg Sandow

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Chupacabra Reappears in Northern Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 12:18:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:35:04 -0400
Subject: Chupacabra Reappears in Northern Mexico

SOURCE: El Universal (Newspaper) Mexico
DATE: August 30, 2000

CHUPACABRAS REAPPEARS IN NORTHERN MEXICO
by Enrique Proa Villarreal/Correspondent

* Several goats found decapitated beside a "Conalep" in San Pedro, according to neighbors

SAN PEDRO, Coahuila. - Several goats were found decapitated in the premises adjacent to a Conalep education center. Some locals suggest that another animal could have been involved in their destruction in an effort to suck their blood, or that they were the victims of a satanic cult or group.

Many locals dared to suggest that the "Chupacabras" has reappeared in the region, even while many of them have no certainty regarding such a creature's existence. However, they said, anything is possible.

The Municipal Public Safety Office reported that Evaristo Escareño Ramirez, 64, a resident of Calle Octava 50 in the Agua Nueva neighborhood and the owner of the decapitated animals, reported to said jurisdiction indicating that he was the owner of a herd of goats kept in a field beside the Conalep. He found that at least 10 of his animals had been beheaded for hitherto unknown reasons.

The discovery was a source of surprise for the community, leading police and municipal authorities to pursue investigations aimed at finding the responsible party or parties. But it could well be that another creature killed the animals to feed on their blood.

Indications at this time are that the means used to slay the goat herd remain unknown, although the attempt can be attributed to the members of some cult engaging in satanic rituals, where animal blood is employed in "spells".

Meanwhile, the community is abuzz with the mystery surrounding the case, yet in fact no one knows with any certainty what occurred with these goats, who were kept in the very same premises where they were sacrificed.

However, according to Escareño Ramirez, what took place in this municipality caused fear among the locals, particularly among those involved in goat farming. He indicated that the possibility of the "Chupacabras'" reappearance in the area cannot be dismissed, since it cannot go unnoticed even though no one has seen it, and society at large believes it has never existed.

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Rutkowski

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 14:44:45 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:37:05 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Rutkowski

>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 23:46:51 -0400
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Cashman

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Nope, sorry. I'd have to disagree with those qualifiers. We've been carefully studying UFO sighting reports nationwide for more than a decade, and the 95% trend does seem to be real. There's no question that for *raw* UFO data, only about three to five percent unknowns are found after sifting out IFOs and insufs *and* looking at the remaining reports carefully for content, quality and reliability (as per the Vallee classifications). On the first pass, there may be as many as about 15% to 20% Unknowns, but these drop dramatically when we start really going through the cases. And, we've actually done some really rigorous sifting. We've made copies of all the cases, given sets to everyone at the table (as many as 15) and then had each of us pick out high-quality UFOs by consensus. CEs were always included in the batches every year.

The results of our statistical analyses (not dubious in ANY way) can be found in our yearly studies, which we make available every year in report form and even include the raw data for anyone to examine. The site for the studies is: www.geocities.com/aristotl.geo

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>analysed.

We're certainly non-official (for the most part), so this does appear to counter those points. Yes, discarding NL cases would certainly change the way the tables and charts would look, but would that be a fair study of UFO data? CEs form such a small part of each year's body of reports, it would be quite a while to build up enough cases to work with rigorously.

When I look through Peter Davenport's data, it's easy to see that the 95% rule likely applies. Many cases are obviously of satellites, stars and whatnot, even from a cursory glance, without having any real case info available for follow-up. If

Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Rutkowski

we're only interested in high-quality, well-investigated,
well-documented, well-witnessed UFO cases, I think we'd be
lucky to get five percent of the case data per year!

--
Nobody in particular

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 18:37:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:42:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Maccabee

>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 21:10:31 -0400
>From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Subject: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>2. Where exactly were Col. Robin Halt and his band of
>>merry men in relation to Ridpath's narrow spot of
>>visibility in the farm field

>Don't know offhand. Don't care. I thought, following Jenny
>Randles' suggestion, we were talking about Night One, not Night
>Two. In any case the more elaborate of Halt's own descriptions
>were inspired by what he saw through a Starlite scope whose use
>and effects he didn't seem to understand (and why should he:
>Halt isn't an infantryman). Which accounts for the "red sun-like
>light... seen through the trees" that "moved about and pulsed"
>that you mention.>

Are you suggesting here that the view through the starlight
scope showed red? Usually such devices produce a greenish
picture.

Halt's reference to what apparently was a bright red light is
not consistent with the suggestion that he was looking at a
white beacon light 4-5 miles away.

Whether or not Halt was familiar with a starlight scope can be
only speculation without asking him. On the other hand, it isn't
that difficult to understand.

Anyway, I gather from the description that the red flashing
light was clearly visible without the starlight scope.

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Roswell TV Show

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 20:00:47 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 10:53:10 -0400
Subject: Roswell TV Show

Errol:

Some list members may be interested in knowing that on Friday, Sept. 8, PAX TV will broadcast a one hour documentary about Roswell at 8 PM Eastern.

It will be rebroadcast at 7PM, Sunday, Sept. 10.

There have already been a couple of shows in the series about unusual Phenomena. Grizzly Adams Productions did the series.

I was interviewed in Roswell on about July 3. As usual I have no idea who else has been interviewed or how badly what I said will be butchered etc.

We don't get PAX Cable here in Fredericton, so I would appreciate feedback, I think. They tell me that the first shows had very high ratings. Supposedly PAX has a greater number of Potential Viewers than any other cable network. Frankly I never heard of it. Others have.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2000 16:19:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:04:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Hale

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 01:55:29 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Rhodes

>Terry would you like to meet up at Chris Martin's meeting, set
>out below?

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>by Christopher Martin
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>So how's about it Terry, see you at Chris Martins meeting on
>the 8th?

Hi,

Is Terry still on this list?

Roy..

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:10:48 -0400
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SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLE

Preliminary Report - September 6, 2000

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
September 6, 2000

Report received this afternoon from Dennis Eklund in Saskatoon, of a large ringed circle about two miles outside of the city, found this morning (?) according to initial reports. Reported on local TV news this morning. Details pending.

Dennis investigated the Moosomin, Saskatchewan dumbbell formation from August 20, and the Grenfell, Saskatchewan circle from August 10, and is also now the new Saskatchewan director for CPR-Canada.

On a related personal note, I again had a dream last night of a similar looking formation, the second time that has happened in the past couple weeks, the first with Moosomin, as related in my report on that formation. The last time before these that I had any crop circle or related kinds of dreams, etc. was several months ago, so it is an interesting correlation if nothing else. Just food for thought.

This is the seventh formation reported in Canada for 2000.

Paul Anderson

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Re: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras' - Corrales

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:16:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras' - Corrales

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras'
>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2000 21:40:16 -0700

>Hello, all, buenos dias Scott,

>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1@juno.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 06:25:40 -0400
>>Subject: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras'

>>SOURCE: Diario El Nuevo Dia (San Juan, Puerto Rico
>>DATE: Saturday, September 2, 2000

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Dear GT,

A cheerful buenos dias to you too!

Mayor Soto gained the (unenviable?) sobriquet of "Chemo Jones" after he organized the first posses searching for the Chupacabras in 1995, when the creature's depredations affected his small municipality.

Wisely, the search parties were unarmed and numbered up to 200 people on one occasion. Dressed in cammo and not at all averse to the spotlight, Chemo triggered admiration and hostility from other politicians, many of whom wished they'd had the moxie to do something similar in their own districts.

Even though people found his antics demeaning and campaigned actively against him on grounds of his Chupacabras-hunting, he won the '96 elections handily.

Last thing I heard he was going to commission a statue to the Chupacabras at the entrance to Canovanas, but it never happened. An unofficial Chupacabras statue -- made of palm trees -- was erected on a beach and has since been washed away.

Scott

"Obi-Wan Kenobi? Now that's a name I haven't heard for a long time..."
--Obi-Wan Kenobi to Luke Skywalker, SW:ANH (1977)

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Re: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras' - Mortellaro

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:19:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Chemo vs. 'Chupacabras' - Mortellaro

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Then there was the mighty hunter who, after proudly bagging his

six point buck, dressed the critter out and started thinking about how he was to get his meat out of the woods. As I said, our hunter was mighty. So he chose the only method a mighty hunter could choose. He carried the carcass on his back and hauled it out of the woods that way.

On his way out, the deer was shot more than six more times, miraculously failing to penetrate through the carcass into Mr. Mighty, who by this time, was mighty concerned. Not over the shots, but over the increase in weight (due to the extra lead). It seems he was just about able to handle the deer as was, but the extra added lead was the straw. And then there was this pain in his chest.

On the way out of the woods, Mighty died of an infarct. One of his mightiest arteries was blocked by a .270 cal. hollow point 160 grain Spear.

A true story in the anals of the New York State Police. And speaking of anals, there was one in there too. They found it during the autopsy. Mighty pmusta thought he had hemorrhoids.

Jim

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Editor: Joseph Trainor

CHUPACABRA KILLED BY A
RANCHER IN NICARAGUA

On Friday, August 25, 2000, a sheep rancher shot and wounded a yellow-furred Chupacabra on the San Lorenzo farm near Tolapa, Leon state, Nicaragua.

Three days later, on Monday, August 28, 2000, the skeletal remains of the creature were recovered by a watchman from a cave located about 100 meters (330 feet) from the ranchhouse.

The discovery ignited a firestorm of excitement in Nicaragua and throughout the hemisphere and especially in the UFO community.

The shooting came at the end of six weeks of sheep slayings in the Cordillera de Marisio hills of Leon state, around the small towns of Malpaisillo, Tolapa and San Claudio. An estimated 120 sheep were killed during the creature's rampage. All of the sheep had been drained of blood.

The Nicaraguan newspaper El Nuevo Diario cited "massive sheep deaths resulting from the apparent extraction of blood by an unknown predator equipped with sizable fangs capable of drilling into the victims' necks."

The Chupacabra was described as "bold, dog-like and capable of making rapid movements."

Ranch owner Jorge Luis Talavera said, "It came in search of another sheep on Friday, and I became aware of its presence in the paddocks. I fired several shots with my shotgun until it lost itself in the darkness."

"On Monday morning (August 28), the presence of circling vultures heralded the existence of a dead animal in the farm's vicinity, which aroused the curiosity of watchman Jairo Garcia."

Garcia headed towards "the spot where the spot where the carrion birds circled and managed to reach a cave-like structure located 100 meters from the house. Then he found the animal his employer had shot two nights earlier and was probably responsible for the deaths of so many sheep."

"After having viewed the Chupacabra, some locals, like Milan Rojas, claim that it is neither a dog nor a wolf, but rather the strange product of a number of dog types." (That is, a hybrid--J.T.)

"I am familiar with all types of wild animal and this one seems strange to me, given its fur hair, thin and tall, which differs greatly from a wolf, which is quite hairy," he remarked."

Nicaraguan biologist Gioconda Chavez examined

the skeletal remains and "noted that the animal had extremely high nails located above its claws which probably aided it in attacking its victims, along with an oversized set of fangs. She further noted that the eye-sockets were somewhat large in comparison with its head, making note as did other witnesses to the site, of several protuberances on the upper vertebrae 'shaped like a crocodile's crest.'"

What Garcia "found most startling was the lack of bodily hair and very small ears, although the animal had been reduced to a skeleton after the vultures feasted upon it, it is shaped like a long, yellow-colored dog, given the pigmentation of the remaining fur that was found on the tail."

Since the middle of July 2000, the Chupacabra had been raiding small sheep farms sponsored by the Xochitl Acatl Women's Center, a charitable non-profit group. The center promotes sheep farming as a means of helping low-income people of the region raise their standard of living.

"In San Claudio, 25 kilometers (15 miles) from Malpaisillo, the Chupacabra killed two of four sheep belonging to Sra. Lydia Carrera, one of the supporters of the Xochitl Acatl Women's Center."

"I was concerned because I own goats and cows and, at any given second, the Chupacabra would turn up and kill my little animals. I hope that it's the last and only one of its kind," said Maria Isable Lopez of nearby Las Lunas."

"We had to kill it. In fifteen days, it sucked 25 sheep" at San Lorenzo farm, "and my neighbor lost 35 sheep in ten days. It was an average of five sheep or goats every night," Talavera explained."

Talavera also stated that there may be more Chupacabras in the cordillera, at least three more--one with white or silver fur and two with black fur.

Other witnesses in Malpaisillo said the dead Chupacabra had "yellow hair on a short tail, large eye sockets, skin like that of a bat, large claws and fangs," and seven "crest-like" vertebrae on its spine (Editor's Comment: Yellow fur, eh? It sounds like the El Lobizon creature seen in Argentina last June. See UFO Roundup, volume 5, number 27, "'Wolfman' terrorizes town in northern Argentina," page 2.).

The remains were taken to the forensic laboratory at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua-Leon in the city of Leon, located 100 kilometers (60 miles) southwest of Malpaisillo.

According to the newspaper La Prensa de Nicaragua, the Chupacabra remains were studied by a team led by Dr. Pedrarias Davila.

"We cannot say when the results will be ready, given that some parts are missing. Therefore we will be forced to take some time if it becomes necessary to send DNA samples abroad," said Dr. Pedrarias Davila."

"The skeleton of the alleged Chupacabra was taken to the medical campus at UNAM in Leon in order to determine what species it belongs to," Dr. Davila added.

"On the record sheet was noted the characteristics of the skeletal system, the number of ribs and vertebrae, nails, state of decomposition, among others, for inclusion into the database," he explained."

Two days later, an official at UNAM-Leon made a surprising statement.

"There is an initial impression that it isn't an unknown animal but merely a dog. Further analysis is still required to reach a final conclusion," said Edmundo Torres, vice-chancellor for research at UNAM-Leon."

(Editor's Comment: If it's just a dog, then why do they need "further research?" Here it comes--the Varginha-style coverup of this phenomenal event.)

The killing of the Chupacabra has caused a stir in Nicaragua's religious communities, as well.

"It's a warning sign, like a traffic light' that's on yellow but could turn red--a sign for men and women to return to God because we've forgotten about him," stated Dr. Francisco Ortiz, director of CEPAS (Nicaragua's Pentecostal Assembly--J.T.) "quoting from the Book of Daniel which states that in the Last Days there will be phenomena that will cause astonishment among men."

"In the meantime," Monsignor Juan Bosco Maria Vivas

Robelo, the Roman Catholic bishop of Leon, "does not believe that it (the creature) is the result of genetic engineering, admitting his scant knowledge on the subject of the Chupacabra."

"I haven't studied the matter in depth since I haven't given it much credibility, but if it is indeed a strange creature, as they say, then the Church may be prompted to take action...but not just yet."

(Editor's Comment: If you want to see how the Roman Catholic Church deals with unusual phenomena, check out the Virgin Mary story in this issue.)

(The Chupacabra stories are from El Nuevo Diario for August 30, 2000, "Strange entity causes astonishment," and September 1, 2000, "Chupacabra--a source of controversy and pilgrimage" by Mariancia Flores Vergara; and La Presna de Nicaragua for August 30, 2000, "Chupacabra remains found," August 31, 2000, "Nicaraguan experts study 'Chupacabra,'" and September 1, 2000, "It isn't a Chupacabra, just a 'Mutt.'" by Mariacely Linarte and Clarissa Altamiro. Muchs gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico para esos articulos de diario.)

MORE UFO LANDINGS ARE REPORTED IN PAKISTAN

Two more UFO landings were reported in the Baluchistan province of Pakistan during the last two weeks of August 2000.

On Monday, August 21, 2000, around 9 p.m., residents of Qlla Abdullah, a small town near Dera Ghazi Khan saw a bright silent object traverse the sky from west to east and descend and land in the rugged hills east of town.

"The area where the object fell is very difficult to approach, says Abdul Faiz, who claims he was one of the crowd who saw the object heading east towards Punjab province."

"He told IANS (India Abroad News Service--J.T.) that 'it was something very bright...It was as high as the nearby TV booster (tower--J.T.).'"

"Faiz, who works in a government department in Islamabad (Pakistan's capital--J.T.) and was on holiday at his village near Qlla Abdullah bordering Afghanistan. 'It went straight in and probably crashed.'"

"He said there was no sound and no blast or anything else."

On Sunday, August 27, 2000, "an unidentified flying object (UFO) came from the west and landed in the tribal area near Dera Ghazi Khan, reports reaching here said."

Dera Ghazi Khan is a large city in central Pakistan located about 400 kilometers (240 miles) north of Karachi.

"The UFO, which was seen over Fort Munro and Rakhi Gaaj, towns of the tribal area, hit the ground between Baghalchor and Rounghin, some 80 kilometers (48 miles) from Dera Ghazi Khan at 8:30 p.m."

"Sources in the Border Military Police (BMP) quoted tribesmen living in Rounghin as saying the UFO had come from the west over Baluchistan."

"It was nose-diving, and a few minutes later, the sky lit up,' the tribesmen said."

"Uranium-rich Baghalchor is a restricted military area" with no inhabitants "while Rounghin has a small population."

(Editor's Comment: Uranium in Baghalchor, eh? Maybe the aliens have an underground base there. Sort of a cosmic gas station for visiting saucers.)

BMP said "a team has been sent to the area to uncover the facts."

Pakistani "official sources say they have not found any clue to the objects. They said an aerial reconnaissance was also sent out to Loralal, Barkhan and Kohlu, the places where the UFOs were sighted (on August 15, 2000--J.T.) and where some of these reportedly fell."

But officials in Dera Ghazi Khan are downplaying the UFO reports.

"We don't believe in these reports. Nothing has been found. I sent a team to the places mentioned in

one of the newspapers but people living nearby said they did not see any such thing,' a senior Dera Ghazi Khan district official told IANS." (See the Times of India for September 1, 2000, "Pak still clueless about UFOs." (Many thanks to Cliff Capers of Skywatch International and to Gerry Lovell and Rahil Khan for these reports.)

FLYING HUMANOID AND UFO REPORTED IN ITALY

On Thursday, August 17, 2000, people in Carozzo, a town of Italy's La Spezia province, located about 150 kilometers (90 miles) southwest of Bologna, became excited when they spotted un umanoide volante (Italian for a flying humanoid--J.T.) careening through the clear blue sky.

Descriptions of the entity were sketchy. Most of the witnesses described it as como Batman (like the comic book character Batman--J.T.) Three witnesses provided the most description of the fast-flying apparition. (See La Nazione for August 19, 2000.)

On Friday, August 18, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., two farm workers in Pianella, a town in Pescara province about 120 kilometers (72 miles) northeast of Rome, "observed flying in a straight direction a circular object, light gray in color, measuring 10 meters (33 feet) in diameter. On the object were four lights, green and red, blinking slowly and rhythmically." (See Il Messaggero for August 21, 2000. Grazie a Edoardo Russo, Fabio di Rahul, Gildo Persone e Roberto Labanti di Centro Italiano di Studi Ufologici per questi rapporti.)

LUMINOUS UFOs SIGHTED AT TWO LOCATIONS IN UK

On Sunday, August 27, 2000, at 11:56 p.m., D.H. and his wife were three miles northeast of Cannock, Staffordshire, UK when they "saw a very bright circular yellow light appear in the southwest sky. It just appeared very suddenly. It was not a plane, not a strobe light, and was too big and bright for a star. It started moving towards us and then moved to the north and dimmed."

"I followed it with binoculars, and then it seemed to be a dark object that was lit from behind with the front edges lit like a halo. Then it faded as it turned to the north-northeast," he added.

D.H. said the UFO appeared on three consecutive nights, Monday, August 28, through Wednesday, August 30, 2000. "On Tuesday night (August 29) it appeared twice, approximately 30 to 40 minutes later on." The UFO "was quite high" and "a bit faster than a plane." (Email Form Report)

On Friday, September 1, 2000, at 11:20 p.m., Carla Randle-Conde spotted a UFO south of Middlewich, Cheshire, UK.

"It appeared stationary and on the ground but at 'tree' level," Carla reported, adding that she was looking south and southeast when she spotted it. "it was circular in appearance, possibly spherical.. Mainly orange with some red and green. The lights were repetitive and the object looked solid."

But when Carla and her companion "drove back to get a better look at it, we saw nothing." She estimated that the object was "about 10 meters (33 deet) in diameter." (Email Form Report)

AIR PASSENGER SPOTS A UFO HOVERING OVER CLEVELAND

On Saturday, August 19, 2000, at 2 p.m., Floyd Juillard was a passenger aboard an America West jetliner making its final approach into Cleveland International Airport. Just then, he heard the pilot's voice on the intercom, "Ladies and gentlemen, Cleveland Center has just cleared us to descend to 12,000 feet (3,660 meters). Please return your seats and trays to the upright position."

As the jetliner entered the inbound air traffic over Olmstead Falls, Ohio, Floyd peered out his window,

looking north towards downtown Cleveland, and spotted a rectangular UFO "silent and fast, headed to the west at (bearing) 260 degrees true. I was looking north at first but I followed it west with my gaze."

He described the UFO as "four lights spread in a rectangular shape and first moving slightly up and down and slightly east and west, close to the terrain (horizon--J.T.) at times and then moving to the west and traveling at great acceleration until it was almost immediately out of sight."

He added that the four lights "resembled Fourth of July hand-held sparklers (fireworks--J.T.) viewed from a distance of 300 yards (290 meters)."
(Email Form Report)

DAZZLING UFO APPEARS
OVER LONDON, ONTARIO

On Thursday, August 31, 2000, at 11 p.m., Ms. R.W. was on her fifth-floor balcony in the city of London, Ontario, Canada, located approximately 132 miles (211 kilometers) southwest of Toronto, when she spotted a bright light coming towards her.

"At first I thought it was an airplane coming towards me in the night sky," she reported, "As it was blinking an airborne light. But as it got closer, we noticed it was blinking red. then yellow and seemed to be moving from side to side."

"We watched it for quite some time, and I got out my video camera. The colour does not come out very well on the camera, but it does show the pulsing of light and the movement (side to side--R.W.) and it was taped on an old film. About a half hour into watching the object, there was another object that shot out of the bottom and what looked like a shooting star."

(Editor's Comment " Some kind of flying probe?)

"My son has tried to convince me that it was a shining star, but I have never seen a star move away from me over time in the direction I was facing. And I have never seen a shooting star come from a star. Looking off my fifth-floor balcony, it appeared to be about 10 to 15 miles away. I watched it until 1 a.m. when I went to bed. It appeared to move against and not in the same direction as the stars around it."
(Email Form Report)

IMAGE OF ELVIS APPEARS ON
A SCOTTISH HILLSIDE

A strange simulacrum in the Ochil Hills near Tillicoultry, Scotland has the locals "all shook up."

"Housewife Linda Conner was the first to spot the outline of The King (nickname for Elvis Presley--J.T.) while driving from her home in Tillicoultry."

"'I happened to glance up and noticed the rocks and vegetation formed a perfect impression of Elvis,' says the 37-year-old mother to two. 'I shouted, 'It's Elvis!' and my kids looked at me as if I'd gone crazy.'"

"'The image is as clear as day. When I showed my sister Pauline, she said, 'I can't believe it. It's Elvis's double.'"

Since then, crowds have flocked to see the unusual natural outline on Law Hill. (See the National Examiner for September 12, 2000, "King of the Hill," page 11.)

(Editor's Comment: What's next? A shower of blue suede shoes at Graceland?)

VIRGIN MARY STATUE WEEPS
TEARS OF BLOOD IN TEXAS

"About ten thousand people viewed a Virgin Mary statue some believe weeps tears of blood before the image was removed from a church" on Sunday, August 27, 2000. The incident occurred at a Roman Catholic church in Austin (population 500,000) the state capital of Texas.

"The church displayed the statue over the weekend after neighbors complained about the throngs of people visiting the owners' apartment to view it."

"Church officials said they have no plans for future public viewings." (See USA Today for August 30, 2000, "Texas," page 8A.)
 (Editor's Comment: Uh-oh! There's Portent Number Two! If any Texas readers have the full news story, please send it to me via email. Thanks!)

from the UFO Files...

1969: BIGFOOT MIGRATION?

Loren Coleman, Ray Crowe and other experts in the cryptozoology field have proclaimed the year 2000 to be the "Summer of Sasquatch." Yet, a similar "Bigfoot Summer" took place thirty-one years ago, back in 1969, in Canada's province of British Columbia and in the USA's state of Washington.

The flap began in August 1969 in the Pacific coast town of Grays Harbor, Washington. Here are two actual newspaper reports from the period:

"British Columbia's best-known Sasquatch hunter is convinced the latest sighting in Washington state was a true Sasquatch."

"'There is no doubt about it being real,' said John Green, publisher and editor of the Agassiz, B.C. Advance. Green returned from a one-day trip to Grays Harbor, Washington, where a deputy sheriff reported seeing a mysterious beast. Green said he does not have time to pursue the hunt but is encouraging other Sasquatch buffs to go into the heavily-wooded area."

"The deputy, whose identity has not been released, told Green he saw the animal in the middle of the road at 2:35 a.m., while driving home from work. He said the animal was not a bear. It had no snout, and its face had a leathery look."

"It was seven to seven-and-a-half feet (2.2 to 2.4 meters) tall, and weighed about 300 to 325 pounds, he said. It had hands with fingers, and feet with toes."

"The deputy told Green he photographed one track at the edge of the road, and it measured 18 1/2 inches (46.25 centimeters) long. The animal walked upright." (See the Vancouver, B.C. Sun for August 2, 1969.)

"Many citizens of this region (Nordegg, Alberta, Canada--J.T.) are convinced that a band of hairy creatures, of humanoid type, lives in the nearby Rockies."

"A merchant of this town (Nordegg)--situated 120 miles (192 kilometers) southwest of Edmonton--has the intention of setting out on an expedition which will seek 'the Abominable Snowman of the Pacific.'"

"'So many people have seen them, and we found so many tracks that I am convinced that there is something there,' disclosed the citizen in an interview at the end of the week."

"The most recent eyewitnesses of these anthropoids are five men who are working on a vast builders' yard at Big Horn Dam, on the North Saskatchewan River."

"According to one of the witnesses, Mr. Floyd Engen of Eckville, Alberta, the creature measures some 15 feet (4.3 meters) tall and is of a dark color, probably because of his hair, and also has sloping shoulders."

"The Chief editor of the Agassiz Advance, Mr. John Green, thinks that this anthropoid is a Sasquatch, weighing five tons."

"Many people, including Indians, scientists, workers and technicians have given descriptions which correspond to this kind of Yeti, which walks with giant steps." (See La Presse of Montreal, Que. Canada for September 2, 1969. Both articles are taken from Extraterrestrial Intervention: The Evidence by Jacques Bergier and the editors of INFO, Henry Regnery and Co., Chicago, IL, 1972, pages 98 through 101.)

IN MEMORIAM: World-famous ufologist Cynthia Hind passed away on Monday, August 21, 2000 following a short illness. Ms. Hind, who lived in Zimbabwe, was an author, raconteur and UFO investigator. In July 1988, she founded and edited the periodical UFO AfriNews. The newsletter ceased publication with her death. She was also a contributor to UFO Roundup.

That's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-- UFO Roundup. See you then.

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - BYoung

From: **Bob Young** <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 10:57:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:25:22 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - BYoung

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 13:13:52 +0100

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>(c) to the side of the lighthouse - through the winter tree
>foliage at least - you could also see stationary building lights
>(on masts etc on the buildings on the Ness). Some of these
>either were blue or looked bluish - probably because of the
>distance.

Hi, Jenny, everybody:

I believe that lights would redden with distance, at least they might yellow a bit, particularly if low in the sky, due to the increased scattering of the blue end of the spectrum. Just like sunsets.

>B: On the other hand why was the lighthouse never seen and
>reported at the same time as the UFO? Without answering that
>huge question it is impossible to dismiss the idea that the
>lighthouse somehow triggered the experience.

I agree, this seems to be a crucial point. Why would it not have been noticed?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:26:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:58:56 -0300

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:13:54 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>>Could we agree to the following statement: Investigations have
>>resulted in from 30% to a few percent unknowns, depending upon
>>who is doing the counting?

<snip>

>Far more important is the methodology , the detail of the
>investigation.

Stan, List:

Granted.

>Artist or scientists?

Well, since I am neither, it doesn't matter whose ox I gore.
What kind of scientists do you think are exclusively equipped to
investigate UFO sightings? I assume, here, that not all
scientists are equal. Like a microbiologist vs. an astronomer
or atmospheric physicist, for example. In the same way that not
all artists are equal. Hendry, I believe, had a minor in
Astronomy; he had been one of Hynek's students at Northwestern.

>>This thread started out with the Linda incident in NYC. A
>>probable explanation has been identified: a strikingly similar
>>story in a novel.

>What basis is there for saying this explanation is probable?
>Possible? Yes.

Well, whatever.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: UFO UpDate: Roswell TV Show - Johnson

From: James Bond Johnson <JBONJO@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 11:07:41 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:29:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Roswell TV Show - Johnson

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Roswell TV Show
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 20:00:47 -0300

<snip>

I was interviewed in Roswell on about July 3.

<snip>

Stan,

I was interviewed for this PAX TV show at my home in Long Beach, CA, on July 5. The TV crew was still exclaiming over what an outstanding interview you gave them in Roswell! They also apparently interviewed Harold Burt, who was in Roswell signing his popular new book "Flying Saucers 101." It will be interesting to see who else they interviewed.

It was good to hear you speak at the Orange County MUFON recently.

Bond Johnson

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 10:12:55 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:30:58 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Clark

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 14:44:45 -0500 (CDT)

>>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 23:46:51 -0400
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Cashman

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>>95% of reported UFOs are classed as IFOs.

Chris,

My remarks below are not directed at you. It's just that before the usual UFO bashers rush to endorse your conclusions (as they are certain to do), they'd better have a clearer idea of the implications of those conclusions.

>When I look through Peter Davenport's data, it's easy to see
>that the 95% rule likely applies. Many cases are obviously of
>satellites, stars and whatnot, even from a cursory glance,
>without having any real case info available for follow-up.

So it's possible to judge, simply from what they say about what they saw, that people are describing IFOs? Their testimony is so accurate that for a proper identification all one needs is a "cursory glance"? Fascinating.

In other words, are we to believe that eyewitness testimony isn't so unreliable after all? Surely, then, it follows, of course, that if we can use it to discern IFOs, we can also trust it to tell us about UFOs, too -- you know, all those structured, metallic craftlike objects, seen at close range by credible people, that look nothing at all like Venus, satellites, auroras, meteors, or airplanes?

Then again, I may be violating one of debunkerdom's most sacred laws: that logical consistency isn't necessary if it gets in the way of bashing UFO reports and reporters. After all, who needs logic and consistency when you're battling a hated heresy?

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 10:25:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 11:32:36 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Clark

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:17:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 21:10:31 -0400
>>From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

Bob,

>I have a friend who has been a lifelong astronomy enthusiast who
>was a member of the airbase security unit at Loring AFB, Main,
>USA, at the time of the famous sightings there back in the 70s.
>He told me that other guards would report UFOs which were
>astronomical objects, and even auroral rays would be reported as
>UFOs behind the trees. He told me it was really wild, that
>other guys were reporting "everything" as UFOs. In his opinion,
>and he was out there at night on patrol, was that nothing out of
>the ordinary (beyond aircraft and sky objects) happened.

And how did your friend know that the guards were reporting
"astronomical objects and even auroral rays" and mistaking them
for UFOs? Could it be that their erroneous interpretations
notwithstanding, their eyewitness testimony was accurate enough
to enable him to a proper identification?

If so, you've got me confused. You self-described skeptics are
always telling us that eyewitness testimony is inherently
inaccurate and untrustworthy, in common with anecdotal testimony
(which is, I might add, what you've just give us above). Now, it
turns out, eyewitness testimony is so on target that even
without further investigation we can use it to explain bogus
reports. So it must follow that when people report daylight
discs, humanoids, and the like -- things that couldn't possibly
be IFOs, if you credit the testimony -- we can take the
reporting accuracy just as seriously. Right?

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Rutkowski

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@Ms.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 11:02:03 CST
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 12:34:46 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Rutkowski

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 10:12:55 -0500

>Chris,

>My remarks below are not directed at you. It's just that before
>the usual UFO bashers rush to endorse your conclusions (as they
>are certain to do), they'd better have a clearer idea of the
>implications of those conclusions.

Hi Jerry!

Yes, the interpretations of UFO data studies is a pretty dicey one,
and one that I am certain is at the real core of UFO research,
needing a lot more attention than it's currently getting.

> >When I look through Peter Davenport's data, it's easy to see
> >that the 95% rule likely applies. Many cases are obviously of
> >satellites, stars and whatnot, even from a cursory glance,
> >without having any real case info available for follow-up.

>So it's possible to judge, simply from what they say about what
>they saw, that people are describing IFOs? Their testimony is so
>accurate that for a proper identification all one needs is a "cursory
>glance"? Fascinating.

In a word, yes. I think it is possible. If I see or hear a
report of something that sounds like a fireball, then I think
it's reasonable to believe it was a fireball, without
considering alien spaceships even for an instant. If a person
reports seeing a stationary light in the western sky that
twinkles and changes colors, and it's there for two or three
hours, then it's probably not a hovering space platform but a
star or planet. Not especially rocket science.

>In other words, are we to believe that eyewitness testimony
>isn't so unreliable after all? Surely, then, it follows, of
>course, that if we can use it to discern IFOs, we can also trust it to
>tell us about UFOs, too -- you know, all those structured, metallic
>craftlike objects, seen at close range by credible people, that look
>nothing at all like Venus, satellites, auroras, meteors, or airplanes?

I like your devils advocate position. Yes, and I think this
comes out quite nicely in Stan Friedman's lectures, for example,
when he points out that Grudge and BB Report conclusions show
that "Unknows" have distinctly different characteristics than
the IFOs, which are relatively easy to spot in the data.

To put it bluntly, if there's anything that my 25+ years in the
UFO biz has shown me, it's that eyewitness testimony is
painfully unreliable. It would be so nice if it wasn't, but
that's the fact of the matter. If a person reports a UFO that
is described as a fast-moving ball of fire, giving off sparks,
then it's probably a fireball, not the 5:15 from Zeta Reticuli.

While this view may brand me a Klassic skeptic by some, I think
I'm simply a good UFO investigator and researcher (and a humble

one, too). I've actually taken the time to really study case reports in depth for a few decades, and I have a good sense of the limitations of UFO investigations. It seems to be a reasonable and rational approach to UFO research.

>Then again, I may be violating one of debunkerdom's most sacred >laws: that logical consistency isn't necessary if it gets in the way >of bashing UFO reports and reporters. After all, who needs logic and >consistency when you're battling a hated heresy?

LOL! Next thing you'll be telling me is that the world isn't flat!

No offense taken, Four-eyes! :^)

Chris Rutkowski
The (also-self-proclaimed) Anti-Duke of Zendoma

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Clark

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 12:37:21 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Clark

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:58:56 -0300

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>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:13:54 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:54:01 -0300

>>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 11:31:14 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>>>>Date: Sat, 2 Sep 2000 19:32:13 -0400

Stan,

>>>1. 21.5% of 3201 sightings investigated by Battelle Memorial
>>>Institute under Contract to the USAF Project Blue Book were
>>>finally labelled as 'Unknowns' (all 4 of the evaluators had to
>>>agree before a sighting could be listed as 'Unknown') completely
>>>separate and distinct from the 9.3% listed as Insufficient
>>>Information. So overall only 70% were identified.

>>>2. According to the AIAA UFO Committee 30% of the 117 cases
>>>studied by the U. of Colorado (Condon Report) could not be
>>>identified... again leaving only 70%.

>>According to a later study by J. Allen Hynek and Center for UFO
>>Studies workers the USAF figure of unexplained cases was
>>reduced to 5.8%.

>It is true that Hendry claims (p.245) that CUFOS reexamined all
>13,000 Blue Book case in the summer of 1976 and that only about
>5% are worthy of being considered genuine UFOs. He says nothing
>about who did it, what the standards were, or provide any good
>reasons for us to blindly accept this number. Compare this with
>BMI which had scientists and engineers spending full time for
>years. They published over 240 charts, tables, graphs and maps.
>They did quality evaluations of all the cases. They did a
>statistical cross comparison between unknowns and knowns on
>the basis of six different characteristics. The probability
>that the unknowns were just missed knowns was found to be less
>than 1%.

>Perhaps I should comment that I was not impressed with Hendry's
>approach. Maybe the difference between a scientist and an
>artist. I recall his publishing a totally wrong claim that Zeta

>l or Zeta 2 Reticuli was a double star based on a footnote to an
>article, but without checking with the source.

I think that in the larger argument, you're right. Allan Hendry made many contributions, and he also jumped to conclusions which later proved wrong. During his life in ufology, I knew him well, and I liked and respected him, but as you would not know from the uncritical skeptical citations here, he was not a god, and he could be mistaken. The UFO Handbook is a very fine book, but its conclusions deserve more critical scrutiny than all but a few have been willing to give them. Its fundamental point -- that science cannot address the UFO phenomenon -- is, I believe, extremely questionable.

Allan was a good investigator, but so was James McDonald, and McDonald drew on a particularly relevant area of science -- atmospheric physics -- in which Hendry had no particular expertise.. Ufology has seen other first-rate investigators, who for some reason never get cited by skeptics and debunkers: J. Allen Hynek (who probably conducted more field investigations than anyone in the history of the subject), Walt Webb, Bill Weitzel, Ted Bloecher, Jennie Zeidman, Ray Fowler, and others.

But in the interest of fairness, I must contest your dismissal of Allan as a mere "artist." He was (and, I'm sure, still is) scientifically literate, and not just from his own personal reading and interest. His B.A. (from the University of Michigan, no diploma mill) was in both astronomy and art, and he did further graduate work in astronomy. In fact, his interest in art was linked directly with his interest in the cosmos. All of the illustrations of his I saw were of scientific (and of course ufological) subjects. When he moved to Arizona, leaving ufology behind, he soon became involved with a public-radio station and had a regular show dealing with astronomy education. Allan's scientific credentials are beyond dispute.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young

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Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 20:03:59 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Young

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:08:28 -0400

<snip>

>The core of the Linda case is a UFO that allegedly hovers over a
>New York apartment building, where it's seen abducting people.

Greg:

Other than Linda, herself, and a letter which she claimed to
have received from "Richard", can you name anyone who has
publicly said they witnessed the UFO/abduction?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 13:28:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 20:11:45 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Velez

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:25:40 -0400

>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 04:18:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>

>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Greg, has this point (why the kidnapping was never reported)
>>ever come up in your discussions with Budd about Linda's case?
>>If so, 'why' wasn't it reported?

Greg responded:

>"Officer, I want to report a kidnapping. I'm the one who was
>kidnapped."

>"Tell me all about it."

>So Linda tells the story, and the officer asks fairly obvious
>questions.

>"Have you ever seen this man before? Do you know him?"

>How could Linda answer that?

With very simple and direct answers that do not volunteer any more information than is necessary. She could easily have turned the whole thing around on Richard and Dan by telling the Feds that two men claiming to be Federal agents knocked on her door one day and accused her of being in cahoots with aliens from outer space. They then reappeared at a later date and kidnapped her off of a Manhattan street in broad daylight by shoving her into a car and driving her out to a remote location on Long Island.

At no time does she have to 'volunteer' the information that she herself believes that she is being abducted by aliens. It was a straight forward kidnapping by two apparent nuts jobs. How was she or Budd to know (at the time) that there would not be a repeat performance? Richard and Dan represented a real and dangerous threat to Linda's well being. Maybe even to her life. I have just never been able to reconcile in my head why neither one of them reported the kidnapping.

>If she tells the whole story, the police won't take her seriously.

As I stated above all she had to do was to put the 'stink' on Richard and Dan. No need at all for her to volunteer that she thinks the alien abduction part is true. In fact, without that admission on her part it makes Richard and Dan look even crazier. All she had to do was to 'play dumb' about her own recollections and relate the story to the Feds from the part where she first met Richard and Dan at her front door. Two nuts asking crazy questions and making crazy accusations who later kidnapped her.

Nothing more, nothing less. Linda's hands are clean. Innocent housewife and mother reporting two dangerous whacko's.

>"Well, I was abducted by a UFO, and, see, these federal agents..."

I don't see why that is the only way she could have related the information. Why is more concern being shown for how she or Budd may be 'percieved' by the police rather than on her safety?

>But if she holds most of it
>back -- and she'd have to hold back most of it, or be dismissed
>as a nutcase -- any experienced cop will know she's not telling
>what she knows. And that, too, will be suspicious.

Yes, if she puts herself at the center of it all. If she was to just present the facts (two monkeys claiming to be Feds showed up at her door accusing her of insane things and who later returned to kidnap her) would have been sufficient. She doesn't have to volunteer her own beliefs about the abduction at all.

No big thing. Just that I would have been a wreck wondering if they were going to come back to try it again- with what may have been a much more dire outcome. She was lucky to get away. Dan (especially) represented a very real threat to her life. I would have reported the kidnapping to every bloody agency concerned with such matters. Local fuzz, Feds, anybody. The point would be to get those two lunatics identified, off the street, and put someplace where they no longer represented a threat to life or limb for Linda or her family.

I would have reported it. And if I had been around at the time I would have encouraged her to report it. Linda and Budd both took a terrible and dangerous risk by not reporting the kidnapping to the proper authorities.

It's just a detail that has always bugged me. Not because I don't believe Linda but because I do believe her. I would have wanted to protect her at all costs. Apparently they were much more concerned about being perceived as "crazy" by the police than they were about Linda's safety/life.

Everybody has their own priorities I suppose.

Just as side note. As a researcher/investigator I would have thought that Budd would have jumped at an opportunity to get the Federal Bureau of Investigation involved in a major abduction case. It would have locked it up for him and verified the whole case. Via the Feds he would have had proof that Richard and Dan are real and who they worked for. The Feds would have gotten (or tried to) access to any UN logs and such that would place Richard, Dan, DeCuellar, et al under the Brooklyn Bridge at the time of the abduction.

Thanx for the response.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 13:41:19 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 20:13:06 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Salvaille

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:17:30 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 23:46:51 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

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>>There is also some reason to believe that more highly
>>qualified observers are less likely to report their sighting,
>>especially if no officially respectable resource exists.

>Agreed. Also I think there are an unknown number of not reported
>investigations about these by these "highly qualified" observers
>or investigators. I once had occasion to ask, privately and
>individually, the professional astronomers working within 30
>miles of me what they thought of UFOs. Nearly all (I think 4 of
>5 at the time) told me that they had looked into reports, often
>when they were students or early in their careers, and has
>concluded that there wasn't anything there.

Hello Bob, Mark and List,

Contrary to what is generally believed, a scientist has to be a
loony to find nothing in UFO reports.

We should never forget peer pressure - and there is a lot in the
scientific community - when it comes to express opinions on
UFOs. When I was a student (late 60s), there was this physics
teacher of mine who used to make fun of my curiosity for UFOs.
Of course, he knew better than I did.

I finally lost patience and brought him a copy of the Socorro
incident published in the Flying Saucer Review at the time (1968
if I remember correctly?).

I guess the guy had been reading too much of Menzel's. He really
needed some Gripple to swallow it down. Unfortunately for him,
the stuff was to reach the market 30 years later.

I must add that this teacher never joked about UFOs afterwards.
He never gave me an articulate opinion on the FSR report either.

A scientist by profession does not own a free ticket for a
credible opinion on UFOs. He must first be aware of the UFO
data out there. I am not talking about Menzel, Klass, Adamski or
Corso, who all fit in the same wagon.

Most "scientists" who are outspoken about the un-reality of UFOs
rarely if ever have a basis for their position. One that comes
to mind is Carl Sagan who, if I remember correctly, never
consulted a UFO report. One will also note that the forte of
this breed of "scientist" is gospel, never data.

To pretend that UFOs are unreal because 95% or 99% of the

reported UFOs are IFOs would be like pretending that Elvis never existed because of the amount of Elvis sightings, or that John McEnroe does not exist because, out of 1000 people who report seeing him, 990 are wrong.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Rutkowski - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 13:38:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 20:15:26 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Rutkowski - Stacy

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@Ms.UManitoba.CA>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 11:02:03 CST
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

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>To put it bluntly, if there's anything that my 25+ years in the
>UFO biz has shown me, it's that eyewitness testimony is
>painfully unreliable. It would be so nice if it wasn't, but
>that's the fact of the matter. If a person reports a UFO that
>is described as a fast-moving ball of fire, giving off sparks,
>then it's probably a fireball, not the 5:15 from Zeta Reticuli.

<snip>

>Chris Rutkowski

Chris,

A few years back, I had the honor of sharing the top of Woodborough Hill in Wiltshire late one night with Dr. Greer and groupies. As the late Ralph Noyes and I walked past a small circle of sitters and watchers, one of them cried out to the others, "There it is again!"

Naturally, we both looked up to see what "it" was. It was a faintly glowing disk of substantive size, traveling pretty rapidly, which then abruptly and silently disappeared as dramatically as it had come. A short time later, here it came again -- and again.

One of us had the temerity to point out that what was actually being seen was a military searchlight beam striking the bottoms of some low-lying clouds. We thought the fact that it was repeating itself in a regular rhythm would convince the onlookers, too, but not so. In fact, our solution was not at all welcome. We moved apologetically on.

Some people probably are good observers and reporters. But it's also obvious that a lot of people bring their preconceptions with them when it comes to the perception of objective reality.

As it turned out, the Skywatch coincided with a large British military exercise. Consequently, a few flares got mistaken for UFOs that night, too.

The above may sound like a smarmy set up on my part, but that's what happened.

And it's not just a one off, either. Several times I've been at the Marfa Lights viewing area in west Texas just as a bus load of tourists pulls up from the nearby Prude dude ranch. They ooh and aah for 20-30 minutes, then get back in the bus and happily drive off. They've seen the Lights!

And indeed they have -- the headlights of cars on Hwy 67 coming into Marfa from Presidio. If you've read as many accounts of the Lights as I have, you'd be amazed at the colors and behavior

these headlights sometimes undertake. Among other things they float, flare, divide, multiply, change colors, and disappear.

Now, there may well be a real, underlying ghost light phenomenon west of the Pecos -- but you gotta eliminate them car headlights first. And that's sometimes hard to do -- particularly when you weren't there when it happened.

For example, I've got several cases in my files where the Lights were said to have behaved intelligently and/or interacted with the observer. Someone's also selling a videotape of the headlights.

FWIW

Dennis Stacy

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 14:36:14 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 20:16:48 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

Compliments of the Duke:

>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 18:37:53 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Are you suggesting here that the view through the starlight
>scope showed red? Usually such devices produce a greenish
>picture.

I think you're confusing the Starlite (a light intensifier) with an infrared-sensitive "night vision device", as Halt & Co seem to have done (or worse). I don't know how the former work, but they don't work in the microwave region, just within the visible spectrum with available light.

>Whether or not Halt was familiar with a starlight scope can be
>only speculation without asking him.

Reasonably informed speculation though. Halt and gang seemed to think the brightness of the notches in the trees as seen through the scope showed they were "radioactive". Not in the colloquial sense of the word, they weren't.

Hope this helps.

best wishes
Powersteering D. Mercury
Leather Interior

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Manso

From: Luis R. González Manso <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 20:42:11 +0200
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 20:24:28 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Manso

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 11:08:28 -0400

>No way! I've read the novel, and its alleged similarities with
>the Linda case are a complete and total myth, promulgated by
>George Hansen, Joseph Stefula, and Richard Butler in their
>notorious "white paper" on the case.

(snip)

>The other alleged similarities are just as dissimilar.

Sorry, Greg, I have also read the novel and I disagree. I kindly refer you to my post last July that (curiously) nobody commented on. I will quote the main point again:

The three main points in Linda Cortile's abduction (a) abductee speaking alien tongue, b) abductee working with the aliens, c) sexual bonding since childhood between pairs of abductees) were written several months before the alleged abduction. This is, at least, a clear evidence of a sociological influence or, in the worst scenario, proof of a hoax.

Let me put it more clearly. The most amazing point made in Hopkins' book, the cornerstone of Linda Cortile's case, was how the aliens had orchestrated the lives of two abductees in order to reunite them one night in lower Manhattan for an apocalyptic message. The main surprise of Nighteyes' plot (besides the aliens being humans) is when two apparently independent abductees met again, in order to become the founders of a future race. How can anybody miss the paralelism?

Any comments?

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 16:01:45 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 20:27:25 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Young

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 10:25:44 -0500

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Hi, Jerry:

>And how did your friend know that the guards were reporting
>"astronomical objects and even auroral rays" and mistaking them
>for UFOs?

He was there and was familiar with these astronomical phenomena.
They were, after all, Venus, Jupiter and aurorae, which he has
seen many, many times before and since.

>Could it be that their erroneous interpretations
>notwithstanding, their eyewitness testimony was accurate
>enough to enable him to a proper identification?

Yes, could be, since he saw them, too.

>If so, you've got me confused. You self-described skeptics are
>always telling us that eyewitness testimony is inherently
>inaccurate and untrustworthy,

Uh, huh, go on ...

>in common with anecdotal testimony (which is, I might
>add, what you've just give us above).

Touche (slight slash on cheek, a drop of blood).

I was offering support for the view that even military security
guards might be untrained or inexperienced regarding the night
sky. Hey, they might just be like the rest of us.

With the advantage of the perches you and I occupy on our
armchairs 25 years after these incidents, (I have to be carefull
now that I don't tip the thing too far over backwards, I have a
sick kitty sleeping right behind the chair), I don't think that
it's unreasonable to bring in the testimony of somebody who was
actually there during the sightings, and who was knowledgeable
about astronomy.

>Now, it turns out, eyewitness testimony is so on
>target that even without further investigation we can
>use it to explain bogus reports.

Huh? Without further investigation? The guy was there. Do you think that Uncle Phil lied when he described conducting an investigation on pp. 92-105 of UFOs The Public Deceived?

>when people report daylight discs, humanoids, andthe like --
>things that couldn't possibly be IFOs, if you credit the
>testimony -- we can take the reportingaccuracy just as
>seriously. Right?

Lumping "daylight discs" and "humanoids" together is about as bizarre as taking everyone's word for it, but I'll take the bait.

Yes, everyone is sometimes wrong about what they think they have just seen or experienced, and yes, everyone is sometimes right about what they think they have experienced. This is the human condition.

But, your average 21 year-old military guards aren't always the world's most perfect observers of the night sky, while 21 year-old amateur astronomers who are military guards - presumeably with the same imperfect military training, might just be better.

Every investigator judges witness credibility. Unless, of couse, all one is interested in doing is just retelling tales or maybe participating in the vicarious thrill of the witness's story.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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>seen many, many times before and since.

I think you've missed my point. I was not disputing your
friend's assessment of what these objects really were. I agree
that the sightings are unimpressive, and I'm inclined to think
your friend is correct. What I was saying was something else,
namely this:

Their erroneous interpretations of what they saw
notwithstanding, the witnesses' observations were accurate
enough so that your friend was able through them to get a pretty
good idea of what the true stimuli were. That means, then, that
eyewitness testimony is, often enough, close enough to the mark.
If that holds true for IFO-sighting, it surely as well holds
true for UFO-sighting. Unless, of course, one is trying to posit
some sort of unfalsifiable hypothesis in which IFO sighters
usually get things essentially right and UFO sighters always get
them essentially wrong.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Bowden

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Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 08:44:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld? - Bowden

>From: Terry Rhodes <UtterMole@cs.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 19:26:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 13:11:30 +0100
>>From: Dave Bowden >grafikfx@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto >updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Video Footage of Aliens Witheld?

>>Thanks for the info, when I checked Roys site there was no
>>mention of "actual footage of the alien visitors". Perhaps you
>>should take this up with Roy, if he was guilty of jumping the
>>gun a bit it would be understandable since the recent footage is
>>very interesting.

>But later in your post you stated the footage ONLY shows UFOs,
>which does it show, an unidentified flying object or an alien craft?

As I said before, there's still some footage that remains an
unknown for the time being. So the answer to your question is
'an unidentified flying object'.

>>About a year or so ago he had video of what was thought to be an
>>'FT' (flying triangle for all those who thought I was talking
>>about the Financial Times) taken in Wiltshire at night. After
>>hi-res imaging and enhancement it was clearly shown to be a
>>military helicopter.

>Is it your expert opinion that this military helicopter is also
>responsible for the crop formation that was alleged to have been
>created by the 'FT' that Chris Martin captured on video?

No, it was just a helicopter.

>>Having said that, I later saw 'UFO's the best evidence caught on
>>tape, part 2' hosted by Jonathan (commander Riker) Frakes. The
>>helicopter footage was shown and described as something like
>>'also this mysterious video taken in southern England showing a
>>triangular craft'.

>A similar report still sits on the Lost Haven website that you
>have admitted to being a contributor to. How credible are your
>associates for portraying the facts about UFO sightings?

I have contributed some images and one .AVI file. As I also said
before, perhaps you should take it up with Roy, it is his
website after all.

>>Chris is annoyed about this because they used his footage
>>without his consent and I am annoyed because they used it
>>without an explanation of what it actually was, just going for
>>the big sale I suppose, sensationalism.

>How does Chris feel about his footage being promoted as showing
>the alien visitors themselves?

If you go to one of the meetings you can ask Chris yourself.

>>Cutting to the chase however, we have other stuff which just
>>doesn't fit any category.

>
>Not even alien?

When you say 'alien' I take it you mean 'space alien'?

Maybe I should have said any 'known' category, apologies if you
misunderstood me.

All the best,

Dave Bowden

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CPR-Canada News: Update #1 - Grenfell,

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UPDATE #1 - GRENFELL, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLE

Following is a ground report on the Grenfell, Saskatchewan circle from Dennis Eklund, Saskatchewan director for CPR-Canada. It should be noted that both the farmer and reporter who initially reported the circle described a neat, radial lay pattern, with the formation apparently suffering considerable damage by the time Dennis was able to get to it on the 27th. Ground shot photos from Dennis are now posted on the web site as well:

<http://www.geocities.com/grenfell00.html>

Paul Anderson

GRENFELL REPORT

On August 27th while driving back to Saskatoon from the dumbbell formation in Moosomin we had the opportunity to take a look at the small formation on the farm of Lloyd Arthur located just south of Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

Although Lloyd was not at home at the time, his son was kind enough to show us the way to the formation. Located in the field of wheat about 30 yards off the gravel road it was apparent that it was not the classic type of formation we are all used to seeing. Measuring approximately 10 feet in diameter it was plain to see it was not a neat or perfect circle. Both the floor of the formation still showing a slight radial effect and the outer edges offered no uniformity giving the whole formation a very disorganized and messy appearance. This could be partially due to the damage caused to the formation after being recently swathed and also the visitors it attracted since being discovered August 9th.

The crop seemed to be pushed down from the centre and out in all directions into the standing crop giving the formation an uneven circumference. Although time restrictions did not allow us to do any sampling, I did notice some swollen node abnormalities, even the odd stem of crop bent completely at a right angle at the node itself. Because the field was already swathed it was hard to tell if there were any colour differences as previously reported. We concluded our brief examination by taking the following photos and also doing a compass and battery check

inside the formation. No abnormalities were discovered. Small but interesting, it would of been nice to spend more time examining.

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CPR-Canada News: Update #1 - Hazlet, Saskatchewan

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 20:48:12 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 08:52:40 -0400
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Update #1 - Hazlet, Saskatchewan

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September 7, 2000

UPDATE #1 - HAZLET, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLE

An aerial photo has been added to the web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/hazlet00.html>

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*Correction: the previous direct links for the last updates with latest reports and images for the Moosomin and Grenfell formations in Saskatchewan should be:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/moosomin00.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/grenfell00.html>

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Clark's Law [was: 'Linda' Case Footnote]

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 20:51:51 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 08:50:23 -0400
Subject: Clark's Law [was: 'Linda' Case Footnote]

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 10:12:55 -0500

>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 14:44:45 -0500 (CDT)

>Chris,

>My remarks below are not directed at you. It's just that before
>the usual UFO bashers rush to endorse your conclusions (as they
>are certain to do), they'd better have a clearer idea of the
>implications of those conclusions.

>>When I look through Peter Davenport's data, it's easy to see
>>that the 95% rule likely applies. Many cases are obviously of
>>satellites, stars and whatnot, even from a cursory glance,
>>without having any real case info available for follow-up.

>So it's possible to judge, simply from what they say about what
>they saw, that people are describing IFOs? Their testimony is so
>accurate that for a proper identification all one needs is a
>"cursory glance"? Fascinating.

>In other words, are we to believe that eyewitness testimony
>isn't so unreliable after all? Surely, then, it follows, of
>course, that if we can use it to discern IFOs, we can also trust
>it to tell us about UFOs, too -- you know, all those structured,
>metallic craftlike objects, seen at close range by credible
>people, that look nothing at all like Venus, satellites,
>auroras, meteors, or airplanes?

>Then again, I may be violating one of debunkerdom's most sacred
>laws: that logical consistency isn't necessary if it gets in the
>way of bashing UFO reports and reporters. After all, who needs
>logic and consistency when you're battling a hated heresy?

>Jerry Clark

Or, to offer a condensation which I'll humbly term:

"Clark's Law of Debunking"

UFO witness descriptions are inherently unreliable,
unless they produce an IFO.

-Brian Cuthbertson

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 00:43:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 08:56:40 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:17:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 21:10:31 -0400
>>From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza <DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>3. As an educated American you, I suspect, would be astonished
>>at how little your compatriots seem to notice *or accept* when
>>beyond the confines of their own great nation. There are various
>>statements scattered throughout the mass of American testimony
>>on this case that powerfully suggest that many airmen, including
>>the security police, were remarkably -- to a British country
>>gent -- unaware of the local sky at night.

>Dear PB, Dave, Other Ranks:

>I have a friend who has been a lifelong astronomy enthusiast who
>was a member of the airbase security unit at Loring AFB, Main,
>USA, at the time of the famous sightings there back in the 70s.
>He told me that other guards would report UFOs which were
>astronomical objects, and even auroral rays would be reported as
>UFOs behind the trees. He told me it was really wild, that
>other guys were reporting "everything" as UFOs. In his opinion,
>and he was out there at night on patrol, was that nothing out of
>the ordinary (beyond aircraft and sky objects) happened.>

>Philip J. Klass proposed that astronomical objects (one light
>and no radar contact, for example) and flights by a civilian
>helicopter taking survey pictures provided good explanations.
>See the details of his investigation in: 'UFOs: The Public
>Deceived', Prometheus Books, 1983, pp. 89, 92-97,105.)>

>Many of the kids in these airbase security units thought they
>were going to be in the MPs and get training as policemen. They
>are often disappointed to learn that they are just security
>guards. Not to denigrate them, but I doubt that they get any
>training regarding what's in the sky. When they stumble upon
>the one spot in a wood where a lighthouse beam is visible, it's
>wasn't surprising that they were puzzled.

The 1975 SAC base flyovers are not as simple as you portray.
Perhaps the Loring case was the "simplest." And even that
involved a helicopter chase of an object, I spoke to one of the
witnesses who described an orange glowing light hovering over
the weapons storage area. These objects were called
"helicopters" but obviously weren't. 'Clear Intent' by
Greenwood and Fawcett is based on the Loring and other base
incidents. The title comes right out of the Loring incident
report.

There is no doubt, unfortunately, that once people have been

alerted or "radicalized" into accepting the idea that there are strang things flying around, then some of the people will misidentify nomal things as UFOs simply because they don't know what is normally in the sky. To reject all sightings simply because some of them are explainable is not acceptable.

Klass' suggested explanation is just that... a suggestion... which is proposed as a blanket explanation. HOwever, it does not fit all the reports. (Malmstrom AFB in particular where several security guards reported a bright object hovering over a missil field. Jets were scrambled. As soon as the jets the light turned off. Came back on after the jets passed over, Eventually shot straight upward. Was picked up on radar during its ascent. This all comes from official NORAD documentation that became available through the FOIA as a result of the leak of information about the Loring incidents in Oct. 1975)

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Bulletin of Anomalous Experience CD Rom

From: **Jenny Randles** <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 12:14:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 09:01:56 -0400
Subject: Bulletin of Anomalous Experience CD Rom

Hi,

Dr David Gotlib has asked me to forward this message as people are using a wrong address to order his excellent CD Rom.

Can I also remind anyone who wants to try to win this as part of the prize, that the UFOIN competition is still open to win a package of abduction goodies. All we require by 30 September is a 500 word (approx) e-mail submission setting out a plan for a new investigation/research strategy into abduction cases.

Each entry is going onto the UFOIN web site (check out www.ufoin.org.uk)

Everyone can vote on the winner during the first week of October.

Entries should be sent tpo nufon@currantbun.com

Dr Gotlib's message follows...

"Dr. David Gotlib, who is offering the five-year run (1990-1994) of Bulletin of Anomalous Experience newsletter on abductions and UFO research on CDROM, wishes to advise all that he has relocated to Canada and can now be contacted at:

79 Hilton Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,
M5R 3E8
Canada

or by email at:

dgotlib@sympatico.ca

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 09:02:01 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 09:11:05 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 11:13:09 -0500

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman
>>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:58:56 -0300

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 10:13:54 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>>>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 13:54:01 -0300

>Stan,

>>>>1. 21.5% of 3201 sightings investigated by Battelle Memorial
>>>>Institute under Contract to the USAF Project Blue Book were
>>>>finally labelled as 'Unknowns' (all 4 of the evaluators had to
>>>>agree before a sighting could be listed as 'Unknown') completely
>>>>separate and distinct from the 9.3% listed as Insufficient
>>>>Information. So overall only 70% were identified.

>>>>2. According to the AIAA UFO Committee 30% of the 117 cases
>>>>studied by the U. of Colorado (Condon Report) could not be
>>>>identified... again leaving only 70%.

>>>According to a later study by J. Allen Hynek and Center for UFO
>>>Studies workers the USAF figure of unexplained cases was
>>>reduced to 5.8%.

>>It is true that Hendry claims (p.245) that CUFOS reexamined all
>>13,000 Blue Book case in the summer of 1976 and that only about
>>5% are worthy of being considered genuine UFOs. He says nothing
>>about who did it, what the standards were, or provide any good
>>reasons for us to blindly accept this number. Compare this with
>>BMI which had scientists and engineers spending full time for
>>years. They published over 240 charts tables, graphs and maps.
>>They did quality evaluations of all the cases. They did a
>>statistical cross comparison between unknowns and knowns on
>>the basis of six different characteristics. The probability
>>that the unknowns were just missed knowns was found to be less
>>than 1%.

>>Perhaps I should comment that I was not impressed with Hendry's
>>approach. Maybe the difference between a scientist and an
>>artist. I recall his publishing a totally wrong claim that Zeta
>>1 or Zeta 2 Reticuli was a double star based on a footnote to an
>>article, but without checking with the source.

>>I think that in the larger argument, you're right. Allan Hendry
>>made many contributions, and he also jumped to conclusions which

>later proved wrong. During his life in ufology, I knew him well,
>and I liked and respected him, but as you would not know from
>the uncritical skeptical citations here, he was not a god, and
>he could be mistaken. The UFO Handbook is a very fine book, but
>its conclusions deserve more critical scrutiny than all but a
>few have been willing to give them. Its fundamental point --
>that science cannot address the UFO phenomenon -- is, I believe,
>extremely questionable.

>Allan was a good investigator, but so was James McDonald, and
>McDonald drew on a particularly relevant area of science --
>atmospheric physics -- in which Hendry had no particular
>expertise.. Ufology has seen other first-rate investigators, who
>for some reason never get cited by skeptics and debunkers: J.
>Allen Hynek (who probably conducted more field investigations
>than anyone in the history of the subject), Walt Webb, Bill
>Weitzel, Ted Bloecher, Jennie Zeidman, Ray Fowler, and others.

Full agreement from me here. I have for years been touting Jim
McDonald's 71 page congressional testimony about 41 cases as the
best single paper on UFO sightings of which I am aware. I worked
with Bill Weitzel in Pittsburgh. Really good. etc..

>But in the interest of fairness, I must contest your dismissal
>of Allan as a mere "artist." He was (and, I'm sure, still is)
>scientifically literate, and not just from his own personal
>reading and interest. His B.A. (from the University of Michigan,
>no diploma mill) was in both astronomy and art, and he did
>further graduate work in astronomy. In fact, his interest in art
>was linked directly with his interest in the cosmos. All of the
>illustrations of his I saw were of scientific (and of course
>ufological) subjects. When he moved to Arizona, leaving ufology
>behind, he soon became involved with a public-radio station and
>had a regular show dealing with astronomy education. Allan's
>scientific credentials are beyond dispute.

>Jerry Clark

I must admit I was surprised to learn from the U. of Michigan
that Allan's BA degree was listed as being in Astronomical
Illustration and was awarded by the school of literature,
Science and Arts. They also award BS degrees so presumably the
illustration took a little precedence over the astronomy. The
woman I spoke with was as surprised as I was... I must also
admit I found his book a better source of information about IFOS
than about UFOs.

There is another point that must be made here. A major
difficulty is that investigators and especially reporters want
witnesses to answer wrong (because unanswerable) questions. How
Big? How far? How high? How fast? When the witness says he
doesn't know, he gets pushed with "was it as big as a
Volkswagon? Was it a half mile away? Was it 500 feet up?. Even
when the witness says "maybe", the report that appears might say
'Witness Says Volkswagon Sized UFO Seen 500 Feet Up And 1/2 Mile
Away. The scientist scoffs.

Three times, when people called me on the West Coast about
sightings that sounded like a possible rocket launched from
Vandenberg (I had seen one), I had to keep them to observables
such as in what direction, at what time, at what angle above the
horizon, and in what direction it was moving, even though they
thought it was just over the next hill and fairly low. Their
observations were accurate. Their interpretations were wrong. I
called Vandenberg and there is no doubt they saw rockets moving
along the coast; at high altitude, of course.....

Stan Friedman

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'Strange Days... Indeed' - Day/Time Switch

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Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 13:57:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 13:57:35 -0400
Subject: 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Day/Time Switch

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September 9th - Stanton T. Friedman

September 16th - Jim Marrs

September 23rd - Kenny Young

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 12:24:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 15:26:06 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 07 Sep 2000 13:28:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>Just as side note. As a researcher/investigator I would have
>thought that Budd would have jumped at an opportunity to get the
>Federal Bureau of Investigation involved in a major abduction
>case. It would have locked it up for him and verified the whole
>case. Via the Feds he would have had proof that Richard and Dan
>are real and who they worked for. The Feds would have gotten (or
>tried to) access to any UN logs and such that would place
>Richard, Dan, DeCuellar, et al under the Brooklyn Bridge at the
>time of the abduction.

Assuming, that is, that the FBI did any investigating at all.
You've got the balls to go in and report something like this,
and I admire that. But not everyone would, especially when they
know they have to fudge the story. Investigators -- I mean law
enforcement types, not the UFO kind -- naturally ask very
probing questions, especially when someone claims to have been
kidnapped by federal agents. My feeling is they'd know (if I
were reporting something like that) that I was holding back part
of the story, and I doubt they'd be amused.

Greg Sandow

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Manso

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 12:33:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 15:27:30 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Manso

>From: Luis R. González Manso <lrgm@arrakis.es>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 20:42:11 +0200

>Sorry, Greg, I have also read the novel and I disagree. I kindly
>refer you to my post last July that (curiously) nobody
>commented on. I will quote the main point again:

>The three main points in Linda Cortile's abduction (a) abductee
>speaking alien tongue, b) abductee working with the aliens, c)
>sexual bonding since childhood between pairs of abductees) were
>written several months before the alleged abduction. This is, at
>least, a clear evidence of a sociological influence or, in the
>worst scenario, proof of a hoax.

>Let me put it more clearly. The most amazing point made in
>Hopkins' book, the cornerstone of Linda Cortile's case, was how
>the aliens had orchestrated the lives of two abductees in order
>to reunite them one night in lower Manhattan for an apocalyptic
>message. The main surprise of Nighteyes' plot (besides the
>aliens being humans) is when two apparently independent
>abductees met again, in order to become the founders of a future
>race. How can anybody miss the paralelism?

It's very easy to take one detail out of context and say,
"Voila! The two cases are parallel." To you, the aliens'
orchestrating the lives of abductees stands out as one of the
principal points of the book. To someone else, it might be the
abduction investigator working in league with the aliens, or the
human-alien gunfight on the roof, or the federal agent who hooks
up with a journalist to find out the whole truth, or any one of
dozens of other things in a book that's full of characters and
plot twists.

Likewise in the case. This detail stands out to you, but to
someone else something else would stand out.

In my view, you have to take all of both, and measure all of
each against the other.

But beyond that, there's a technique that I believe is sometimes
used in social science studies to measure similarities more
objectively. It's pretty pointless, from any serious point of
view, for you to say "They're similar" and me to say "They're
not!" What we'd need, to look at this more dispassionately, is a
panel of independent judges, who are completely new to the
situation, and who read "Witnessed" and "Nighteyes" and then
give a numerical ranking to their impression of the similarity.
These rankings are then averaged, and we have at least a stab at
an objective measure.

Greg Sandow

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - BYoung

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Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - BYoung

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 20:17:41 -0500

>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 16:01:45 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>I think you've missed my point. I was not disputing your
>friend's assessment of what these objects really were. I agree
>that the sightings are unimpressive, and I'm inclined to think
>your friend is correct. What I was saying was something else,
>namely this:

>Their erroneous interpretations of what they saw
>notwithstanding, the witnesses' observations were accurate
>enough so that your friend was able through them to get a pretty
>good idea of what the true stimuli were. That means, then, that
>eyewitness testimony is, often enough, close enough to the mark.
>If that holds true for IFO-sighting, it surely as well holds
>>true for UFO-sighting. Unless, of course, one is trying to posit
>some sort of unfalsifiable hypothesis in which IFO sighters
>usually get things essentially right and UFO sighters always get
>them essentially wrong.

Jerry,

Yes, I'll go along with this.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 13:29:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 15:30:43 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - BYoung

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Thu, 7 Sep 2000 13:41:19 -0400

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 10:17:30 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 23:46:51 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

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(First Faculty Committee Member to applicant) 50, or 100, or 300, very promising people have applied for this position, one of only two research slots which will probably be available in our Department in the next three years. What can you bring in the next three years to advance astronomy research?

(Supplicant) Make up your own answer, sticking to astronomy. After all, you're hoping to land the position at this institution with its world-class observatory somewhere else in the world.

(Senior Researcher, maybe the Department Head, a world-class astronomer, well known in the field) I notice on your resume that you published a paper on (clears throat) a UFO sighting. Could you explain, in this tight period for support for the profession, why research on this topic should be supported by this institution.

(You) Think up an answer.

(Senior researcher's followup question) What astronomical research projects you are interested in pursuing would be

candidates to be set aside to pursue this research? Can you explain why this insitution should support this research?

(You) Think of something, else, fast.

(You are thanked, and then leave the room)

(Senior Astronomer, who will have to make a personal presentation later in the week with the University President to a very large potential donor or Legislative Committee) Well, who is next on the list who can make a better investment of our resources for the science and the profession.

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Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 19:30:19 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Sep 2000 19:16:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Friedman

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clearly, judging by those comments, was not involved. His most
frequently cited source about UFOs was 'Weekly World News'. He
didn't reference the UFO Debate book he edited and which was
published by Cornell U. Press. He didn't reference the
Congressional Hearings of 1968 though he was a contributor.No
support was given for his quite extraordinary claims. His
'Parade' article was a masterpiece of misrepresentation. He

certainly revealed no serious knowledge of UFOs when I met with him at his home several years ago.

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Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Kaeser

From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 21:25:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2000 09:25:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Kaeser

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Manso

From: Luis R. González Manso <lrgm@arrakis.es>
Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 23:20:50 +0200
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2000 09:27:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Manso

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Manso
>Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 12:33:12 -0400

<snip>

>Likewise in the case. This detail stands out to you,
>but to someone else something else would stand out

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>What we'd need, to look at this more dispassionately, is a
>panel of independent judges, who are completely new to the
>situation, and who read "Witnessed" and "Nighteyes" and then
>give a numerical ranking to their impression of the similarity.

I am not talking about similar details (that everybody can find if he looks deep enough), but to the main "discoveries" made by Budd Hopkins in Linda's case (as he himself pointed out) which are suspiciously the same as the crucial points in the plot of the previous novel.

Hopkins said they were surprising elements never before heard, so we should not dismiss their importance for the case. The question is if there are also as prominent in the novel. I argue that they are, that without such elements the novel cannot be such a thriller. We are not talking about details that could be altered without affecting to the main plot, but precisely to the main parts that conform it.

It is very easy to find a group of independent judges on this matter: literary critics. Select a few of them and ask them if those 3 points I mentioned are really critical in both stories.

To me, just the fact that all the three main "discoveries/novelties" that Hopkins proclaimed to have never heard before (most specially the "bonding" between abductees since childhood), do appear in a novel written few months before the case, in any degree of importance you may give to them, it is suspicious. But, of course, somebody can always say that the author is a silent abductee in denial.

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Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Hatch

From: Larry <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2000 06:53:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2000 11:28:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Hatch

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Dear Steve:

I resemble that remark, but don't worry.

I have a short memory. [burp!]

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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CPR-Canada News: Update #1 - Saskatoon Crop Circle

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2000 15:17:48 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 09:50:10 -0400
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Update #1 - Saskatoon Crop Circle

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UPDATE #1 - SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLE

A ground photo of the Saskatoon formation has been posted on the web site:

© Dennis Eklund, CPR-Canada (saskatoon00.jpg)

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/saskatoon00.html>

The formation is approximately 43' in diameter, consisting of a circle with surrounding ring, in oats. Discovered September 6 by passing motorists on a nearby road, and shown on local CFUC TV news in the morning.

Ground studies, including sampling for the BLT Research Team, are being conducted by Dennis Eklund, Saskatchewan director for CPR-Canada and a field report will follow later this weekend. Again, some very unusual deformities have been found on the plant stalks inside the formation, not the usual blown nodes and also different from the deformities found in the Moosomin formation of August 20. As with Moosomin, details are pending, awaiting a full report to be issued by BLT.

The farmer, who is elderly, does not want any publicity. However the neighbouring farmers, who maintain his fields and also work for The Western Producer, as does Dennis, are very co-operative and interested.

There are also areas in the same field of "randomly downed crop" like grapeshot type patches. The deformities found in the ringed circle are also present in the random patches, but even more pronounced. The plant stalks in the random patches are bent over several inches above the ground. There is also a large roughly circular area of similar downed crop surrounding a nearby clumps of trees. This is similar to the second area found the same week about a mile from this location (Saskatoon #2), in a wheat field owned by the same farmers who maintain this field. It is also similar in several aspects to a series of randomly downed areas found in August at Beaumont, Alberta near Edmonton (preliminary report to follow).

It is also worth noting that Dennis reports that his mechanical camera would not work properly inside the circle and when he tried placing a few test stalks of oats inside his microwave, he found similar "damage" to the nodes as what was found out in the field.

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Re: CPR-Canada News: Saskatoon, #2 'Random' Crop

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2000 15:25:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 09:51:45 -0400
Subject: Re: CPR-Canada News: Saskatoon, #2 'Random' Crop

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SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN #2 "RANDOM" CROP FORMATION

Preliminary Report - September 9, 2000

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan #2
September 6, 2000

There is a report from Dennis Eklund in Saskatoon, of another "event" of "randomly downed crop" about one mile from the first ringed circle formation at Saskatoon, and found about the same time. "Formation" consists of random patches of downed crop (wheat in this case) along with "long straight lines" of downed crop which run straight then make sharp turns in the field, generally following along with the other patches. The plant stalks, as with the random patches at the first location beside the ringed circle, are bent a few inches above the ground. Unfortunately, the field was already swathed by the farmer, but ground photos were taken, and diagrams made beforehand (copies pending). The farmers who own this field also work for The Western Producer, as does Dennis.

This is similar again to the Beaumont, Alberta areas of randomly downed crop reported August 20 (preliminary report to follow).

This is the eighth formation reported in Canada for 2000.

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Jeff Rense Weekly E-News 9-9-00

From: "Rense E-News" <e-news@the-i.net>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2000 17:41:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 09:53:54 -0400
Subject: Jeff Rense Weekly E-News 9-9-00

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* READER'S CORNER *

There have been so many quotes sent in we decided to do a special section on them this week. These are direct from you, the readers:

"Power springs from the barrel of a gun."
Chairman Mao Zhedong
Sent in by Jon Morrow

"EXPERIENCE IS WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU DIDN'T GET WHAT YOU WANTED."
J. EARP
Sent in by Robert Boland

ANYWAY

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered,
LOVE THEM ANYWAY.
If you do good, people will acuse you of selfish, ulterior
motives,
LOVE THEM ANYWAY.
If you are successful you win false friends and true enemies,
SUCCEED ANYWAY.
The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,
DO GOOD ANYWAY.
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable,
BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.
What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight,
BUILD ANYWAY.
People really need help, but may attack you if you help them,
HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY.
Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in
the teeth,
GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE ANYWAY.

From a sign on the wall of the Shishu Bhavan,
the children's home in Calcutta.

Sent in by Walter Pendragon

"Where wealth accumulates, men decay"
attrib to: Swami Nirmalananda, from Enlightened Anarchism;
excerpt lifted from "Property" section of the book: The
Heretic's Handbook of Quotations" Ed. by Charles Bufe,
copyright 1988-1995; Sharp Press, Tucson, AZ

"Freedom of the press belongs to those who own one."
A.J. Liebling (ibid)

Sent in by M. Feeney

"Great spirits have always encountered violent
opposition from mediocre minds."
Albert Einstein
Sent in by Marna

"FREE WILL IS A GIFT
LOVE IS A CHOICE
BUT - HATE LEAVES YOU NO CHOICE AT ALL"
M. MINARD
Sent in by Michele Finley

"Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation
must begin by subduing the freeness of speech."
Benjamin Franklin

"A barking dog is often more useful than a sleeping lion"
Washington Irving

Sent in by Laurence S.

"If it's not one thing, it's somebody else."
James Miklasevich
Sent in by James M.

"I didn't get nothing, I had to pay fifty dollars
and pick-up the garbage."
Arlo Guthrie
Sent in by Horace

"Reach up and the future is ours."
Nick Sandberg
Sent in by Joe S.

"And if you call me brother now,
forgive me if I inquire,
'Just according to whose plan?'
When it all comes down to dust
I will kill you if I must,
I will help you if I can."
Leonard Cohen
in Song for Isaac

Sent in by Katz

It's buried in the countryside
It's exploding in the shells of night
It's everywhere a baby cries
Freedom
Freedom
Freedom
Freedom
Sheryl Crow in Redemption Day

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- * The Heinous Crimes Of The United Nations
- * The Drugging Of America's Children
- * Bizarre Spanish Red Waterspout Gushes Nonstop
- * Strange Fossil Rock Formation
- * Chinese Shown Sensitive Data On US Joint War Fighting Strategy
- * Another Marvelous Crop Circle In Southern England
- * 20 Percent Of South Africa's Nurses Have AIDS
- * Another Asteroid In Cosmic Close Call With Earth
- * Star Trek Type 'Phasers' Now A Reality
- * PA Disc Flies Above Nuke Plant - Cylinder Over Tennessee - UFO Flies Out Of Pacific
- * Capt. Joyce Riley Reveals New V.A.-FBI Ploy To Grab Veterans' Guns
- * Debris Found Near Kurst Linked To British And US Subs
- * High Tech Feudalism For The New American Police State
- * 50,000 New Cell Phone Towers For America's Wilderness Areas
- * Thousands of Gulf Veterans Are Dying
- * Bioterrorism In Martha's Vineyard?
- * Mystery Objects In Chemtrails - Robotic Aerial Vehicles?
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Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo: Chupacabra Coverup In Nicaragua?
John Carman: US Customs Expose'

MON 9-11

Jim Phelps: Americans Poisoned By Nuclear Production

Scott Portzline: Latest Nuclear 'Mishaps'

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Peter Davenport-NUFORC: UFO Eyewitness Recordings
Bufo Calvin: UFO News

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Carl Limbacher: NewsMax.com Inside Cover
Paul LaViolette: Proof Of Interstellar Contact

THU 9-14

Dave Oester/Sharon Gill: EVP Ghost Voices And Photos

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Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
Date: Sat, 9 Sep 2000 18:54:47 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 09:57:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow &

>From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Open Letter to Randle, Brookesmith, Sandow & You
>Date: Sun, 3 Sep 2000 22:49:34 -0400

>Please refer to "Observation 1" below where it is demonstrated
>that you didn't know about this 1995 paper in January 1999. You
>_never_ _ever_ mentioned the works of Kenneth Pope in _any_ of
>your posts since 1995.

I never said I'd read Kenneth Pope. I said I'd read other things
on the same topics, and was familiar with the points that he
raised.

>I would like also to know, if it's not asking too much, when
>exactly you got familiar with such work. Pardon my curiosity
>since you addressed the subject of False Memory Syndrome in 1999
>in those words:

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1999/jan/m30-050.shtml>
>Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality

><snip>

>>We need to use a little common sense when we talk about memory.
>>Recovered memories are tricky, no doubt about it. But some of
>>the writing from critics of recovered memory makes you wonder
>>how any of us could ever trust our minds at all. That was one
>>feeling I had after reading Elizabeth Loftus's book (she being
>>the psychologist most cited in attacks on recovered memories).

><snip>

>Strange that only Loftus is mentioned. Especially when others
>like Crews, Dawes, Goldstein, Farmer, Ketcham, Ofshe, Watters,
>Underwager, Wakefield and Wassil-Grimm are noted in the Kenneth
>Pope review which you are sooooo familiar with.

I'm so sorry that I didn't supply scholarly footnotes to my
casual remark. I'm equally sorry -- gosh, appalled at myself,
absolutely dismayed -- that, in citing Elizabeth Loftus, I didn't
stop to name anyone else who's written about recovered memories.
I assumed people would understand that I was discussing a general
circumstance, and giving Loftus as one example of it. But I guess
I should have foreseen -- silly me! -- that, a year later, Serge
would start policing me, and assume that because I only mentioned
Loftus I'd never even heard of anyone else.

>But back to today...

><snip>

>>That said, I'm grateful to Serge for recommending an impressive
>>five year-old scientific paper on the important topic of False
>>Memory Syndrome, especially one questioning whether such a
>>condition even exists.

><snip>

>If you knew the Kenneth Pope paper, you wouldn't say that.

Yeah, that occurred to me, too. In fact -- if I may reveal a not exactly intimate secret -- it was precisely because I hadn't read the paper that I was happy to learn about it. There's nothing radically new in it, but it was good to read.

>Start quote

>On one hand, it is crucial that we review all available evidence
>and consider the implications that the claims may be valid.

>[...]

>On the other hand it is equally crucial that we allow for the
>possibility that the evidence and logic do not convincingly
>establish the validity of some or perhaps any such claims.

>End quote

Serge, have you read the Stuart Appelle paper I've mentioned a lot here? The one I say is the best thing ever written about the abduction evidence? These are exactly Appelle's points.

>So, the FMS proponents may be wrong; they may also be right. I
>know this must be a pain in the neck for abductologists.
>Imagine: they could be playing with the minds of people, they
>could be implanting false memories. Life sucks.

Everybody concerned with abductions, no matter what their position, has to consider this possibility. Kind of obvious, but then Serge seems to think I'm a convinced abduction believer who can't accept evidence against my views. Must be why I like the Appelle paper so much.

>>>For all of you interested, and _before_ any discussion on the
>>>reality of abduction takes place, the following is a _must_
>>>read:

>>><http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

>>This is patronizing nonsense. I'll leave myself out of any
>>further comments I make, and say how offended I am for Kevin's
>>and Peter's sake. I've disagreed with both of them, but I'd
>>never insult them the way Serge has. Kevin has a PhD in
>>psychology, and wrote an abduction book that describes at great
>>length many of the psychological issues involved.

><snip>

>I am sorry to bring this up again, but I suggest you read the
>following posts.

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m26-027.shtml>

>Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Randle

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m28-009.shtml>

>Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Salvaille

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m27-044.shtml>

>Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Randle

>I am perfectly justified to ask Kevin Randle to read

><http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

>I am justified also to ask an owner of a PhD in psychology if he
>knows about a fundamental paper in his domain, to ask for
>enlightenment in order to heighten a discussion.

<snip>

You know, there's a difference between disagreeing with someone and announcing that they're ignorant. Strangely enough, scholars and scientists have the kind of disagreements with each other that Serge has with Kevin and Peter, and manage to argue them, often quite sharply, without accusing those who disagree with them of ignorance.

Serge seems to think that if you haven't read Kenneth Pope's paper, you haven't done your recovered memory homework. May I

ask him, just out of curiosity, what kind of homework he's done? What has he read about false and recovered memories apart from Pope's paper? From Pope, Serge quotes the names Crews, Dawes, Goldstein, Farmer, Ketcham, Ofshe, Watters, Underwager, Wakefield and Wassil-Grimm. Did he know these names before he read Pope?

Or, for that matter, does he know names like Lenore Terr, Judith Herman, and Jennifer J. Freyd, who've written on this subject but whom he doesn't quote Pope mentioning? Or Pezdek, whose name shows up in one of Serge's Pope quotes, and whose work is powerfully suggestive. (Though not, as far as I know, replicated by anyone else. Further, the citation I found for it mentioned that findings on recovered memory had been presented in a paper at a conference, but not published in a peer-reviewed journal. That may have changed, of course.)

Oh, I forgot. I haven't said anything about that devastating contradiction Serge finds after spending what appears to be a quite frightening amount of time tracking my writing..

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/jul/m29-013.shtml>

>Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

>>But exactly what kind of professional help is appropriate for >>people who come to abduction investigators? From what I've seen, >>from sitting in on Budd's first interviews with people who come >>to him, and from reading many of the letters he gets, people >>approach him because they feel they're having concrete >>experiences. Not abduction experiences; it's rare for him to see >>anyone who states outright, "I'm being abducted by aliens."

><http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/aug/m01-024.shtml>

>Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

>>No. As I've just restated, people go because they have >>experiences they can't explain. Budd says those experiences >>could be caused by abductions. The people having the experiences >>aren't sure of that, and may never have heard about abductions >>before. Thus they can't think they've been abducted. They're >>anxious to talk to Budd because they've never before known of >>anyone to talk to about these experiences.

>Contradiction:

>The Abduction Conundrum - Greg Sandow

>at <http://www.idealists.com/memories/memory.shtml>

>Start quote

>It's true, of course, that anyone who comes to him knows what he >believes, and that in his support groups it's taken for granted >that abductions are real. So clearly he's at least a little >ingenuous when he says he'll never tell anyone that they've >really been abducted. He might not say the words, but the very >fact of a relationship with him implies what isn't spoken.

>End quote

Serge had trouble understanding this before, and it's hard for me to understand why.

When people come to Budd, of course they know he believes in abductions. They've seen him on TV or read his books. But when they arrive at his home for their first discussions, they -- regardless of what Budd thinks -- may not believe they've been abducted.

It's easy to verify that. Just read their letters, or, even better, talk to them. They think Budd might be able to explain experiences they say they've had, but the emphasis is on "might." I've read letters from abductees in which they say "I don't know if I've been abducted, but I'm willing to listen to what Budd Hopkins says." I've heard abductees say that during their first meetings with him. Abductees have told me they thought that, months or years after they had their first meeting with Budd. If I had a few dollars for every time I've heard or read that, I could take Serge out for a really good dinner, even in high-priced New York.

Of course, once people become part of Budd's circle, they're

obviously in an environment where it's more or less taken for granted that abductions are real, and that the people who come to support group meetings have been abducted. That stage, however, comes a little further down the timeline from the initial meeting with Budd, at which (have I said this enough?) it's common for people to stress that they don't know if they've been abducted.

And you know what? Even people who've had several sessions with Budd and have gone to two or three support group meetings a year for several years are likely to tell you they still aren't sure. If I had a few dollars for every time I've heard that, I could still take Serge out for a good dinner, though it would have to be at one of our fine, cheap ethnic restaurants, and not in one of the top spots in Manhattan.

With that, I end my part in this sad discussion.

Greg Sandow

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A New Mailing List in French...

From: **Richard D. Nolane** raynaud@total.net
Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2000
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:01:13 -0400
Subject: A New Mailing List in French...

Dear List members,

This message to announce that I'm now the moderator of "Magonie", a new mailing list in french (please, note!) devoted to the study of the UFO phenomenon in History before 1947.

To subscribe, send a message to : Magonie-subscribe@egroups.com

Thanks!

RDN

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Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 02:58:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:30:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Linda' Case Footnote - Goldstein

>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 21:25:03 -0400

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>Date: Fri, 8 Sep 2000 19:30:19 -0300

><snip>

>>I have spoken to loads of professional groups including half a
>>dozen sections of the American Institute of Aeronautics and
>>Astronautics, Los Alamos National Lab, Gulf Research Lab,
>>Wesitinghouse Lab, 5 different Lockheed Management clubs, the
>>Chrysler Management Club, etc etc.etc My best audiences...
>>besides over 600 colleges. No eggs, no tomatoes, only 11
>>hecklers two of whom were drunk.

>Proving, yet again, that alcohol, scientists, and UFOs don't
>mix..... <g>

>Steve

Steve, deep thoughts: Perhaps that's what caused the Roswell UFO
crash. i.e. The alien "driver" may have been over the limit.

Josh
Deutsche BundesUFOzentral

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'UFOs And Abductions' - David Jacobs, Editor

From: **Dennis Stacy** <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Sat, 09 Sep 2000 21:53:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:33:45 -0400
Subject: 'UFOs And Abductions' - David Jacobs, Editor

List,

Just got my copy of UFOs and Abductions, David Jacobs editor, from Amazon today. Urge everyone to do likewise.

University press edition with a real cloth cover. When's the last time you saw one of those?

Bring down? I just hate it when book designers fob inch marks off as quotation marks. Really burns my ass. Think people would know better.

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To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Clark's Law [was: 'Linda' Case Footnote]

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Re: 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Day/Time Switch

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto**
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:49:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:49:17 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Day/Time Switch

>From: Mike Beaver <yoda@foxinternet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Strange Days... Indeed' - Day/Time Switch
>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 15:12:23 -0700

>Dear EBK:

>I started listening the shows on archive. After listening to
>one show the link (URL) no longer works to the archives?

Mike,

H'yup, you're right - seems the Xoom.com site is not currently
functioning. I found the following info which suggests that
time heals all:

Looking for www.Snap.com or www.XOOM.com?

Site Construction In Progress

To bring you better service, we are currently integrating
XOOM.com, Snap.com, and other NBCi properties into one new site,
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experience intermittent feature outages. Our engineers and
product managers are working around the clock to ensure that all
features are up and running as quickly as possible.

<snip>

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CPR-Canada News: New Directors - Saskatchewan and

From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 16:58:02 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:50:58 -0400
Subject: CPR-Canada News: New Directors - Saskatchewan and

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NEW DIRECTORS - SASKATCHEWAN AND QUEBEC

I am please to announce that CPR-Canada has two new provincial directors.

SASKATCHEWAN - Dennis Eklund

Dennis has been a life-long resident of Saskatchewan, working in the publishing industry as a graphic artist and now currently working in the advertising department of The Western Producer newspaper (<http://www.producer.com>), at the head office in Saskatoon. With many contacts in the farming/agricultural communities, he is a most needed addition to the team. He is married with two children and currently resides in Saskatoon.

QUEBEC - Fred Williams

Fred has an extensive background in computer consulting/programming, desktop publishing and engineering, including Motorola, Canadian Astronautics Ltd., Magna Technologies Ltd. and Space Research Corp. and has also been a member of MENSA among other pursuits. His knowledge in technology related fields also brings some new expertise to this whole "field" of study! He currently resides in Bolton-Centre, near Montreal.

Welcome to both. Contact information is on the web site, in Offices and Contacts:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/offices.html>

We also have a growing list of Field Research Assistants, for CPR-Canada and the BLT Research Team (field research studies are conducted jointly)

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'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 21:06:57 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:55:20 -0400
Subject: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

Source: Cosmic Comentary - <http://members.tripod.com/~CosmicRose/CCC.html>

Roswell: Enough Already
by A-J Charron
September 7, 2000

How many times can we be served this cold dish? I say cold because it's been reheated so many times that it won't reheat anymore.

Conspiracy Theorists keep saying that a UFO crashed and the US Air Force keep saying that a balloon crashed. Something crashed! What was it?

The balloon story makes no sense. And it's not suppose to. The US Air Force chose to say, in the official version, that it was a balloon, because they knew nobody would believe it. So was it a flying saucer from another planet? Well, who said it was a UFO? Actually, the first person to say that it was a UFO was the first military investigator who arrived at the crash site. In other words, the Air Force said it was a flying saucer. Therefore, it was not!

That the whole thing was a coverup is not very difficult to figure out. But then again, like the balloon story, it's not supposed to be. Then what was it?

Roswell is near the test sites of the first Atomic Bombs. Logic dictates that a plane crashed. But, Theorists say, an investigator would have figured that out right away. And so would have the witnesses: Everybody know what a plane looks like! Sure. But not many people know what a crashed plane looks like. And that's the difference.

Crash investigators say that if you did not know upon arrival that what you were looking at was a plane, you would never be able to guess. The reason is quite simple, a plane is made of aluminium and other fragile materials. It has to be or else it would never leave the ground. Throw it on the ground at several hundred miles per hour and what do you think will be left?

Not much. All the parts break up in little pieces making an unrecognizable, tangled mass. Then why cover it up? Many simple reasons. Mainly, what was in the plane. Or rather who. You've seen the video "Alien Autopsy"? Odds are it's true. As one doctor who viewed the video said, the corpse presented was that of a human female presenting several rare birth defects.

So it just adds up when you think again of the A-Bomb testings. In the fourties, the CIA abducted dozens of abandoned children. Children who had been abandoned because they presented many birth defects. Children who would not be "normal". This is a documented fact.

What did they do with them? Many of them were placed on the sites of the A-Bomb tests. By exposing them to blast, fallout, radiation, etc, the military could see the effects on human

beings. Probably many other horrible things were done to those Children, but that is not the object of this essay.

By talking about UFOs, the military were planting an idea. By denying it the next day and saying it was a weather balloon only made people realize they were lying. But people thought they were lying about the UFO bit which the military themselves had planted. If they had said it was a plane crash, there might have been a civilian investigation. This way they ensured there wouldn't be. Everything went according to plan.

So, in essence, Roswell was a coverup. The military were covering up their activities. The coverup job itself was a beauty! Over fifty years later, it's still the subject of films, documentaries, books and... essays. I hope whoever it was who had the idea to begin with quit the military and went into advertising. If so, he must be filthy rich!

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"Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence."
~~ Sir Martin Rees (astronomer)
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Cydonian Imperative: Update 9-10-00

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 18:15:13 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 10:57:12 -0400
Subject: Cydonian Imperative: Update 9-10-00

9-10-00

Cydonian Imperative

New page added. Go to

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

and select number eight from the "Journal" section.

In brief:

A second 'City'? Much talked-about images are presented for your edification.

Mac Tonnies
macbot@yahoo.com

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New Jersey UFO Conference - Addenda

From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 22:12:48 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 11:02:40 -0400
Subject: New Jersey UFO Conference - Addenda

>From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>"@earthlink.net
>Subject: New Jersey UFO Conference
>Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2000 10:10:32 -0300

>>Date: Tue, 04 Jul 2000 13:50:47 -0300
>>From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
>>Subject: New Jersey UFO Conference
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Hi List:

>>The subject conference, sponsored by THE UFO/ET WORLD TRAVELING
>>MUSEUM & LIBRARY OF SCIENTIFIC ANOMALIES will hold the 11th
>>UFO/ET CONGRESS on October 7 & 8, 2000 at the Days Inn in
>>Bordentown, New Jersey, NJ Rt. 206 at exit 7 of the New Jersey
>>Turnpike. For information write: Pat Marcattilio- DR UFO, 221
>>Joan Terrace, Hamilton, New Jersey 08629 or call(609)631-8955
>>between 11am and 3 pm week days or Saturday/Sunday or e-mail Tom
>>Benson at sparkle@earthlink.net. or write: Tom Benson, P.O. Box
>>1174, Trenton, New Jersey 08606-1174.

>>The group that sponsors the above conference, the Trenton UFO
>>Study Group has held meetings once a month since the Fall of
>>1984, one of the oldest in the country. The meetings are open to
>>the public on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the
>>Hamilton Township Library (609)581-4060.

>>Tom

>To List:

>Addenda:

>The Conference will cost \$85 for both days, if sent by September
>23, 2000. One day pass is \$50, 1 lecture only \$20, workshop,
>\$20. Checks payable to Pat J. Marcattilio, 221 Joan Terrace,
>Hamilton, N.J. 08629.

>Speakers include:

>Thomas J. Carey - UFO Crash at Roswell, New Eyewitness come
>forth. The lecture will focus on key issues surrounding the
>case and what the future holds for its further investigations.
>Emphasis will be placed upon new discoveries made during the
>last two years and what further might be in the offering.
>Thomas has worked with Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt for the
>past ten years on the Roswell incident.

>Michael Mannion - Project Mind Shift - Michael is author of this
>book and he will tell us about the forces in the US Government
>who have been conducting a 50 year campaign of re-education,
>using the media, first to conceal, then slowly reveal to the
>public the possibility of ET life. He will also discuss his
>work with experiencers whose encounters suggest that there is a
>healing and transformational aspect to the ET-Human encounters.

>Hans Holzer - Ghosts - Life Beyond Death & UFO-nauts. Hans will
>give two separate lectures on these topics. He is author of

>over 100 books including: Yankee Ghosts, Ghosts that walk in
>Washington, D.C., Psychic Investigator, travel Guide to haunted
>Houses.

>Vicki Ecker - Editor in Chief of UFO magazine, based in |Los
>Angeles, California. Vicki will discuss In Search of the Secret
>Knowledge Keepers, Who Really Controls American UFO Scene. Is it
>MJ12 or some other clandestine group? This presentation from
>little known sources, outlines a strange secret cabal that may
>or may not have "special access to the situation."

>Don Ecker - Director of Research for UFO magazine. Don will The
>Dark Side of the Moon. His illustrated talk will show us the
>Lunar Anomaly reports and photographs that show us that the Moon
>is not just a dead body. He will critically evaluate the Lunar
>photographs and other research he has conducted for 8 years.

>Jim Moseley - Editor-In- Chief of Saucer Smear and other
>publications since 1954. Jim has spoken on various UFO topics to
>100's of college and other audiences since the 60's. He held the
>largest UFO Conference in New York City in 1967 that was
>attended by 6000 people. Jim is Permanent Chairman of the
>Organizing Committee of the National UFO Conference which is
>the oldest U.S. UFO organization continually holding annual
>conferences since 1964. Jim will discuss Ufologist thoughts an
>ideas of the times and other areas.

>Pat Marcattilio, Conference host will also lecture on Origins of
>Civilizations throughout history with a focus on ET or other
>intelligence involvement with humans in their development.

>Antonio Huneeus - MUFON International Coordinator, FATE
>columnist and science journalist will discuss UFO Chronicles:
>2000- From historical research to the latest UFO waves in South
>America. This veteran journalist from the international UFO
>front lines, reviews the field with his intensive slide and
>video collection. Military generals of Chile speak out on their
>official UFO Investigations Committee. Surprisingly, and clear
>footage of UFOs by Russian Cosmonauts from the new DVD, Ultimate
>UFO, is one of Antonio's latest projects shown. Historical
>insights from one of the co-authors of the recently released
>Dell paperback: "UFO Briefing Document", the acclaimed Lawrence
>Rockefeller- funded report given to U.S. Congress and selected
>VIP's worldwide. Also discussed is the latest from the San
>Marino (Conference in Europe, that he attended and lectured to.

>Other speakers to be announced.

>Tom Benson

Hi List:

An additional speaker for the above conference is Sam Sherman, a
longtime producer of dramatic feature films and documentaries.
Sam will discuss his production of the audio documentary The
Edwards Air Force Base Encounter concerning a UFO threat at the
military base on October 7, 1965.

Tom Benson

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TMP News: Weekly Briefing 9.11.00

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<http://www.egroups.com/group/tmpnews>
<http://persweb.direct.ca/psa>

September 11, 2000

WEEKLY BRIEFING
A Weekly Summary of Current News and Reports

9.11.00

IN SEARCH OF OTHER WORLDS

The search for other planets outside our solar system is now yielding much fruit, showing that many such worlds are out there, but also that they may not always be what we expect to find...

http://www.beliefnet.com/story/40/story_4062_1.html

FALLEN GALILEO PROBE UNCOVERS SECRETS OF JUPITER'S HOT SPOTS

Now, planetary scientists have revived the quest to demystify our solar system's largest planet with new discoveries concerning Jupiter's hot spots - small dry regions in the planet's upper layers. These discoveries, aided by the Galileo probe that plunged into Jupiter's atmosphere in December 1995, will ultimately help scientists understand the intricate workings of Jupiter's tumultuous atmosphere...

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/jupiter_hotspots.html

HUBBLE WATCHES COSMIC 'BUTTERFLY' EMERGE

A newly released image from the Hubble Space Telescope reveals unprecedented detail within a rare astronomical "butterfly." The intriguing proto-planetary nebula CRL 618 is changing so rapidly that astronomers have been able to make direct observations of its cosmic evolution over the past 20 years, according to the European Space Agency (ESA). The Hubble's sharp vision reveals a previously unknown richness of detail, the ESA said...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/05/hubble.cocoon/index.html>

RESEARCHERS DEVELOPING BRICKS TO BLOCK RADIATION ON MARS

Ryan McGlothlin takes a sugar-like powder, stirs in a substance that resembles flour, pours the mix into a mold and bakes it.

The result is a small, shiny, black bar designed to shield against radiation. The powder is polyethylene and the "flour" is a gray topsoil...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/08/mars.bars.ap/index.html>

NASA GIRDS FOR SURGE IN SHUTTLE MISSIONS

NASA has long yearned for the day when it could start sending space shuttles up in quick succession to the International Space Station. "One of these days," shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore kept saying, "the dike is going to break, the dam is going to burst." Well, that day is finally here...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/04/shuttle.surge.ap/index.html>

MYSTERY OBJECTS IN TRAILS - FLYING ROBOTS AND UAVs?

Brenda Livingston provides an update on the new controversy surrounding the reported documentation by photography and video of unusual small "mystery objects" being seen in and around the chemtrails (which are controversial enough themselves to begin with)...

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

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Southern Illinois A UFO Hot Spot?

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Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 09:14:18 GMT
Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 11:17:19 -0400
Subject: Southern Illinois A UFO Hot Spot?

Source: alt.paranet.ufo

Stig

Subject: Multiple Sightings In Small Southern Illinois Area
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 01:16:55 -0500 (CDT)
From: [A living proof@webtv.net](mailto:A_living_proof@webtv.net) (B N)
Newsgroups: alt.paranet.ufo

I am new to this group but I was wondering if any one else had heard if there has been more activity around Southern Illinois?

I have been told by someone who works for dispatch at the Sheriffs Department that UFO sightings here in my county have went up from about 4/year to up to 25/month especially at the south side of the county where I live... has this been happening everywhere or just here?

Thanx in advance

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UN Builds Giant Radio Telescope To Look For ETs

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Source: The Sunday Times - London

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/sti/2000/09/10/stifgnws01001.html>

Stig

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Giant telescope to look for alien life

Jonathan Leake, Science Editor

The United Nations is drawing up plans for a giant radio telescope that will scan more than a million stars for signs of intelligent life. The £800m machine, called the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), will be the most sensitive astronomical instrument yet built.

An agreement to build the new telescope was signed last month at a meeting of the International Astronomical Union in Manchester. Scientists will spend the next few years designing the technology, with completion due in about 2015.

Scientists hope to detect television and radio transmissions, or signals broadcast by alien civilisations. "We will use it to survey stars up to 1,000 light years away from us," said Jill Tarter, a leading researcher at the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (Seti) institute in America. Seti's instruments are only powerful enough to examine several hundred stars.

Impetus for the plan has grown in recent months, with astronomers announcing the discovery of more than 40 planets in distant solar systems. The planets are mostly very large and too hot to support life as we know it, but their discovery suggests many smaller, Earth-like planets may also exist.

Besides looking for intelligent extraterrestrials, the SKA will seek the faint radiation emitted 10-12 billion years ago when the first stars and galaxies formed after the big bang, the explosion of dense matter that marked the universe's origin.

It will also allow astronomers to plot in detail the courses of asteroids and comets that threaten to collide with the Earth. Professor Peter Wilkinson, a senior astronomer at Jodrell Bank, Britain's renowned radio telescope centre, said that the SKA could enable humanity to protect itself from their impact.

Astronomers calculate that the telescope will need a collecting area of a square kilometre, made up of hundreds of antennae or dishes scattered across thousands of miles, linked by some of the most sophisticated computers on Earth.

Scientists aim to create a "radio quiet park", where nobody will be allowed to use mobile phones, TV, radio or walkie-talkies for fear their emissions could be mistaken for signs of alien life. The most likely site is in Australia.

Professor Ron Ekers, of the Australia National Telescope Facility, who has been advising the UN, said the SKA would provide "crucial new evidence on the formation and early history of the first stars".

For Tarter, however, the biggest issue is how Earth will cope if the SKA succeeds in detecting alien life. "Such a discovery will change our perception of our role in the cosmos. This telescope will be a great scientific instrument, but its effect on humanity could be profound."

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Paranoia Mag Interviews Dan Smith

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Subject: Paranoia Mag Interviews Dan Smith

Paranoia Magazine has an interview with our own guru of eschatology (rhymes, appropriately, with scatology), Dan Smith, aka Chicken Little at:

<http://www.paranoiamagazine.com/DanSmith.htm>

I was on staff at CompuServe during the episode he mentions when he was banned for declaring Himself to be the proverbial Spirit of Truth. While I found Dan to be very entertaining, some staff members were afraid his SOT rantings could cause psychological trauma for forum members.

BTW, the "Tom" in the article is none other than Ron Pandolfi from the CIA "weird desk". It is said that Ron has gotten in trouble for leading Dan down the yellow brick road. See:

<http://www.ufomind.com/people/p/pandolfi/>

Terry

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Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

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Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 15:26:07 -0400
Subject: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

from The Irish Times
<http://www.ireland.com:80/newspaper/science/2000/0911/sci1.htm>

Monday, September 11, 2000 BST

Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

By Dr William Reville

Most people are familiar with stories of aliens visiting Earth in unidentified flying objects (UFOs). For some reason the belief that aliens are here is much stronger in America than in Europe, and thousands of Americans claim to have been abducted by aliens, ushered aboard spacecraft and subjected to physical examination.

Many magazines devoted to aliens/UFOs regularly report UFO sightings and human contact with aliens. Nevertheless, there is, to my knowledge, no hard evidence that aliens are visiting Earth. Probably the most celebrated event in the alien genre is the Roswell Incident. The story of what happened at Roswell is told by Robert Park in the May/June 2000 edition of The Sciences. Park effectively, to my mind, explains away the whole incident as an artificial by-product of paranoid US military secrecy.

On June 14th, 1947, a rancher, William Brazel, spotted a large area of wreckage about 70 miles north of Roswell, New Mexico. The debris included neoprene strips, metal foil, cardboard, tape and sticks. Brazel paid little attention at the time, but several weeks later he heard reports of flying saucers and wondered if the wreckage might be related. He reported his suspicions to a local sheriff who informed the army base at Roswell.

An army intelligence officer, Major Marcel, investigated the site and concluded that the debris was the remains of a radar target or a weather balloon. He loaded all the debris into the boot of his car.

The army information office issued a statement to the effect that the army had "gained possession of a flying disc through the co-operation of a local rancher and the sheriff's office". Park says this was a garbled message which the army quickly corrected, this time describing the debris as a standard radar target. The original press release lit the fire of suspicion and, with the passage of years, the subsequent correction has increasingly been seen as a Government cover-up.

As the years passed, the Roswell story grew into a fantastically detailed saga. The debris that Major Marcel reported had fitted into the boot of his car grew into the wreckage of an entire alien spacecraft that was secretly moved by the military to an air force base in Ohio.

Alien bodies were said to have been found in the spacecraft. The aliens were described as small, with large heads and suction cups on their fingers. One alien was reported to have been alive when found but was kept hidden by the Government.

Park explains the emergence of the Roswell saga as the product of over-active imaginations stitching together bits and pieces of reports of unrelated plane crashes, parachute experiments involving roughly life-like dummies, and so on, even though some of these events occurred many miles from Roswell and years later. The story grew into a full-scale myth of an encounter with extra-terrestrials, the details of which the Government found too frightening to share with the people and consequently they, it was believed, covered up the whole thing.

As it turns out, there was a government cover-up, but not of an alien spacecraft. It involved a secret government programme from the 1940s, Project Mogul. By summer 1947 the Russians had not yet exploded their first atomic bomb, but it was clear this test was imminent. It was most important for America to know when the test took place.

Project Mogul was an attempt to listen for the explosion by launching low-frequency microphones to high altitude where sound waves can propagate around the globe. Microphones, radar tracking reflectors and other devices were sent aloft on long trains of weather balloons to listen for the atomic explosion.

These balloon trains were launched in New Mexico from a point about 100 miles west of Roswell. Flight 4 was launched on June 4th, 1947 and was tracked to within 17 miles of where Brazel found the wreckage, when contact was lost. The debris found at Roswell matches the materials used in the balloon trains. Park believes the crash of Flight 4 was the birth of what has become known as the Roswell Incident.

PROJECT MOGUL remained secret until 1994, when Steven Schiff, a Congressman from New Mexico, insisted on an all-out search for records and witnesses to reassure the public there was no government cover-up of Roswell. Had the truth been revealed about Project Mogul in 1947, it would almost certainly have killed off speculation about the Roswell debris, but the truth emerged 50 years too late. For many UFO-enthusiasts, the government secrecy over Project Mogul simply reinforced their conviction that the government also covered up the far more sensitive matter of contact with extraterrestrials.

The Russians carried out their first atomic test in August, 1949, which quickly became common knowledge. At that stage what possible advantage was there for the government to hide Project Mogul, especially when revealing some details would prevent the growth of a potentially dangerous myth? Any reasonable person would allow government the freedom to maintain a certain level of secrecy in some areas, particularly at times of war or threat of war. Unfortunately this concession to government is wide open to abuse and leads to a culture of secrecy.

Keeping secrets inevitably leads to lies and inevitably some of these lies are found out. This destroys trust. Polls in the US now show a growing number of people think the government is covering up information about UFOs. When the public loses trust in government experts, there is a ripple effect outwards of diminished trust in all expert scientific opinion. As the tide of trust recedes it is smoothly replaced by receptivity to all sorts of pseudo-science and even outright superstition - and this apparently is the unfortunate legacy of the crash of a weather balloon at Roswell in 1947.

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Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

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Subject: Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

>From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
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>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 21:06:57 EDT
>Subject: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

>Source: Cosmic Comentary - <http://members.tripod.com/~CosmicRose/CCC.html>

>Roswell: Enough Already
>by A-J Charron
>September 7, 2000

>How many times can we be served this cold dish? I say cold
>because it's been reheated so many times that it won't reheat
>anymore.

>Conspiracy Theorists keep saying that a UFO crashed and the US
>Air Force keep saying that a balloon crashed. Something crashed!
>What was it?

>The balloon story makes no sense. And it's not suppose to. The
>US Air Force chose to say, in the official version, that it was a
>balloon, because they knew nobody would believe it. So was it a
>flying saucer from another planet? Well, who said it was a UFO?
>Actually, the first person to say that it was a UFO was the
>first military investigator who arrived at the crash site. In
>other words, the Air Force said it was a flying saucer.
>Therefore, it was not!

>That the whole thing was a coverup is not very difficult to
>figure out. But then again, like the balloon story, it's not
>supposed to be. Then what was it?

>Roswell is near the test sites of the first Atomic Bombs. Logic
>dictates that a plane crashed.

Somebody needs to study a map. The only above ground nuclear test conducted in New Mexico was at the Trinity site on White Sands Missile Range on July 16, 1945. It was exploded on a tower. Not dropped from an airplane This is over 100 miles and over a mountain range from the Brazel ranch.

Since the 509th was the most elite military group in the world in 1947 and flew loads of B-29s and other airplanes from Roswell Army Air Field, and since there were a number of plane crashes in the area, this explanation is ridiculous. Marcel and others were also familiar with plane crashes from their service time in the Pacific during WW 2.

>But, Theorists say, an
>investigator would have figured that out right away. And so
>would have the witnesses: Everybody know what a plane looks
>like! Sure. But not many people know what a crashed plane looks
>like. And that's the difference.

>Crash investigators say that if you did not know upon arrival
>that what you were looking at was a plane, you would never be
>able to guess. The reason is quite simple, a plane is made of
>aluminium and other fragile materials. It has to be or else it

>would never leave the ground. Throw it on the ground at several
>hundred miles per hour and what do you think will be left?

>Not much. All the parts break up in little pieces making an
>unrecognizable, tangled mass. Then why cover it up? Many simple
>reasons. Mainly, what was in the plane. Or rather who. You've
>seen the video "Alien Autopsy"? Odds are it's true. As one
>doctor who viewed the video said, the corpse presented was that
>of a human female presenting several rare birth defects.

>So it just adds up when you think again of the A-Bomb testings.
>In the forties, the CIA abducted dozens of abandoned children.
>Children who had been abandoned because they presented many
>birth defects. Children who would not be "normal". This is a
>documented fact.

What in the world does this have to do with Roswell even if it
were true?? Documented where??

>What did they do with them? Many of them were placed on the
>sites of the A-Bomb tests. By exposing them to blast, fallout,
>radiation, etc, the military could see the effects on human
>beings. Probably many other horrible things were done to those
>Children, but that is not the object of this essay.

>By talking about UFOs, the military were planting an idea. By
>denying it the next day and saying it was a weather balloon only
>made people realize they were lying. But people thought they
>were lying about the UFO bit which the military themselves had
>planted. If they had said it was a plane crash, there might have
>been a civilian investigation. This way they ensured there
>wouldn't be. Everything went according to plan.

Why would there be a civilian investigation of a military plane
crash??

>So, in essence, Roswell was a coverup. The military were
>covering up their activities. The coverup job itself was a
>beauty! Over fifty years later, it's still the subject of films,
>documentaries, books and... essays. I hope whoever it was who
>had the idea to begin with quit the military and went into
>advertising. If so, he must be filthy rich!

Some success... essentially nothing about Roswell from mid-July
1947 until I spoke with Lydia Sleppy in the early 1970s and with
Jesse Marcel in 1978... A number of us have spent enormous amounts
of time on Roswell and the government lies. People and certainly
the media bought the Balloon Explanation... no mention of bodies,
in a day or so. This is conspiracy theorism at its worst. No
facts no data, wrong info etc..

Stan Friedman

Does anybody have the source citation for the Rees quote below?

>"Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence."
>~~ Sir Martin Rees (astronomer)
><http://CosmicRose.tripod.com/CCC.html>

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>Sciences. Park effectively, to my mind, explains away the whole
>incident as an artificial by-product of paranoid US military
>secrecy.

<snip>

Ah, yes, Robert Park, author of "Voodoo Science" which slashes
everything from Cold Fusion to UFOs. Unfortunately, Bob was
jogging last week when a tree fell on him. He was in critical
condition at last report. See:

<http://www.aps.org/WN/>

It was described as a bizarre accident. Could be his Karma
caught up with him.

Terry

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Roswell - Beyond Schiff?

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Subject: Roswell - Beyond Schiff?

Hello to all List members

A French journalist has asked me if, since the death of Congressman Steven Schiff, have any other Congressman, or important personality in politics or any other field, undertaken action or research regarding UFOS and made a public statement about it.

Thank you in advance for any advice on this matter.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

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Subject: Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

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>Subject: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

Just a few questions if you don't mind.....

>Roswell is near the test sites of the first Atomic Bombs. Logic
>dictates that a plane crashed. But, Theorists say, an
>investigator would have figured that out right away. And so
>would have the witnesses: Everybody know what a plane looks
>like! Sure. But not many people know what a crashed plane looks
>like. And that's the difference.

Correct, in 1947 not a lot of people would know what a crashed
airplane looked like, however I kinda hope that a Major in the
Air Force might have an inkling as to what a crashed plane
looked like. Especially a Major that was involved in Military
Intelligence.

>Crash investigators say that if you did not know upon arrival
>that what you were looking at was a plane, you would never be
>able to guess. The reason is quite simple, a plane is made of
>aluminium and other fragile materials. It has to be or else it
>would never leave the ground. Throw it on the ground at several
>hundred miles per hour and what do you think will be left?

Probably the same kind of stuff that would be left behind by a
crashed "Flying Saucer"

>Not much. All the parts break up in little pieces making an
>unrecognizable, tangled mass. Then why cover it up? Many simple
>reasons. Mainly, what was in the plane. Or rather who. You've
>seen the video "Alien Autopsy"? Odds are it's true. As one
>doctor who viewed the video said, the corpse presented was that
>of a human female presenting several rare birth defects.

Err, just a little moot point. That's pre-supposing that the AA
Film was showing a Bona Fide autopsy? Most people have kinda
agreed that the AA Film is merely a hoax.

>So it just adds up when you think again of the A-Bomb testings.
>In the fourties, the CIA abducted dozens of abandoned children.
>Children who had been abandoned because they presented many
>birth defects. Children who would not be "normal". This is a
>documented fact.

Whoa! Sorry, but where is any evidence of the CIA going around
the countryside abducting children? Don't look now but that
sound you hear in the background is some very angry CIA types
and it might be A-J Charron that is abducted shortly.

>What did they do with them? Many of them were placed on the
>sites of the A-Bomb tests. By exposing them to blast, fallout,
>radiation, etc, the military could see the effects on human
>beings. Probably many other horrible things were done to those
>Children, but that is not the object of this essay.

Ahem. So, Charron is saying that not only did the CIA expose

children to Radiation, they also wanted to do _other_ things to them as well? I _could_ be wrong here but I don't think making the CIA your enemy would work in your best interests. Something tells me that the CIA agents who are _also_ parents are gonna want to talk to you.

>By talking about UFOs, the military were planting an idea. By >denying it the next day and saying it was a weather balloon only >made people realize they were lying. But people thought they >were lying about the UFO bit which the military themselves had >planted. If they had said it was a plane crash, there might have >been a civilian investigation. This way they ensured there >wouldn't be. Everything went according to plan.

Just for fun, Charron is saying that the Military were helping the CIA by issuing an easily debunked lie so they could look stupid? Yeah, uh huh, I can see them wanting to do this. Sure.....

>So, in essence, Roswell was a coverup. The military were >covering up their activities. The coverup job itself was a >beauty! Over fifty years later, it's still the subject of >films, documentaries, books and... essays. I hope whoever it >was who had the idea to begin with quit the military and went >into advertising. If so, he must be filthy rich!

Okay Charron got me really confused. The military were covering up their activities? I thought Charron said the military were covering up the CIA activities?

>--
>"Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence."
>~~ Sir Martin Rees (astronomer)
><http://CosmicRose.tripod.com/CCC.html>

Absence is absence, evidence is evidence, where's yours?

Dave (Furry)

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Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

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Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 00:46:58 -0400
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>Subject: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

>from The Irish Times
><http://www.ireland.com:80/newspaper/science/2000/0911/sci1.htm>

>Monday, September 11, 2000 BST

>Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

>By Dr William Reville

>Most people are familiar with stories of aliens visiting Earth
>in unidentified flying objects (UFOs). For some reason the
>belief that aliens are here is much stronger in America than in
>Europe, and thousands of Americans claim to have been abducted
>by aliens, ushered aboard spacecraft and subjected to physical
>examination.

<snip>

However well written and interesting this whole article is, I am
sorry to say that for Roswell to be "debunked" would require
just a little more than simply a long diatribe that amounts to
nothing more than theoretical supposition.

But that's just MY take on it.<grin>
Dave (Furry)

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 00:50:40 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
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>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>Date: Tue, 5 Sep 2000 13:01:49 -0400

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>>>Date: Sun, 03 Sep 2000 17:25:54 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>>>I have spent many lonely days in NYC and the one thing that New
>>>Yorkers absolutely do not do is 'look up'. Anyone in Manhattan
>>>who walks around looking up is a tourista.

>>Very true!

>>When I was writing about the Linda case, I talked to truck
>>drivers at the NY Post plant near Linda's apartment building.
>>They, conceivably, could have seen the UFO. But they don't look
>>up. Why would they?

>Terry, Greg,

>This rather misses the point. The alleged eyewitnesses on the
>elevated Brooklyn Bridge would hardly had to have looked "up" at
>all. In theory, the glowing UFO pulling Linda out of her
>apartment would have been roughly eye-level. And these people
>also reportedly had their cars stalled. And don't forget:
>Dan/Richard wasn't looking up, either; he first saw the UFO as a
>reflection in a gum wrapper! You might as well argue that, of
>all New Yorkers, only those employed to guard the Sec. Gen. of
>the UN at 3am in the morning, parked underneath an underpass
>near Linda's apartment while on his way to a closed heliport,
>chew gum. (Btw, does anyone know if he was even headed in the
>right direction?)

Were we talking about people on the bridge seeing the UFO? We
were talking about people in New York generally. I was foolish
enough to mention the NY Post workers, whom I'd actually talked
to. Then... pow! In rushes Dennis, to gnaw at all-too-familiar
-- even the debate is familiar -- details of the case.

As I said at the start, I'm not interested in redebating the
truth or non-truth of the case itself.

>And I say that not as a claimed expert about anything. I just
>get a warm and fuzzy feeling whenever Greg agrees with an
>observational NYC "expert" who isn't me.

Dennis, I just agree with people who make sense. If you're going
to hold forth about subjects you don't know about, I reserve the
right to tease your claims to expertise. (I'm still thinking
about your notion that anyone at a big-city daily newspaper
listens to police radio all day long. When I worked at a daily

newspaper in Los Angeles, the late Herald-Examiner, that certainly wasn't the case. I can't speak for dailies in NY, because I've never looked into this point, but I wonder. Dennis, do you know this for a fact, or did you see it in a movie?)

>>And once I was listening to a NYC radio talk show about UFOs. A >>skeptic called up to defend one pro-UFO point -- that many >>people wouldn't see a UFO if it passed overhead. She said she'd >>seen a low-flying weather balloon one day, and no one on the >>street looked up.

>>Me, I've seen one astounding aerial sight -- a commercial jet >>(I'm not making this up) fly south over 5th Avenue, so low that >>when it went further south and passed it World Trade Center >>towers, it was lower than they were. Not a soul on the street >>looked up to watch it.

>>Greg Sandow

>But you did. So did the woman who saw the weather balloon >earlier. "Not a soul...?" Surely neither of you actually meant >to speak for the entire rest of the city. Or maybe you do?

First this, then Serge. Allow me to rephrase my sentence, whose meaning must have been clear to most of us; "Not a soul looked up, except me and my friend." In a city with eight million people, some, obviously, do look up. But most don't, which means that unusual aerial activity of all sorts could go on here without as many people noticing as non-New Yorkers might think.

Even people who live here don't know we have fabulous sunsets!

Greg Sandow

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Filer's Files #36 -- 2000

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UFO ACTIVITY SEEMS TO BE PICKING UP SINCE LABOR DAY
WITH NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS IN NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA,
MICHIGAN, COLORADO, WASHINGTON AND CANADA

ASTRONAUT COOPER CLAIMS GOVERNMENT WITHHOLDS UFO DATA

Air Force Colonel Leroy Gordon "Gordo" Cooper who was one of the original Mercury astronauts claims that the government has withheld information that alien spacecraft have visited Earth. Cooper claims the government has "swept under the rug" the truth about unidentified flying objects. "Each administration has probably tried to figure out how, with the least embarrassment, they could confess to this whole thing," he said. His new book "Leap of Faith: An Astronaut's Journey in the Unknown" (HarperCollins Publishers, \$25) reveals new information about his own encounters with UFOs. Cooper says "They need to clean the slate about what has been going on or has not been going on," Sitting on top of an Atlas missile he flew into space in 1963.

NEW JERSEY CIRCLE OF LIGHTS

BERLIN -- My name is Carol, and last night September 10, 2000, my family was sitting out side and we all saw strange lights in the sky. They were flying in a circle coming together flying around again. If I could draw it on the computer it would look like a wheel. We watched for about twenty minutes. I wanted to call someone about it, but didn't know who to contact. When my husband got home from work he told me other people had also seen it in the sky and reported it. It was called in to some radio stations as unidentified. I have seen things over the years. I am 52 and it all started back in the 50s when I was around 12 years old. Thanks to Carol Alian10094

PENNSYLVANIA VIDEO OF UFOs

PITTSTON TOWNSHIP -- Chuck and a female witness noticed several strange flying objects in the sky on August 20, 2000, at 7:45 PM. He happened to have his Sharp Video camera with him and started to video tape shooting towards the sunset. A strange white disc shaped object was hovering in the sky. The object had a white and black exhaust or contrail beneath it. At first Chuck thought the object might be a rocket, but rockets do not hover in the sky for an extended period. The UFO started to climb higher in the sky and the exhaust or contrail disappeared. The disc was about the width of his thumb at arm's length with the exhaust about the length of his hand. The UFO did not appear to move laterally but climbed quickly out of sight almost straight up. Several other balls of light or UFOs are apparent on the film in the distance. The film shows a road scene, a restaurant, telephone pole and the objects in the distance. Chuck then zooms 64 times to a close up of the object that appears as a white spinning disc. The video is several minutes long and allows the viewer to see the UFO for an extended time. Further analysis of

the film continues. Thanks to Chuck in Scranton.

NORTH CAROLINA DISC SHAPED UFO

ROCKY MOUNT TAR RIVER RESERVOIR -- Martin Richer writes, "I had a sighting of some sort in early September last year shortly after Hurricane Floyd came through this area and brought catastrophic floods. Many deaths occurred in this vicinity and rescue helicopters blanketed our area. My back door sits just 280 feet from the river's edge but luckily, my home sits high enough that we avoided major damage. Three days after the worst flooding, I took my boat out to explore the damage and as I returned to my home I waded towards shore when I stepped in a hole. I stumbled, dunking myself in the brackish flood fouled water. I rose up sputtering, gasping, and cursing, and tried not to lose my temper. I looked up and 500 yards across the reservoir was a craft of some sort.

It was about 25 feet across, and somewhat boxy in shape, although all edges were smoothed out and rounded. It appeared to be completely white in color, and had no visible windows, doors or, antennae. There were no apparent lights or seams. The sun had just set and was near the craft, but below the tree line. It made no detectable noise, and was at a distance no more than 100 yards past where I can easily hear a small motorboat engine. It just hovered there about 300 yards above the trees. It slowly moved away from me towards the north, rising slowly to 1000 feet. In a smooth motion, it accelerated rapidly and was lost to sight behind the tree line within a second or two. From the time I first noticed the craft or whatever sitting stationary till it began to move back and to my right took about 12-15 seconds. It took perhaps another 12-15 seconds to move out of sight. This thing didn't exhibit any flight characteristics unknown to conventional craft, only it's appearance and lack of sound was odd. Thanks to Martin Richer

GEORGIA FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF UFO BOOM

COLUMBUS -- Researcher John C. Thompson writes, "A major break has developed in the February 5, 2000, central Georgia 'mystery boom' that was widely reported by Columbus news-media" Jim Steen of MUFON in Columbus alerted me to new witnesses in Mauk, Georgia. The Marion County couple were at home when at 5:20 PM they heard, like tens of thousands of others, a loud explosion that knocked items off their living room shelves. They ran outside and saw a high flying "tiny white speck" with contrail behind it almost directly overhead. Simultaneously, another object emerged at a 75 degrees from the contrail of what they thought was a fighter jet flying to the southeast. The 41 year old husband described the UFO as a "shiny metallic spear" that contracted and elongated as it moved at a dazzling speed away from the fighter.

The UFO looked exactly like a metal cigar canister that moved many times faster than the jet. At its greatest length, the UFO was "eight times" longer than the jet which could be compared near it. At its shortest, it was half that size. It "oscillated" in size as it flew away silently to the southwest. The wife said the UFO was many times bigger than the jet and was a metallic disc that was rapidly spinning as it sped away in excess of 2000 mph. A soft whoosh from the engines of the overhead jet could be heard. The large blimp size UFO--the husband said "was much bigger than any Fuji film blimp. It made no sound and covered a third of the horizon in only "4 seconds." It disappeared behind a stand of short pines. The visibility was excellent, ceiling unlimited, 65 degrees F, with little wind. The jet, whose swept back wings and fuselage could clearly be seen, meanwhile, was still in sight nearly two minutes later at a 140 degrees azimuth. Both craft appeared to be at the same altitude. It can be estimated, based on the fighter's small apparent size, that they were flying above 20,000 feet. Within 18 hours 10 to 15 military jets were seen to be flying a "tic-tac-toe pattern" over Marion and adjacent Taylor County. This abnormal military air activity went on for ten days. Tree-hugging Blackhawk helicopters were seen within four days following the blast doing search patterns. The dark Blackhawks had absolutely no markings. Some were seen with side refueling probes and with forward "bulbs." Such helicopters, "Pave-Hawks," with refueling probes and forward infrared internal sensors, are stationed at Hurlburt Field near Eglin AFB in northwest Florida. Many thanks to Jim Steen and John C. Thompson, copyright 2000. All rights reserved.

Editors Note: The 347th Wing at MoodyAFB, GA. has F-16s fighters whose length is 49 feet 5 inches long. Estimated size is 8 x 50 = 400 feet in length for the UFO. Eglin AFB has F-15s that are 64 feet in length.

MICHIGAN HORSESHOE SHAPED UFO

ANN ARBOR -- Daniel C. Hoppin writes that on Saturday, September 9, 2000, my brother and girlfriend were walking down a crowded main street around 9:30 at night. I saw a family pointing up at the sky and overheard the little girl ask her dad "What is that?" to which the father responded, "I don't know, we've never seen anything like it." I looked up and saw an object moving north, high overhead. At first I thought it was some kind of odd shaped balloon, but as I watched, it turned. The object was a red/ochre color, and shaped like a horseshoe, with the open end facing the back. At this point I drew my comrades attention to the object, and they watched it as well. The night was hazy, and the object wasn't lit, so it was not obvious unless you were looking right at it. My brother thought that the reddish color was actually a reflection of the downtown lights. We watched the object slowly move north straight above the street, until it faded away in the haze. A plane traveling a similar flight path flew over at what seemed the same altitude. We estimate the UFO was half a football field or 150 feet in length. We heard no noise. There are several blimps that fly out of Ann Arbor, but what we saw wasn't a blimp, airplane, helicopter, or flock of geese, it was solid, and like the little girls daddy said, "I've never seen anything like it." Thanks to Daniel Hoppin
danchoppin@earthlink.net (Daniel c Hoppin)

OHIO AIR PASSENGER SPOTS A UFO HOVERING

CLEVELAND -- On Saturday, August 19, 2000, at 2:00 PM, Floyd Juillard was a passenger aboard an America West jetliner making its final approach into Cleveland International Airport. Just then, he heard the pilot's voice on the intercom, "Ladies and gentlemen, Cleveland Center has just cleared us to descend to 12,000 feet. Please return your seats and trays to the upright position." As the jetliner entered the inbound air traffic over Olmstead Falls, Ohio, Floyd peered out his window, looking north towards downtown Cleveland, and spotted a rectangular UFO. It was "silent and fast, heading west at (bearing) 260 degrees true. I was looking north at first, but I followed it west with my gaze." He described the UFO as "four lights spread in a rectangular shape and first moving slightly up and down and slightly east and west, close to the terrain. At times it moved to the west and traveling at great acceleration until it was almost immediately out of sight." He added, that the four lights, "Resembled Fourth of July handheld fireworks. Thanks to UFO Roundup Volume 5, # 36 9/7/00 Editor: Joseph Trainor

DAYTON -- Ginny Burgess writes, "Thanks for accepting my call concerning the article "Ridicule of UFO Reports Started with the Robertson Panel." I wanted to let you know prior to sending the reports we documented of numerous kinds of aerial activity happening here in Ohio. We made this known to various UFO groups and government agencies in an effort to try to figure out what was going on here. We not only got treated with disbelief but with ridicule. Many of the reports I have of what has been happening locally here, for about six years now, are ones that I have had to document much of myself because sightings were happening so frequently starting in the fall of 1996. There was so much activity happening here that you may find the numerous reports by local people hard to comprehend as having occurred. Thanks to: Ginny Burgessburgess@voyager.net

COLORADO DISC

LOVELAND -- On the night of August 25, 2000, my 14 year old son and I were returning home from football practice. As we were headed in a northerly direction at approximately 21:30 MT, my son exclaimed, "Hey Dad, what the heck kind of aircraft is that?" As I looked out the driver side window, I saw exactly what he was puzzled over. About 1000 feet up, directly over the city was what appeared to be a saucer or disk-shaped craft. This craft had, what I can best describe as a white, strobe-like light on top. Around it's entire circumference was a rotating orange band which seemed to revolve in a clockwise motion around the object. What was even more interesting was that this object then turned off the strobe effect and it's rotating orange

light. At this point in time the craft was roughly 300 yards away from our car and we had been viewing it for about 1 minute. It then appeared to assume the conventional aviation lights of a small plane! As we turned west to continue the drive home, my son said "Look, that thing is following us!" It seemed to be keeping a parallel course with the route we were taking. As we pulled into our driveway, it remained on it's current course and we quickly lost site of view. The total viewing time of this incident was between 2 and 3 minutes. I am a computer specialist by trade and my son is a bright, mature, and fairly average teenage kid who dislikes being the center of attention. The only reason I'm reporting this incident is because we felt it so bizarre and it needed to be archived somewhere.

WASHINGTON CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT

SEATTLE -- I awoke at 4:00 AM to use the bathroom on September 2, 2000. I heard a sound coming from outside that caught my attention because it was coming from the sky, but didn't have the focused, directional sound of a jet engine. When I looked out my bathroom window facing north, I saw a cigar shaped object with several bluish white lights on the side (roughly 1/3 to 1/2 way between the front and back). The object was flying fairly low in the sky in a singular, easterly direction and from it's size, it appeared to be fairly near. I viewed the object for 3 seconds before it flew out of the view of my window. The sound was still audible for a few seconds after I lost visibility. Slightly stunned, I returned to bed but was unable to sleep. I got up again 1 or 2 minutes later but did not sight the object again. (NUFORC Note: We spoke with this witness, and we found her to be exceptionally convincing in her description of her alleged sighting.) Thanks to Peter Davenport www.ufocenter.com.

CALIFORNIA F-117 STEALTH NEAR MISS WITH COMMERCIAL JET

LOS ANGELES (AP) - An F-117 stealth fighter flew close enough to a United Airlines jet to set off the passenger plane's onboard radar September 7, the airline and the military said. The incident occurred shortly after United flight 174 left Los Angeles International Airport for Boston about 8:30 a.m., said Chris Nardella, a spokeswoman for United, which is based in the Chicago suburb of Elk Grove Village. The Boeing 757 was flying at about 10,800 feet when its onboard radar equipment detected an approaching aircraft. Nardella said the crew kept the plane at that altitude until the Air Force jet passed overhead. Preliminary reports showed the United plane and an F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter came within 500 feet vertically and six-tenths of a mile horizontally of each other, FAA spokesman Jerry Snyder said Thursday night. According to Visual Flight Rules, which the Nighthawk flies by, "this 500 feet separation was within safe perimeters for all passing aircraft's," Snyder said. The stealth jet, which is able to evade radar, was broadcasting its position publicly when the near-miss occurred. "The F-117, on a training flight, was not in stealth configuration and was flying according to FAA rules," the Air Force said in a statement. Under such conditions the plane uses a standard transponder to alert other aircraft to its position, the Air Force said. The F-117 flies out of an Air Force facility in Palmdale, about 60 miles from Los Angeles, and the squadron is based at Edwards Air Force Base. The United flight carried 166 passengers and seven crew. Thanks to Kenny Young- UFO Research <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/> Editor's Note: The article notes that the Stealth appeared on the jetliner's transponder and onboard radar. Some airliners carry a biostatic radar that can pick up Stealth aircraft. These radar's do not send out a signal in the normal sense but pickup aircraft in the general area. The Chinese Embassy in Kosovo used these Biostatic radar's to track Stealth Fighters during the recent war in Yugoslavia. After this information was passed to enemy forces the Biostatic radar's on the Chinese Embassy were destroyed.

PEAK SUNSPOT ACTIVITY AND UFOs

Since the first of the year the sun has been near the peak of its eleven year activity cycle. There are more sunspots, solar flares and UV rays from the Sun than at any time since 1989. The sun is in the maximum phase of the solar cycle now, and it will probably persist for another year. This years activity is it's definitely bigger than average. Fortunately, our atmosphere shields you from most harmful radiation. There has been an apparent correlation between a lower number of UFO sightings and

high sunspot activity. Last fall reports were averaging 400 reports per month but with the sunspot activity reports dropped sharply to around 200 a month. Larry Hatch has been conducting a massive study of the best UFO reports over many years had decided to compare high sunspot activity with his database of more than 10,000 highly reliable UFO reports. At first his raw data seemed to show there was no apparent difference between low and high sunspot activity.

He writes, "It took over 15 years to dig through all of this and catalogue some 17,660 sightings." I compared 239 months of Low sunspot (SS) activity with 193 months of high activity, so naturally one would expect more UFO sightings during the low months if you just take a raw count. Much more telling is the number of sightings per month, i.e., For LOW SS months I divided 6214 events by 239 months to get 26.0 events per month. For HIGH SS months I divide 4708 events by 193 months to get 24.4 events per month. Granted this is still higher for low SS months, but not much higher. I don't call myself a statistician, but would wager that they would not consider the small difference highly significant."

The *U* Database Attributes deals with apparent or presumes activities of UFOs or their occupants. The majority of listings here fall into one or another category below. Here's the breakdown for Row #5, split between low and high sunspots months as described earlier:

| ROW #5 | Low SS (6179) | | High SS (4743) | |
|----------------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Observation | 1669 | 27.01% | 1230 | 25.93% |
| Beams & Rays | 458 | 7.412% | 356 | 7.505% |
| Samples taken? | 162 | 2.622% | 75 | 1.581% |
| Missing Time? | 88 | 1.424% | 57 | 1.202% |
| Abduction? | 111 | 1.796% | 65 | 1.370% |
| Medical Ops? | 39 | 0.583% | 14 | 0.295% |
| Signaling? | 145 | 2.347% | 120 | 2.530% |
| Communication? | 101 | 1.635% | 61 | 1.286% |
| All records | 6179 | 100.0% | 4743 | 100.0% |

In all categories except one (Beams and Rays) the activities reported during low sunspot months exceed rates for those in high sunspot months. The biggest discrepancy is in "signaling", a loose grab of apparent behaviors indicating some sort of information transmitted to or from a UFO via lights, beams, radio, etc., etc. A classic example might be a pair of disks firing thin laser-like beams back and forth. This is nearly twice as likely during low-SS months. "Communication" means any transmission of information between a UFO "entity" and a human observer, often in the context of an abduction. Again this is much more likely in low SS months. "Medical Ops" are entirely or almost entirely within the abduction framework. Your classical nasal implant, if listed at all, goes here. With every caution against statistics of small samples, note the nearly two to one ratio favoring low-SS months. The 6th row specifies what is acted upon, or often merely "observed" or apparently studied by the UFO. Missing Time and Abduction reports alike are roughly 19% more common in the same low SS months. I find "sampling behavior" very interesting. Plants, animals, rocks, dirt, (humans?) Here the odds nearly double during low SS months. Whether simply observing or taking samples, something or somebody is acted upon. Row 6 of the indicates the apparent "objects of attention":

| Row 6 | Low SS (6179) | | High SS (4743) | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Nuclear Fclty | 104 | 1.683% | 70 | 1.476% |
| Dirt, Soil.. | 371 | 6.004% | 228 | 4.807% |
| Plants and Veg. | 302 | 4.888% | 198 | 4.175% |
| Animals | 220 | 3.560% | 134 | 2.825% |
| Humans | 453 | 7.331% | 303 | 6.388% |
| Vehicles | 907 | 14.68% | 695 | 14.65% |
| Structures | 464 | 7.509% | 331 | 6.974% |
| UFO Landings | 1281 | 20.73% | 756 | 15.94% |
| All records | 6179 | 100.0% | 4743 | 100.0% |

In every category, low SS months show a higher incidence. Only Vehicle cases, (usually cases of vehicle interference) are in nearly equal ratios. Soil and animal samples, traces and effects

show the greatest discrepancies. Nuclear Facilities are military and civilian and do not necessarily show "clear intent," often it was mere proximity. UFO Landings include cases where the craft stopped within say 2 meters of the ground, close enough to drop a ladder. Again, the non-SS months predominate by a nearly 4:3 ratio. Dirt and soil include trace cases (presumed landings) and soil sampling. The data accumulated so far, seems to indicate a smallish but consistent bias toward periods of low sunspot activity. The categories above, which generally indicate relatively close encounters, seem to bear this out more clearly than the raw numbers for sightings of all types posted earlier. As for quality of the data, please by all means check my list of *U* Database Sources:

<http://www.jps.net/larryhat/USOURCE.html> A Special Thanks to Larry Hatch for his work. larryhat@jps.net

CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA SIGHTINGS

LAKE COWICHAN -- On August 3, 2000, between 11:00 PM and 1:00 AM three persons witnessed reoccurring UFO sightings. The witness reports, "At first there was only one that we all saw and it moved in a triangular pattern for about half of an hour moving fast then slow, but always in the same triangle shape." The object was dim and then bright all of the sudden and repeated this the entire time. We saw along the horizon just above the tops of the trees about a dozen UFOs. It was hard to count because they moved so fast, almost dancing with each other. During this time there were numerous shooting stars with a huge bright flashes that flew in the exact direction to the spot where we observed the UFOs. The UFO's were red, green, blue and orange. Most had like a blue/green tracer that followed it. These must have been UFOs since I have never seen anything move in such sporadic directions as these did. They could move across our entire field of vision in a split second and then be right back were we first spotted them."

PITT LAKE -- The witness and two companions were occupying a cabin on August 4, 2000, when they spotted a bright white light that suddenly "appeared" without warning at 10:55 PM. Larger than any star or satellite they had ever seen previously. The light appeared in the Southwest and traveled slowly and erratically to the Northwest before fading from sight.

VANCOUVER ISLAND -- A woman was on her sundeck on August 7, 2000, looking westward when she observed a shiny ball-like object that seemed to be reflecting sunlight at 4:30 PM. It was flying towards Powell River at normal speed for a commercial aircraft. She watched it for several minutes as it flew above Harwood Island. She could see it fairly clearly and was sure it was not a normal aircraft. She called for her son to come out and have a look. That was when it stopped, appeared to reverse its course, climbed at an incredible speed and disappeared in a matter of 3 to 5 seconds.

PROCTOR FERRY-- On August 17, 2000, the witnesses two dogs woke up and wanted to go out at 11:30 PM, when she saw an object with red, blue and green flickering lights around the top. Calling her partner out they watched the object move up, down, left and right without any noise. The dogs normally stay asleep all night. After twenty minutes it headed off and landed on the nearby mountain top. Its lights went out, came back on and then went out again. The witness stated there have been lots of sightings in Proctor and over Kootenay Lake.

SURREY -- The witness was driving her truck along 96th Avenue on August-21, 2000 in, heading west towards Scott Road at 10:50 PM, when she suddenly saw a bright light "appear" on her left, traveling quickly at 500 to 1000 feet. She thought at first it was a plane about to crash. It was heading north and had red and green lights on it. She had it in view for no longer than 20 seconds before it disappeared from view behind some trees.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE -- On August-21, 2000, we saw a spectacular fireball come down over the south island. The fireball was some distance to the west, over the hills, fairly close to the horizon at 10:52 PM. The center of the fireball was green, and it left a bright, glowing yellow tail. At one point it flared brightly as if it had partly exploded, and then several pieces glowed yellow as they fell.

WHITE ROCK -- The witness looked out of her window around midnight and saw a bright white diamond-shaped light traveling south to north on August-21, 2000. She was looking west. As soon as she saw it a car alarm went off across the street! She turned away from the window and next she knew it was 1:00, it seems that she had somehow lost an hour. Thanks to: UFO*BC <http://www.ufobc.org> and Gavin McLeod

THE 11TH GREAT UFO CONGRESS will be held at the Days Inn in Bordentown, NJ on October 7 and *, 2000. Scheduled speakers are Tom Carey -Roswell Crash, Hans Holzer, Life After Death, Antonio Huneus UFO Briefing Document, Don Ecker The Dark side of the Moon, Vicki Ecker - In search of the Secret Keepers, Mike Mannion Project Mind Shift, Pat Marcattilio -The Origeins of Civilizations, James Mosely - A Skeptical Ufologist Sam Sherman - Edwards AFB Encounter

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I am contacting all of you to ask for your assistance in urging MUFON members to vote on the new MUFON By Laws; either for or against acceptance. This is the first time in many years that the membership has had an opportunity to vote on a revision to the Bylaws. The divided Bylaw committee worked very hard to arrive at a modern set of Bylaws for your consideration. It is up to the membership to determine whether or not we proceed to work under the new or old Bylaws. Thanks to John Schuessler MUFON International Director

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Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 22:34:11 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:13:20 -0400
Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Rudiak

>From: Peter Brookesmith The Duke of Mendoza >DarkSecretPB@compuserve.com>
>Date: Mon, 4 Sep 2000 21:10:31 -0400
>Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2000 06:19:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Brookesmith

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Tue, 29 Aug 2000 23:55:39 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>OK. Let's review. The Orfordness light is "masked to the
>>landward side." So if it's masked, how can the beam be
>>"seen _directly_" 3 miles inland?

>Or rather more miles, I think. But: because it's not masked from
>every inland point on God's Earth, that's why.

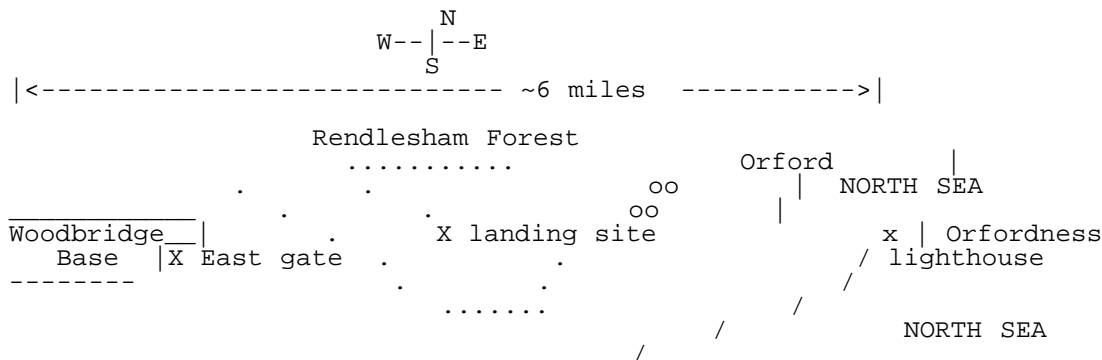
So now it's only selectively masked -- how convenient for
debunking purposes! Perhaps you can provide us with a photo of
the lighthouse showing us the window in the rear wall of the
lighthouse that makes this possible?

>Here is something
>or two from a private exchange I had a few days ago (before 29
>August anyway) with Ian Ridpath:

>[1] IR: It's true that the Orford Ness lighthouse is blanked to
>prevent it from shining into the town of Orford but the cut-off
>isn't as sharp as some people might think and the beam can
>indeed be seen directly from the supposed landing site. The BBC
>got it on video back in 1983 and I saw it again for myself on a
>visit as recently as October 1998. I think even the lighthouse
>keeper (or whatever they call them these days) was surprised to
>learn that the beam could be seen that far inland, but he's
>never been to look for himself, either.

As Bruce Maccabee is fond of saying, "Draw a map."

So permit me to draw a crude map which may be of help here to
everyone, based on Neil Morris' posted map plus the one in Jenny
Randle's "Out of the Blue." (Use a nonproportional font like
Courier to view properly.)



The Orfordness lighthouse lies at the bend in the North Sea coastline. North of the lighthouse, the coast is practically due north. South of the lighthouse, the coast slopes to the SE

Presumably, if this is a proper lighthouse, the lighthouse beam will extend at least as far as the coastline in addition to shining out to sea.

Now you claim that the lighthouse is "masked to the landward side", in particular "the Orford Ness lighthouse is blanked to prevent it from shining into the town of Orford but the cut-off isn't as sharp as some people might think."

But Orford is only slightly north of the line between the so-called landing site and the lighthouse. This has to be the lousiest job of "blanking" I've ever seen. In essence, your claim is that the main beam is directly visible for almost 360 degrees, except for maybe a narrow sector in the direction of Orford.

This also does not square with the picture of the lighthouse you linked to in a previous post, which seems to indicate considerably more of the lighthouse being "masked" in the back:

<http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/locator/42.jpg>

This photo (apparently taken just south of the lighthouse) also nicely shows one of the colored navigation light windows about halfway about the lighthouse, which plays more into the discussion below

Here's another view from further away and more to the southeast, showing more of the backside being blocked:

<http://www.debenweb.co.uk/img/suff/orfd/orf10.jpg>

>[2]
>PB: >"I hadn't realized that the light shone directly
>into the 'forest' "<
>
>IR: Nor do many others, of course.

OK guys, please explain to us once again how the light can shine directly into the forest when the beam is obviously being blocked in that direction? Look at the photos for crying out loud! Is the rear of the lighthouse made of window glass?

>PB: >"This would have been obvious if I'd actually
>checked the bearings of the light against a map, I
>spose..."<

>IR: Not necessarily - a map can't give you the effect of the
>intervening land. In fact, it wasn't until I went back to the
>forest a couple of years ago that I realized the lighthouse was
>visible only through that gap on the far tree line. Also,
>nothing can quite prepare you for the surprise of having a
>lighthouse beam shine into your eyes while standing in a forest.

>I hope this helps. This does not:

Nor does your little anecdotal chat with Ridpath, which explains nothing. I, and I suspect a few other people, want to know how it is possible for what seems to be a physically blocked lighthouse beam to be shining directly into your eyes standing in the forest.

At best, all that should be seen is a slight glowing from the beam pointing out to sea as the light is weakly scattered off of particles in the air. That's the point I was making in my previous post. > > >>The fact that Ridpath can find one small area in all of >>Rendlesham forest where the lighthouse is barely visible >>through a small gap hardly explains how an obscured >>lighthouse elsewhere with a main beam "masked to the >>landward side" can lead some men on a 2-mile chase >>through the woods. > >1. "Barely visible": If you've been there you wouldn't say >that.

It would indeed be "barely visible" if the lighthouse beam was truly "masked to the landward side", as you described it in a previous post, and which the photos of the lighthouse seem to

prove.

Remember, it was you who originally insisted that it was so masked. Now when it becomes obvious how devastating a true blocking of the light would be to using the lighthouse to debunk the Rendlesham incident, you do an about face. Yes, the lighthouse beam is both blocked and not blocked at the same time. Or it's a real leaky mask, or narrow mask or something like that. I guess you expect us to accept that at face value without some proof to back it up.

But I look at the pictures of the lighthouse, and the main beam does in fact look like it is completely blocked by a wall at the back of the lighthouse in the direction of land.

>2. The loom of a lighthouse lamp, as I've explained before, is >not as dim as you seem to think. I wonder if you have ever seen >one. I've seen loads, including this one.

I've seen plenty of lighthouse beams. But you aren't answering the question. If it's blocked or masked by an intervening wall, how can it be directly visible, and therefore very bright?

>3. As an educated American you, I suspect, would be astonished >at how little your compatriots seem to notice *or accept* when >beyond the confines of their own great nation. There are various >statements scattered throughout the mass of American testimony >on this case that powerfully suggest that many airmen, including >the security police, were remarkably -- to a British country >gent -- unaware of the local sky at night.

The question at the moment isn't whether the airmen were jerks or familiar with the local sky, but whether the lighthouse could possibly appear as bright as you and the other debunkers claim when the beam is seemingly being blocked by a solid wall?

>>2. Where exactly were Col. Robin Halt and his band of >>merry men in relation to Ridpath's narrow spot of >>visibility in the farm field

>Don't know offhand. Don't care.

You should care, because it seems that the tip of the lighthouse is visible from only one small area in the forest, or as Ridpath says above "the lighthouse was visible only through that gap on the far tree line." If Col. Halt and his merry men were making their observations only slightly removed from this location, then the lighthouse, blocked beam or not, would completely disappear behind the treeline and intervening hills.

>I thought, following Jenny >Randles' suggestion, we were talking about Night One, not Night >Two. In any case the more elaborate of Halt's own descriptions >were inspired by what he saw through a Starlite scope

It isn't possible for him to be describing multiple colors through an infrared scope, no matter what color of imaging phosphor you assume it has.

The scopes I'm familiar with all use green phosphor. I've never hear of one that used a red phosphor that could account for the bright red, "sun-like" object he described, though I suppose such a device might exist.

>whose use >and effects he didn't seem to understand (and why should he: >Halt isn't an infantryman).

No, just the Deputy C/O -- obviously an inexperienced idiot.

>Which accounts for the "red sun-like >light... seen through the trees" that "moved about and pulsed" >that you mention.

>>3. How do those red/green navigation lights on the >>lighthouse figure into all of this? I notice throughout >>your entire post, you deftly avoid mentioning anything >>about them

>You may find this hard to credit, sunbeam, but having absorbed >Bruce's comments on my original speculations (and information) I

>was thinking perhaps they didn't after all. Not having been out
>there in the woods at the time, and not knowing what mists were
>about nor where, I would now regard reflections, refractions or
>whatever of the red and green lights on the tower as iffy at
>very best.

"Ify" is right! They are halfway down the lighthouse (as shown
in your own Web link to a photo and in your lighthouse stats),
making them completely blocked by trees and hills, even at
"Ridpath gap." They shine only out to sea, according to the
azimuth figures you yourself provided (but if you can magically
unblock the main beam, I suppose with further handwaving you
could even unblock the red/green navigation lights.) And
finally, they don't blink.

>Even including this comment from Halt's own mouth
>about the events of Night One:

>"Eventually, a group headed out to the forest. They reported
>strange noises - animals, movement, like we heard two nights
>later. As they approached the clearing, they reported seeing a
>large yellowish-white light with a blinking red light on the
>upper center portion and a steady blue light emanating from
>underneath. The tower again reported nothing on radar." ["Inside
>the Military UFO Underground A.J.S. Rayl - Omni]

Notice the following in that description that is completely
inconsistent with your debunkery:

1. A multi-color description, meaning that Halt was describing
what he saw with the naked eye, not through some
light-intensifying night-scope.
2. The red light was on top of the main yellowish-white light.
The Orford Ness lighthouse red/green navigation lights are well
below the main beam. Furthermore, note Halt's description of
the red light blinking. The red/green navigation lights are
steady lights, not blinking ones.
3. Need I point out again that red/green navigation lights shone
in completely the wrong direction (i.e., strictly out to sea),
and being only halfway up the lighthouse would be completely
hidden behind any treeline or hills from any point in Rendlesham
forest.

>Nonetheless, Col Halt speaks of "a steady blue light emanating
>from underneath", and you will have noted my earlier comment
>about the confusibility of blue and green light or pigment.

I don't think distinguishing between blue and green light is
where the confusion lies here, since the lighthouse green light
was completely invisible from any vantage point in Rendlesham
forest -- much too low and pointed in the wrong direction --
Sheesh!

>>>And look at me all in a lather over his analysis.

>>No wonder.

>Your humor bypass is well-known, Dave, and I'm sorry to tell you
>what you best friends won't -- the scars show! -- but I didn't
>know you'd had an ironectomy as well.

On the contrary, I was well aware of the sarcasm in your reply.
I guess you missed mine in return. So I supposed you also had
something medically removed, even though your best friends don't
like to talk about.

>Before you rattle on about
>British aristocratic buffonery again,

If you prefer, I'll rattle on about British pelican poopery
instead.

>do reflect on what
>"wonder" it is you find yourself in receipt of it, and take a
>short course in irony (any edition of Fowler makes a good
>start).

>Let me spell this out slowly. I was **not**, and am **not**, in a
>lather about Bruce's analysis.

You really seem to believe I wasn't aware of that.

>I am grateful for his remarks. I
>don't, and you don't, and he doesn't, know enough about the
>actual weather conditions to be sure about what may or may not
>have been visible from anywhere the airmen were that night.

The weather conditions don't change the facts that the colored lights shine only out to sea, are unblinking, and are too low down to be seen from anywhere in question.

>So I
>put my speculations -- and they were never more than that --
>about the additional colored lights seen on Night One into a
>pending file. Despite Halt's comments quoted above, upon which a
>true Klass Klown would probably have leapt like a tramp on a
>kipper.

>>I greatly doubt Halt, the Deputy Base Commander,
>>would put his AF career in jeopardy with his famous
>>memo, unless he felt he had witnessed something
>>highly unusual.

>I think you exaggerate the potential jeopardy. Indeed mitake it
>for something else. The evidence (please go look at James
>Easton's website!) would suggest that in fact Halt was covering
>his ass -- trying to get his career *out* of jeopardy -- with
>that memo. Not least because he & half his men had been
>racketing around in the woods on Night Two, where they had no
>jurisdiction, and by then UFO gossip was rampant on the base and
>likely to leak (as indeed it did).

As I understand it, the base commander urged Halt to write the memo. If Halt was truly trying to "cover his ass", the memo could easily have been written in a far more toned down manner leaving out much of the more sensational details.

"Some of the guards thought they saw strange lights moving about in the woods. In order to squash rumors floating around the base, I personally investigated and found nothing to substantiate the guards' claims. -- Yours truly, Col. Halt, Friend of the Empire, Loyal subject of the Queen, blah, blah, blah"

Now THAT'S a CYA memo!

>Curious point of UK law, with which Halt must have either been
>fully aware or incompetent at his job if he wasn't: were Soviet
>Spesnaz, even, to have landed en masse & without warning to
>secure a USAF base, the protocol for the base commander is to
>contact the local Mr Plod, as we call the police. Who then
>requests aid from the commander of the local military district.
>Under whose command SP or other INF-trained US units would then
>be placed. In a real unexpected hot war this process would very
>likely happen retrospectively, and no one would mind, but that
>was hardly the case here. By letting his lads (and himself) nose
>around all over the woods Halt was two stages away from doing
>what we British aristocrats call "doing the right thing". Or
>more likely we'd say what he *did* do was "not on". He surely
>had some explaining to do to the MoD.

See CYA memo contents above, which blames it on some know-nothing underlings and takes himself and his C/O off the hook, because he personally investigated it and found nothing. That's all the explanation he needed to provide the MoD.

>But, yes, Halt did witness something that to *him* was highly
>unusual. I'm reminded of Hynek's comment on unidentified flying
>objects: "Unidentified to whom?". Halt didn't know what he was
>looking at, or with what. Very unusual indeed. But that does not
>an alien visitation make.

>best wishes
>Pampered D. Macaroni
>Mind The Riding Crop

Just explain to us how lights obviously blocked from view could possibly explain the Rendlesham events. More hand-waving and obfuscation by talking all around the points are not allowed.

Best wishes

David Rudiak

Irony and Humor Circuits All Shorted to Ground. I Want Straight
Answers, Damn it!

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Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

SKEPTIC FACTOID 1: COL. HALT et al. CHASED LIGHTHOUSE FOR 2 MILES

Unbeknownst to most people on this list there has been a parallel thread on James Easton's list that has uncannily matched some of the excellent points raised here by Dave Rudiak and Bruce Maccabee and provided surprising confirmations. I was not aware of this until Friday when I read the posts on UFO UpDates for the first time. New developments on Easton's list have exploded the long-standing claim that there were 2-mile chases through forest and field of what supposedly turned out to be the distant Orfordness lighthouse beacon the entire time. After a local UFO skeptic discovered recently that the lighthouse beacon is only visible for the first 226 meters or so of the approximately 3,226 meter (2.0 miles) trek and then for another 400 meters afterward, Easton graciously conceded that the First Night military party lost "sight of the lights and eventually saw a distant beacon which was presumed to be related" however he has not withdrawn the "2-mile lighthouse chase" myth.!

Other skeptic factoids are falling by the wayside in what appears to be a reversal of Easton's "Rendlesham Unravelled" -- call it the Re-Ravelling of Rendlesham. This has been very disconcerting to me as I have accepted for the past two years that the skeptic investigations have seemingly explained the Rendlesham case, and that the skeptics (notably Ian Ridpath and James Easton) had seemed to have done their homework. I regret that I was mistaken in this reliance. I still hope that the case might be resolved but it is looking more and more unlikely. Investigations by Jenny Randles and Easton have brought out many new undisclosed facts about the case. A book by Col Halt was supposed to be published at some point. Richard Hall's UFO Evidence II should add much from interviews with Col Halt. Hopefully a much more complete and accurate picture of this case will now emerge.

A UFO skeptic who is a local resident of the Rendlesham area, Robert McLean, has been investigating the sighting locations on-site. He has recently identified the landing site and the route through the woods and fields of both the First Night and Second Night groups east of the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge. The First Night group includes security policemen Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston, on Dec 26, 1980. The Second Night group was led by deputy base commander Col Charles Halt on Dec 28.

While McLean still seems to believe in the Orfordness lighthouse theory he has discovered that it was physically "impossible" to see the lighthouse beacon on almost all of the eastward 2 mile journeys due to terrain elevation obstruction.

Here is Rudiak's classic statement dispatched on Aug 29 and posted the next day on UFO UpDates:

>1. It is obvious that the lighthouse tip would NOT be visible
>from a number of nearby vantage points. Move a few steps left
>and the lighthouse disappears behind some trees to the left of
>the narrow notch. Move a greater distance to the right, and the
>tip disappears to the notch's right. Move down 100 yards or so

>into the field in the foreground, and it looks again like that
>lighthouse would disappear behind the trees near the farmhouse.

>The fact that Ridpath can find one small area in all of
>Rendlesham forest where the lighthouse is barely visible through
>a small gap hardly explains how an obscured lighthouse elsewhere
>with a main beam "masked to the landward side" can lead some men
>on a _2-mile_ chase through the woods.

Here is what skeptic Robert McLean reported on his on-site
observations of the Orfordness lighthouse beacon's visibility.
From McLean's Aug 26 posting on Easton's list:

>I have this summer measured late at night the area of
the field where this [the Orfordness lighthouse beacon]
>can be seen, again by pacing off distances. It is a
>roughly rectangular area that extends in the field
>east-west only about 126 m (because of the sharp drop
>off in elevation as you walk east), and north-south
>only about 64 m. ... In 1980, the lighthouse would
>have been visible well into the forest as the ground
>slopes gradually up towards the west. But it only
>>would have been visible along a relatively narrow 64 m
>width. In fact, I know of nowhere else where the
>lighthouse is visible in the forest in the summertime.

<snip>

>At the position of Ian Ridpath's photo, the lighthouse
>beacon is at the left hand side of a small notch in the
>skyline just to the right of the farmer's
>house. If you go a couple of feet north (i.e. to the
>left as seen in the photo) of this location, the
>lighthouse beacon disappears, even at night.

On Aug 28, McLean posted:

>Because it is only possible to walk about 126 m into
>the field immediately to the east of the accepted
>landing site before the lighthouse beam disappears
>behind the ridge 4 km to the east, the lighthouse beam
>could never be seen in proximity with Butley Abbey.
<SNIP>

>It's difficult to see how the ... lighthouse beacon
>could be seen at the accepted landing site. The
>difficulty is that the lighthouse beacon is visible
>only in a 64 m wide, 126 m deep stretch of field. Even
>allowing a further 50 m to 100 m further depth inside
>the forest, it is difficult to see what the lighthouse
>can line up with (at least when leaves are still on
>the trees).

McLean further posted on Sept 4:

>Along the East bank of the Butley River is a ridge of
>land that rises to between 15 m and 20 m high. It is
>this ridge of land that completely blocks the
>Orfordness lighthouse beam when you have walked no
>more than about 136 m [sic; 126?] into the farmer's
>field immediately in front of the accepted landing
>site.

McLean posted on Sept 5:

>What seems clear, is that Col Halt and men then
>went the very short distance, say 100 m, to the edge
>of the forest to find out what the pulsating red light
>was, and then out into the open farmer's field. The
>elevation of the field drops away quite quickly as you
>walk towards the light, and at night, the lighthouse
>beacon soon disappears behind the ridge 4 km away
>south-west of Orford. In the summer, the lighthouse
>beacon is visisble only in a very small rectangular
>portion of this field. I have measured this at night
>by pacing off the distance and the area is about 64 m
>north-south and about 126 m east-west. It is possible
>this area might be wider in the winter, as trees on
>the ridge 4 km away which in summer block out the
>lighthouse might let some light through. But the
>distance of 126 m into the field will be the same,

>because it is the ridge itself which blocks the beam
>as your elevation drops while you walk towards the
>farmhouse.

>After the direct view of the beacon disappears, it is
>a further 200 m before you reach the farmhouse.

<snip>

>Adding up these distances, following this path from
>the accepted landing site to the "second farmer's
>field" gives a distance of 3326 m (or 2.07 miles
>[sic]), during which the lighthouse beacon was
>directly visisble for only the first 226 m.

>One of the few things I am sure of is the location of
>the "second farmer's field". So how did parties on two
>nights starting out near the accepted landing site
>find this only vantage point west of the Butley River
>from which you have a clear view of the lighthouse?

On Sept 10 McLean posted:

>If you start off at the "accepted" landing site and
>walk towards the "accepted" farmer's house, you have a
>direct view of the Orfordness beacon up until about
>126 m into the field, and then it disappears behind
>the ridge 4 km away, and you don't see it again until
>the end of the two mile trek to the "vantage point" or
>"second farmer's field" I have identified at OS grid
>ref TM386477.

It is amazing that here is Dave Rudiak in California who has evidently never been to the site in East England and yet he has carefully analyzed the data and photos and come up with an analysis of the lighthouse visibility pattern that sounds startlingly like the on-site eyewitness description given by Robert McLean -- each of whom was unaware of the other apparently! On the scene, McLean has found the "one small area in all of Rendlesham forest where the lighthouse is barely visible" (Rudiak's words), where just moving to the left "a couple of feet" (McLean) or "a few steps" (Rudiak), or a short distance to the right and "the lighthouse beacon disappears, even at night" (McLean). Walking more than about 126 meters east into the field near the UFO landing site and a distant ridge of land along a river stream "completely blocks the Orfordness lighthouse beam" (McLean). Nowhere else along the 2-mile route can the lighthouse beam be seen until at the end, just beyond the 2-mile! point, in the "second farmer's field."

According to McLean it is terrain that blocks the view of the Orfordness lighthouse light. The trees only add to the obstruction. Because of tree felling in Jan 1981 and a devastating hurricane in Oct 1987 that wiped out nearly 95% of the trees in Rendlesham Forest (figure according to Easton), the view was even more obstructed by trees during the UFO events of Dec 1980 than they are today.

Some of the Jan 1981 witness statements by the First Night party suggest that they had followed a lighthouse beacon for 2 miles. But we are not bound by the witnesses' opinions, but by the facts. This is where we must invoke Hynes's rule that a UFO case is determined to be unexplained by the technically competent investigation, not by the UFO witness. A witness may even report what he thinks is an IFO and can be wrong -- does anyone seriously contend that is not possible? This may be one of those unusual cases where the witnesses have misidentified a UFO as an IFO (Identified Flashing Object) instead of the reverse. They did apparently see both the Orfordness lighthouse and the UFO(s), and some witnesses insisted that they were able to tell the difference between the two. Due to wide variations in the observational abilities and interpretive powers of witnesses, it is to be expected that some witnesses could tell the difference between lighthouse and UFO and some could! not.

SKEPTIC FACTOID 2: UFO & LIGHTHOUSE EXACTLY SAME DIRECTION

An important skeptic factoid that has been drummed in again and again is the false claim that the Orfordness lighthouse was exactly "due east" of the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge, and that

both the Burroughs-Cabansag-Penniston group and Col Halt's party coincidentally followed this exact "due east" path straight towards Orfordness lighthouse, therefore the light or UFO must have been one and the same as the lighthouse. In fact, as best I can determine from the rather inadequate maps posted, the Orfordness lighthouse was at about 85 degrees true azimuth from East Gate (the East Gate road is also oriented at this 85 true azimuth), which is somewhat North of due East, whereas due east is 90 degs. More importantly Halt headed towards the UFO at 110-120 degrees magnetic which is 105-115 degrees true.

(Contrary to erroneous skeptic information the magnetic declination or correction from magnetic to true bearings was -5.2 degs, not -10 degs, according to the NOAA Geomagnetic Synthesis program and Historical Declination database for Dec 28, 1980, at 52-05 N, 1-30 E, zero elevation. With these two 5-degree errors by skeptics -- in the bearing to Orfordness and in converting Halt's compass readings from magnetic to true -- skeptics have conveniently improved their case by a total of 10 degrees.)

In other words, the path Halt and the others followed was not in the direction of Orfordness lighthouse but about 20-30 degrees to the right or South of it. McLean noted that the path he followed to retrace Col Halt's route was "South of East," not due East. McLean's Ordnance Survey grid map references indicate the direction from the landing site to the end point in the second farmer's field was at about 122 degs true azimuth, or about ESE. The compass directions on Halt's trip were repeatedly measured and reported on Halt's real-time tape recording (see Transcript on Easton's website at <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/halttape.htm>):

HALT: The light is gone now. It was approximately 120 degrees from the site...

<snip>

HALT: ... The light's still there and all the barnyard animals have gone quiet now. We're heading about 110, 120 degrees from site out through to the clearing now, still getting a reading on the [AN/APR-27 Radiation Survey] meter, about two clicks.

HALT: Needle's jumped, three to four clicks, getting stronger.

VOICE: Now it's stopped... Now it's coming up... Hold on. There we go... about approximately four foot off the ground, at a compass heading of 110 degrees.

HALT: He's turned the meter off. Better say that again. About four feet off the ground, about 110 degrees, getting a reading of about four clicks?

<snip>

HALT: 2:44. We're at the far side of the second farmer's field and made sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks like it's clear off to the coast. It's right on the horizon. Moves about a bit and flashes from time to time. Still steady or red in color.

Here is what McLean posted on Easton's list on Sept 4:

>If you look at the OS map to locate possible high
>points of land roughly East of the accepted landing
>site and roughly 2 miles away, the first thing that
>is apparent is that there is no point in heading a bit
>North of East as you still have that ridge of land in
>the way, much of which is forested by Gedgrave Broom.
>But if you head a bit South of East, then there are
>two possibilities. The first is Burrow Hill, which
>rises to 15 m. However, there is still part of the
>ridge at above 15 m in the way, and I have failed to
>see any view of the Orfordness lighthouse beam from
>Burrow Hill at night.

>The second possibility is the rise in the land 1 km
>South-West of Burrow Hill between Dock Farm and
>Banters Barn Farm near grid ref TM385477 - and the
>field at this location is Col Halt's "second farmer's
>field".

McLean does not seem to realize that the end point of the 2 mile trek that supposedly followed the Orfordness lighthouse instead of a UFO, was in a different direction than Orfordness. He has the end point at grid ref TM385477 and the beginning point at TM364490. The azimuth heading is therefore $\arctan(13/21) = 32$ degs south of due east, or azimuth 122 degs. Whereas the Orfordness lighthouse was at about 85 degs azimuth, just north of due east. (385-364 = 21 east, 490-477 = 13 south)

(The so-called Shipwash lightship about 20 miles S and 2 miles E of Orfordness lighthouse would have been at about 160 degs true azimuth, or about 35-55 degs to the right of Halt's path to the UFO -- in almost exact agreement with Halt's memory 17 years later of where "a lighthouse" beacon was seen that night, about 35-40 degs to the right of the UFO, though he may have mistakenly confused its identity with Orfordness.)

SKEPTIC FACTOID 3: NO MENTION ON HALT TAPE OF PIECES FALLING OFF UFO

Another skeptic factoid is that purportedly there is no mention in Halt's tape to substantiate Halt's report years later in interviews of seeing pieces of the UFO falling like they were melted. It is even claimed that this "never happened." In fact, the Halt tape reports it happened twice sometime after 1:48 AM on Dec 28, 1980:

HALT: There is no doubt about it - there is some type of strange flashing red light ahead.

VOICE: There! It's yellow.

HALT: I saw a yellow tinge in it, too. Weird! It appears to be maybe moving a little bit this way? It's brighter than it has been. It's coming this way. It is definitely coming this way. Pieces of it are shooting off. [---NOTE] There is no doubt about it. This is weird!

<snip>

HALT: Pieces are falling off it again.

SKEPTIC FACTOID 4: NO UFO & LIGHTHOUSE SEEN AT SAME TIME

Another skeptic factoid is that supposedly the UFO and the Orfordness lighthouse beacon were never reported seen at the same time by anyone on the First and Second Night parties. If witnesses had reported seeing both it would help substantiate their claims that they were familiar with Orfordness and could distinguish it from the UFO. Col. Halt was adamant that he saw both the lighthouse and the UFO and knew the difference between the two. And the members of the First Night group also did see both UFO(s) and lighthouse at the same time:

CABANSAG: "While we walked, each one of us could see the lights. Blue, red, white and yellow. The beacon light turned out to be the yellow light. We could see them periodically, but not in a specific pattern."

Obviously, the Yellow Light was the Orfordness Lighthouse Beacon. The Blue - Red - White Lights were from the UFO(s). Both were seen at or about the same time. Initially, the Yellow Light could not be identified, but later "turned out" to be the lighthouse. This is all quite reasonable and helps strengthen the case for the UFO.

PENNISTON (via M/Sgt J. D. Chandler): "Each time Penniston gave me the indication that he was about to reach the area where the lights were, he would give an extended estimated location. He eventually arrived at a 'beacon light', however, he stated that this was not the light or lights he had originally observed."

In real time, during the sighting, Penniston reported by radio to Chandler, who was in Central Security Control, that the "beacon light" was not the same as the UFO light(s).

PENNISTON (via Fred Buran): "SSgt Penniston reported getting near the 'object' and then all of a sudden said they had gone past it and were looking at a marker beacon that was in the same general direction as the other lights. I asked him, through SSgt

Coffey, if he could have been mistaken, to which SSgt Penniston replied that had I seen the other lights I would know the difference. SSgt Penniston seemed agitated at this point."

Obviously, the "marker beacon" (singular) was not the same as "the other lights" (plural).

BURROUGHS: "We climbed over the fence and started heading towards the red and blue lights and they just disappeared. Once we reached the farmer's house we could see a beacon going around so we went towards it."

Again, the UFO lights were not the same as the "beacon."

CONCLUSION

I posted on Sept 5 the following response to McLean:

>Robert,

>Certainly you have exploded the whole notion that
>anyone followed the Orfordness lighthouse beacon
>through the Rendlesham forest for 2 miles. I was
>prepared to believe that the Orfordness lighthouse
>resolved the bulk of the sightings and that the
>remainder could eventually be resolved. Now you throw
>this all into doubt and now I have to reconsider
>whether the laser-like "beams" hitting the ground 10
>feet from Col Halt can be frivolously explained away
>as star light scintillations. I've striven to try to
>fit the remote horizon lights as stars but given
>Halt's claim that one came overhead, this now seems
>more doubtful. Thank for you undertaking these on-
>site investigations.

Brad Sparks

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60's Space Speech JFK

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 05:28:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:20:55 -0400
Subject: 60's Space Speech JFK

Hi All,

Just a short note for anyone who collects historic speeches, and for finer detail about the 60's U.S. Space Program, I have the following on vinyl.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy - The Presidential Years
1960 -1963 Original Speeches.

Side 1:

Pre Election - November 6 - 1960

Election Eve - November 8 - 1960

Oath Of Office - January 20 - 1961

Inaugural - January 20 - 1961

State Of The Union Message - Jan 31- 1961

Peace Corps - March 2 - 1961

U.N. Address - September 26 - 1961

Berlin Wall - June 26 - 1961

Nuclear Test - July 15 - 1963

SIDE TWO:

Alliance For Progress - August 6 - 1961

On Cuba - October 23 - 1962

On Labour - September 3 - 1962

Birmingham Segregation - May 13 - 1963

U.S. Steel - April 12 - 1962

Houston - November 21 - 1963

Dallas - November 22 - 1963

For further detail please use the above address for contact.

Regards,

Roy..

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@yahoo.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:27:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Aldrich

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
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>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

>SKEPTIC FACTOID 1: COL. HALT et al. CHASED LIGHTHOUSE FOR 2
>MILES

>Unbeknownst to most people on this list there has been a
>parallel thread on James Easton's list that has uncannily
>matched some of the excellent points raised here by Dave Rudiak
>and Bruce Maccabee and provided surprising confirmations. I was
>not aware of this until Friday when I read the posts on UFO
>Updates for the first time. New developments on Easton's list
>have exploded the long-standing claim that there were 2-mile
>chases through forest and field of what supposedly turned out to
>be the distant Orfordness lighthouse beacon the entire time.
>After a local UFO skeptic discovered recently that the
>lighthouse beacon is only visible for the first 226 meters or so
>of the approximately 3,226 meter (2.0 miles) trek and then for
>another 400 meters afterward, Easton graciously conceded that
>the First Night military party lost "sight of the lights and
>eventually saw a distant beacon which was presumed to be
>related" however he has not withdrawn the "2-mile lighthouse
>chase" myth.!

<snip>

Brad,

I sent Easton the entire file that Greenwood had compiled on
this case - at least 5 linear inches. After less than a day,
Jamie-boy had the answer. Not likely.

Halt said he identified the lighthouse right off in his
presentation in Maryland, something that Easton ignored... after
all, that fact got in the way of the great "answer".

At some point moving around in the woods, yes, maybe, they did
see the lighthouse and become temporarily confused, but there
was something else there. Ever go trundling around in the woods
on a dark night? Amazing what happens to you.

As is typical for Easton, he throws in everything including the
kitchen sink. How about the model airplane carrying a glow stick
that was about two miles away. Did Easton every go on a terrain
walk? Has he ever experimented with light sticks to see how far
away you can see them?

Also, included was a lot of sniping at Halt and innuendoes about
who is assigned as deputy base commanders and what defense
lawyers think about the the chain of command - defense lawyers
are adversaries.

I think Rendlesham was caused by pelicans or seagulls, after all
there is one at every turn... I know you may rather like Klass'
nap of the earth meteors that maneuver in front of mountains.

Regards,

Jan

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Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

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Subject: Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

>From: Ignatius Graffeo <ufoseek@ufoseek.org>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 14:59:06 -0400
>Subject: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

>from The Irish Times
><http://www.ireland.com:80/newspaper/science/2000/0911/sci1.htm>

>Monday, September 11, 2000 BST>>>

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>By Dr William Reville

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>and sticks. Brazel paid little attention at the time, but
>several weeks later he heard reports of flying saucers and
>wondered if the wreckage might be related. He reported his
>suspicions to a local sheriff who informed the army base at
>Roswell.

<snip>

Hahahahahahaha. Sad!

Remaining "voodoo science" snipped in keeping with the Decency
in UFO Reporting Act. :))

The antidote for the sickness represented here is my article,
New York Academy Of Voodoo Science?

On my web site: brumac.8k.com

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Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

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>From: Ignatius Graffeo <ufoseek@ufoseek.org>
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 14:59:06 -0400
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>examination.

Don't know if the good Dr.'s claim is true here. What do polls
tell us about the level of belief that "aliens are here" in
America vs. Europe?

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>sightings and human contact with aliens. Nevertheless, there is,
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Depends on one's definition of "hard evidence." It is more than
just sightings. There are, e.g., many photos, movies, videos,
radar tracks, physical trace cases, electro-magnetic
interference cases, not to mention physiological aftereffects
from close encounters (.e.g. the Cash-Landrum or Stephen
Michalak cases). All this constitutes physical evidence over
and above testimonial evidence.

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So Dr. Reville reads one debunking article by Robert Park, and
that's all he needs to know, as if that's all there was to it.
Then he promulgates some of the misinformation in that one
article.

>On June 14th, 1947, a rancher, William Brazel, spotted a large
>area of wreckage about 70 miles north of Roswell, New Mexico.

Northwest of Roswell to be nitpicky about it.

>The debris included neoprene strips, metal foil, cardboard, tape
>and sticks.

That was the story, partly told by Brazel after the Air Force

through Gen. Ramey had already debunked the whole thing as a weather balloon.

Here are some important points left out of the discussion. At least 10 witnesses place Brazel in some sort of military custody, including when he gave his statements to the press. Two reporters who were there confirm this, and another (Frank Joyce) said that the military dragged Brazel over to his radio station afterwards where Brazel recanted the story he told Joyce a few days before. According to Joyce, Brazel said the military had forced him to change his story, and Joyce would be wise to go along with it.

Brazel's son, Bill Brazel Jr., said they held his father at the base for a week afterwards. Various friends and neighbors remember Brazel Sr. complaining bitterly about his treatment by the military, saying they "threw him in jail," and even the base Provost Marshall, William Easley, admitted to Kevin Randle that they held Brazel at the base.

Obviously, these extreme measures were necessary because Brazel found highly secretive "neoprene strips, metal foil, cardboard, tape and sticks."

- > Brazel paid little attention at the time, but
- >several weeks later he heard reports of flying saucers and
- >wondered if the wreckage might be related. He reported his
- >suspicions to a local sheriff who informed the army base at
- >Roswell.

Actually, according to family members and even the Roswell base press release (plus other sources), he had found the debris only a few days before reporting it.

- >An army intelligence officer, Major Marcel, investigated the
- >site and concluded that the debris was the remains of a radar
- >target or a weather balloon. He loaded all the debris into the
- >boot of his car.

That was the official story back in 1947. But we here know that Marcel 30 years later told a very different story of the debris having highly unusual physical properties that were "not of this Earth." Perhaps Reville and Parks are completely ignorant of how Marcel has been pilloried by debunkers for daring to make such statements.

If Marcel were the only one describing such properties, then Roswell would have been dismissed a long time ago by UFO researchers as the story of one man. But Marcel wasn't alone in these claims. A number of other people, military and civilian, backed him up. Notable support witnesses were Louis Rickett, a counter-intelligence officer in Marcel's office, Loretta Proctor (neighbor of Brazel's), Bill Brazel Jr. (told virtually the identical story as Marcel and completely independently), Marcel's son, and Gen. Arthur Exon.

Gen. Exon, though not a first-hand witness, was C/O of Wright-Patterson AFB in the mid to late 1960's, stated flat out to Kevin Randle (it's on tape) that Roswell was the crash of an alien spacecraft, the material had highly unusual physical properties, and that he heard bodies were also recovered.

- >The army information office issued a statement to the effect
- >that the army had "gained possession of a flying disc through
- >the co-operation of a local rancher and the sheriff's office".

And where did the PIO get such information, if not from higher up? The PIO is Walter Haut, and he insists to this day that the press release came from Col. Blanchard's (the base C/O) office in one form or another.

I might add something from the "Ramey memo", the message held in Gen. Ramey's hand at the moment he was debunking the crash as a weather balloon. The last lines of the memo outline how they were going to cover the thing up, and first mentions a counter-intelligence team ("CIC-team") that was responsible for sending out the original message (poor Walter Haut had nothing to do with it). This was to be followed by the story of "weather balloons", and then followed up by debunking weather balloon demonstrations to firm up the story.

And of course, above all this is the phrase "the victims of the wreck you forwarded to... Fort Worth...", meaning that there WERE bodies recovered.

>Park says this was a garbled message which the army quickly >corrected, this time describing the debris as a standard radar >target. The original press release lit the fire of suspicion

Although we can debate endlessly the purpose of the original "garbled message", the Ramey memo makes it pretty clear to my mind that this was a deliberate act of disinformation by counterintelligence.

>and, with the passage of years, the subsequent correction has >increasingly been seen as a Government cover-up.

Hmmm, I wonder why?

>As the years passed, the Roswell story grew into a fantastically >detailed saga. The debris that Major Marcel reported had fitted >into the boot of his car

Marcel reported no such thing. In fact, he later stated that there was vastly more debris than he could carry back in the "boot of his car." Marcel described a large debris field (it was actually reported as a "square mile" in 1947), which was corroborated indepently by Bill Brazel Jr. and some others.

Louis Rickett, the CICman in Marcel's office, said he was there the next day and there were dozens of men still picking up debris, one piece of which he handled. There are other witnesses to a fairly large recovery effort that certainly did not end when Marcel returned to Roswell.

>grew into the wreckage of an entire >alien spacecraft that was secretly moved by the military to an >air force base in Ohio.

More on the Ramey memo: Additional lines in the memo, I currently believe, indicate a fairly major ongoing recovery effort. The "victims" mentioned near the top of the memo seem to have been discovered after further reconnaissance near an ongoing "operation." Another short sentence I suspect speaks about verification of a "flyover at Roswell."

>Alien bodies were said to have been found in the spacecraft.

Not only is there some witness testimony to this (however dubious in some cases), but I believe the Ramey memo also says it. The first line, second paragraph, of the Ramey memo speaks about something "in the 'disk'" being shipped.

It definitely reads "in the disk." Something worthy of shipment can't be "in the disk" if "the disk" is supposedly nothing but a tiny weather balloon and radar target busted up into a bunch of tiny pieces and then displayed on Gen. Ramey's office floor.

It then goes on to say (at least I think this is what it says) that whatever was "in the disk" was to be shipped by B29 or C47. Obviously whatever was "in the disk" was bigger than a bread box. If it was nothing more than "tape, tin foil, etc, etc." it could have been shipped by piper cub instead of a large transport plane.

So what was "in the disk" to be shipped? Unfortunately the word in front of "in the disk" is not exactly clear, partly covered by Ramey's thumb and partly in shadow. Nonetheless, six letters are visible, though most are distorted and indistinct. The last letter is almost certainly an "S", however, suggesting a plural something to be shipped.

I have searched through at least a thousand possible words that could conceivably fit using various possible letter combinations, and I an find only two so far that come remotely close to making linguistic sense and forming some sort of decent match to the visible letters and suspected word length. The possible words, interestingly enough, are "VICTIMS" once again, and "CORPSES." Yes, these indeed would be bigger than a bread box and might require special transport. It is also completely consistent with the mention of "victims" in little bit higher in

the message.

So I believe the line is about "VICTIMS" or "CORPSES" "in the disk" to be shipped by B29 or C47.

Do we have any information about such a possible shipment? Indeed we do, from two, and maybe three crew members on this flight. One was Sgt. Robert Slusher, who has gone public, another who goes by the name of "Tim," and possibly a third who has recently come to light. All have told basically the same story.

On the afternoon of July 9, one day after this memo, the Roswell press release, and Gen. Ramey's debunking as a weather balloon, there was a highly unusual B29 flight from Roswell to Fort Worth. The date of this flight was confirmed by "Tim's" old personal flight diary, which he still had. A large wooden crate was loaded into the bomb bay of the B29 and an armed guard of 4 - 6 MPs was posted around the crate. The flight was at only 8000-9000 feet, instead of the usual 25,000-30,000. When they arrived in Fort Worth, the crew members say they were greeted by high brass at the base and a mortician. How did they know the guy was a mortician? Because another crew member, the bombardier, Felix Martucci, had gone to school with the man and knew he had become a mortician. (Martucci when contacted, refused to talk.)

Martucci then told everyone that they had just made history. As soon as they dropped off their cargo, they turned around and flew back to Roswell, with Jesse Marcel on the flight back. When they returned to Roswell, they were debriefed and told they had just transported the General's furniture.

Of course, why would the General's furniture require an armed guard and need to be greeted by a mortician and the base brass?

>The
>aliens were described as small, with large heads and suction
>cups on their fingers. One alien was reported to have been alive
>when found but was kept hidden by the Government.

>Park explains the emergence of the Roswell saga as the product
>of over-active imaginations stitching together bits and pieces
>of reports of unrelated plane crashes, parachute experiments
>involving roughly life-like dummies, and so on, even though some
>of these events occurred many miles from Roswell and years
>later.

Indeed, many miles and years later. But the Ramey memo wasn't "years later" and it clearly speaks about "victims." Must have been those crash dummies caught in a space-time vortex.

>The story grew into a full-scale myth of an encounter
>with extra-terrestrials, the details of which the Government
>found too frightening to share with the people and consequently
>they, it was believed, covered up the whole thing.

>As it turns out, there was a government cover-up, but not of an
>alien spacecraft. It involved a secret government programme from
>the 1940s, Project Mogul.

And yada, yada, yada ... the standard debunking line put out by the Air Force -- first Project Mogul, and then the ridiculous crash dummies story.

>By summer 1947 the Russians had not
>yet exploded their first atomic bomb, but it was clear this test
>was imminent. It was most important for America to know when the
>test took place.

>Project Mogul was an attempt to listen for the explosion by
>launching low-frequency microphones to high altitude where sound
>waves can propagate around the globe. Microphones, radar
>tracking reflectors and other devices were sent aloft on long
>trains of weather balloons to listen for the atomic explosion.

>These balloon trains were launched in New Mexico from a point
>about 100 miles west of Roswell. Flight 4 was launched on June
>4th, 1947 and was tracked to within 17 miles of where Brazel
>found the wreckage, when contact was lost.

There is no documentation, none at all, that this flight was tracked to "within 17 miles of where Brazel found his wreckage." This is all supposition based on the memory of only one man, Mogul engineer Charles Moore.

Most of the flights of Mogul have excellent records as to their track and/or where they were recovered. But not Flight #4, which makes it a convenient scapegoat. There is no documentation on Flight #4, so it can do anything and be anything you want it to be.

If you look carefully at the documented flights, you will find that flights passing near the Brazel place are actually exceptionally rare. I looked at 52 Mogul flights documented in the 1995 Air Force Roswell Report, and only 2 or 3 went anywhere near Brazel's ranch. And by "near", I mean within 20 or 30 miles. From probability arguments alone, therefore, the chances that Flight #4 ended up there are quite low, down around 5%.

>The debris found at
>Roswell matches the materials used in the balloon trains.

Only if you ignore extensive testimony to the contrary or that Brazel's public description was done under obvious coercion.

>Park
>Park believes the crash of Flight 4 was the birth of what has become
>known as the Roswell Incident.

Again, Park is simply reiterating the 1994-95 Air Force counterintelligence team debunking line. And we all know how objective, thorough, and balanced that was.

>PROJECT MOGUL remained secret until 1994, when Steven Schiff, a
>Congressman from New Mexico,

No, it was declassified in 1992, before Schiff ever became involved. Both Robert Todd and Karl Pflock quickly jumped on it as the explanation for the Roswell incident.

But it was also discussed clear back in 1980 as a possibility, though not by name, in the book "The Roswell Incident", which included an interview with Charles Moore.

>insisted on an all-out search for
>records and witnesses to reassure the public there was no
>government cover-up of Roswell.

Does Park or Reville mention that Schiff only insisted on the Govt. Accounting Office investigating this after the Air Force gave him a complete run-around on what he considered to be a routine inquiry?

And according to columnist Jack Anderson of the Washington Post, the GAO told him that the Air Force was uncooperative and consistently tried to mislead them. And this is two years after Mogul had been fully declassified and with the GAO supposedly having carte blanche to look at whatever they wanted.

>Had the truth been revealed
>about Project Mogul in 1947, it would almost certainly have
>killed off speculation about the Roswell debris, but the truth
>emerged 50 years too late.

This is more nonsense. As a matter of historical fact, one of the debunking weather balloon demonstrations mentioned on the last line of the Ramey memo took place the next day at Alamogordo where the Moguls were launched. A team of non-Mogul personnel (one is definitely known to have intelligence affiliations) carried out a phony Mogul demonstration with radar targets. They admitted launching balloons at Alamogordo, so this was no secret. In fact, it was impossible to keep secret because the launchings of these large balloons took place right out in the open. Then they said that this was undoubtedly what people were mistaking for the flying saucers and was probably what the rancher had found.

Mogul was so "secret" that a year later, a detailed description of the balloons and some of their flight results was published in the J. of Meteorology. Charles Moore was one of the co-authors. Ironically, this "secret" scientific journal article

was reprinted in the 1995 A.F. Roswell report.

In reality, the only thing "secret" about Project Mogul was its name and purpose (and some of the later listening devices). The equipment was mostly off-the-shelf, completely unclassified meteorological equipment. If this was all Brazel found, nothing of its purpose could be made of it. Mogul personnel interviewed by the A.F. admitted as much, and said they weren't particularly concerned about unrecovered balloons because of the innocuousness of the debris. Other ranchers routinely found Moguls, and nobody ever went ballistic. One such rancher find was Flight #5, only one day after Flight #4.

Nor was Alamogordo the only military flying saucer/Roswell military weather balloon debunking demonstration. Another was carried out at Fort Worth itself, even though FWAAF supposedly had no such radar targets. Others were in Ohio near Wright Field, in Seattle, two in Atlanta, one in Kansas City, and one or two in New Jersey by the Brooklyn radar target manufacturer. There may have been others.

The common thread in all these "spontaneous" demonstrations were statements by the personnel that the weather balloons and radar targets probably or definitely explained the flood of flying saucer reports. Some also mentioned the events in Roswell as obviously being explained by the radar targets.

If anyone continues to doubt that there was a coordinated debunking campaign going on, the very first sentence in the United Press Roswell story on July 9 stated that the Army and Navy were carrying on a "concentrated campaign" to "stop all the rumors."

- > For many UFO-enthusiasts, the
- >government secrecy over Project Mogul simply reinforced their
- >conviction that the government also covered up the far more
- >sensitive matter of contact with extraterrestrials.

Obviously such extreme measures were deemed necessary, because all that was found was "neoprene strips, metal foil, cardboard, tape and sticks" that fit into the boot of Marcel's car.

- >The Russians carried out their first atomic test in August,
- >1949, which quickly became common knowledge.

Ironically, Marcel was the chief briefing officer at the time for the Air Force group collating intelligence, including Project Mogul, about possible Soviet tests. Marcel's job description says he was to notify upper brass of any changes in intelligence and to write special reports on it for them. (Marcel claimed he wrote the report eventually used by Truman to announce the Soviet test.)

So by 1949, Marcel definitely knew of the existence of Project Mogul.

In 1946 Marcel was also the chief briefing officer for the 8th Air Force at the Bikini A-bomb tests, for which he was commended by Gen. Ramey. They were testing precursor balloons to the Mogul Project there and Marcel handled and collated the intelligence reports. So he may have known about such balloon flights back then as well.

- >At that stage what
- >possible advantage was there for the government to hide Project
- >Mogul, especially when revealing some details would prevent the
- >growth of a potentially dangerous myth? Any reasonable person
- >would allow government the freedom to maintain a certain level
- >of secrecy in some areas, particularly at times of war or threat
- >of war. Unfortunately this concession to government is wide open
- >to abuse and leads to a culture of secrecy.

The question isn't whether the government should have kept Mogul secret for such a length of time, but whether Mogul really explains what happened at Roswell. The military's reaction to events seems far too extreme for Mogul to be responsible.

And, of course, there is the Ramey memo with its mention of "victims" and shipment of something ("victims?") "in the disk." Project Mogul -- I think not.

- >Keeping secrets inevitably leads to lies and inevitably some of

>these lies are found out. This destroys trust. Polls in the US
>now show a growing number of people think the government is
>covering up information about UFOs. When the public loses trust
>in government experts, there is a ripple effect outwards of
>diminished trust in all expert scientific opinion. As the tide
>of trust recedes it is smoothly replaced by receptivity to all
>sorts of pseudo-science and even outright superstition - and
>this apparently is the unfortunate legacy of the crash of a
>weather balloon at Roswell in 1947.

>William Reville is a senior lecturer in biochemistry and
>director of microscopy at UCC

I'm sure Dr. Reville is a very fine lecturer in biochemistry and
fine microscopist, but he really doesn't know much about the
Roswell case.

David Rudiak

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Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 07:05:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:51:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

>From: David Furlotte <furry@nobelmed.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 17:35:09 -0400

>>From: Ignatius Graffeo <ufoseek@ufoseek.org>
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 14:59:06 -0400
>>Subject: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

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>However well written and interesting this whole article is, I am
>sorry to say that for Roswell to be "debunked" would require
>just a little more than simply a long diatribe that amounts to
>nothing more than theoretical supposition.

>But that's just MY take on it. <grin>

>Dave (Furry)

Considering that, as already pointed out by Dr. Bruce Maccabee,
just about everything stated by Park about Roswell is false, one
can only marvel at those who accept his false claims.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Roswell - Beyond Schiff? - Kaeser

From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 06:37:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:54:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell - Beyond Schiff? - Kaeser

>From: Gildas Bourdais <GBourdais@aol.com>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 16:59:10 EDT
>Subject: Roswell - Beyond Schiff?

>Hello to all List members

>A French journalist has asked me if, since the death of
>Congressman Steven Schiff, have any other Congressman, or
>important personality in politics or any other field, undertaken
>action or research regarding UFOS and made a public statement
>about it.

>Thank you in advance for any advice on this matter.

Gildas-

Congressman Schiff was a New Mexico Congressman who found that it was a political advantage to raise the issue of Roswell. What most people don't realize is that he didn't actually represent the area of Roswell, but another Congressional district in the State.

The Congressman for the Roswell region wanted nothing to do with the issue, and ignored all correspondence related to the alleged crash, and his constituents quickly found a friend in Cong. Steven Schiff.

Schiff was not a "true believer" in any sense of the word, but felt that the story given by the military simply didn't add up. He was willing to do what he could (within reason) to have the matter looked into, but he had taken that quest about as far as he could politically go.

There are others in Congress that have expressed concern about government secrecy and the military's cover-up of past actions, but none have focused on the Roswell event, per se.

The other side of that coin is that there would be interest in any information related to Roswell, such as might be provided by a retired military witness. Of course, any witness will have to pass a rigorous background check and also be prepared to prove the provenance of the information they are sharing, which would then lend itself to further investigation.

So far, most information related to Roswell has been very anecdotal in nature.

Steve

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Kaeser

From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:57:44 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Kaeser

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 18:56:54 -0400

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Greg, and List

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A few thoughts.

Steve

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Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron -

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 13:27:27 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 09:16:06 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron -

>From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 21:06:57 EDT
>Subject: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

<snip>

>So it just adds up when you think again of the A-Bomb testings.
>In the fourties, the CIA abducted dozens of abandoned children.
>Children who had been abandoned because they presented many
>birth defects. Children who would not be "normal". This is a
>documented fact.

Dear Steve Wilson, anybody else:

Citations, please, for a "documented fact" like this.
Or, is this actually sick humor and I'm just humorless?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 09:36:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 10:24:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

>From: Terry Blanton <commengr@bellsouth.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 16:27:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 14:59:06 -0400
>>Subject: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

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>>told by Robert Park in the May/June 2000 edition of The
>>Sciences. Park effectively, to my mind, explains away the whole
>>incident as an artificial by-product of paranoid US military
>>secrecy.

<snip>

>Ah, yes, Robert Park, author of "Voodoo Science" which slashes
>everything from Cold Fusion to UFOs. Unfortunately, Bob was
>jogging last week when a tree fell on him. He was in critical
>condition at last report. See:

><http://www.aps.org/WN/>

>It was described as a bizarre accident. Could be his Karma
>caught up with him.

It was not my fault. I did not drop a twig on my voodoo doll
of Doctor Park! Perhaps it was someone in Cold Fusion!

(Go to brumac.8k.com and scroll down to New York Academy of
Voodoo Science?)

I am sorry to learn of the accident and I do hope he recovers.

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

From: **Greg Sandow** <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 09:53:07 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 10:26:31 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Sandow

>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>decipher the chatter on a police scanner.

Thanks very much, Steve! That filled in big gaps in my own
knowledge, and I hope it was useful to anyone else interested in
all this.

Greg Sandow

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 10:13:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 11:00:25 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 18:56:54 -0400

>Were we talking about people on the bridge seeing the UFO? We
>were talking about people in New York generally. I was foolish
>enough to mention the NY Post workers, whom I'd actually talked
>to. Then... pow! In rushes Dennis, to gnaw at all-too-familiar
>-- even the debate is familiar -- details of the case.

Greg,

I thought the people on the bridge were mainly New Yorkers in
New York. Excuse me for bringing them up, but it seems
reasonable to wonder why none of them reported such a
spectacular encounter.

If you want to say New Yorkers in general don't look up much,
fine. My point was simply that those on the bridge wouldn't have
had to look up.

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I don't think I said someone was specifically salaried to do
nothing but listen to a police scanner all day long. (But if you
go back and read about the famous NY crime scene photographer --
I think he was called Weejee -- I believe that's how he got many
of his best pictures and scooped the competition.)

Point is, a police scanner represents a good source for fast
breaking news. Some media sources certainly avail themselves of
same. Why do you think you see video clips on the nightly news
with police car lights still flashing at the scene? Do you think
the police call the TV stations and newspapers and say, "Hey,
come on down! We've got a multiple shooting at 38th & Broadway"?

I'd be surprised if they don't avail themselves of this channel
of information, but I'd be equally surprised to learn that most
NY print reporters get their news leads by telepathy, instead.

BTW, how do they get their news leads?

Dennis Stacy

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 09:51:41 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 11:03:03 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron -

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>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 13:27:27 EDT
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>Or, is this actually sick humor and I'm just humorless?

I'm with Bob. This sounds to me like another one of those "documented facts" beloved of conspiracy theorists but only loosely tied (and that's being generous) to consensus reality. If true, the charge above would have been on the front pages -- more to the point, in the headlines -- of every paper in the country and the subject of intensely covered Congressional hearings. Frankly, this "documented fact" sounds more like a dumb nonfact to me.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 11:28:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 12:43:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

Ten Reasons Why Newspapers Don't Need Police Scanners, Anyway

1. The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the country.
2. The New York Times is read by people who think they run the country.
3. The Washington Post is read by people who think they ought to run the country.
4. USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't understand the Washington Post.
5. The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could spare the time.
6. The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country.
7. The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country.
8. The New York Post is read by people who don't care who's running the country, as long as they do something scandalous.
9. The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure there is a country, or that anyone is running it.
10. The Miami Herald is read by people who are ru

Errol,

Sorry no Canadian papers were mentioned!

Dennis Stacy

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 17:49:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 17:54:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Bruni

Hi Jan

>I sent Easton the entire file that Greenwood had compiled on
>this case - at least 5 linear inches. After less than a day,
>Jamie-boy had the answer. Not likely.

I've been watching Easton try to discredit this case ever since he received those statements and I knew you had sent them to him.

However, he was not the only person to receive them. I have them too. Mine came from the original Cause files. The difference is that one of us took the time and trouble to really investigate them - and it took a year (not a day).

For anyone who wants the full story on these interesting statements, Halt's memorandum, the tape recording, the lighthouse theory - and the rest of the Rendlesham Forest case, please read my forthcoming book "You Can't Tell The People" (publishing date Nov 10)

The skeptics are in for a great many surprises!

Georgina Bruni

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Velez

From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 13:31:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 18:00:32 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Velez

>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 10:13:06 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 18:56:54 -0400

>>Were we talking about people on the bridge seeing the UFO? We
>>were talking about people in New York generally. I was foolish
>>enough to mention the NY Post workers, whom I'd actually talked
>>to. Then... pow! In rushes Dennis, to gnaw at all-too-familiar
>>-- even the debate is familiar -- details of the case.

Hi Dennis, Greg, All,

Sasquatch from Tejas writes:

>Greg,
>
>I thought the people on the bridge were mainly New Yorkers in
>New York. Excuse me for bringing them up, but it seems
>reasonable to wonder why none of them reported such a
>spectacular encounter.

>If you want to say New Yorkers in general don't look up much,
>fine. My point was simply that those on the bridge wouldn't have
>had to look up.

<snip>

Let me share an incident with you that might help to answer
your question as to why it may have not been reported Dennis.

In 1989 I was working at a lithographers shop that is located at
the foot of Canal Street on the West side. (250 Hudson Street)
The building was the tallest by many stories between Hudson
Street and the Hudson river. Our shop was on the 11th floor and
the windows afforded a clear view of New Jersey on the far
shore, and on a clear day along the horizon (as far as the eye
can see) you can even make out the faint blue ridges of the
mountains in the distance that overlap the borders of both New
Jersey and Pennsylvania.

A clear unobstructed view to the West.

Myself, one of the cameramen, and one of the senior
vice-presidents of the company were sitting and chatting in the
VP's office while waiting for the arrival of an overtime job one
August day (approx: 4:30 pm.) Myself and the cameraman were
seated facing the bank of windows that ran the whole length of
the wall in the VP's office. The veep had his back to the
windows as he sat behind his desk. The cameraman (Larry) spotted
'it' first. In the middle of a sentence he blurts out. "What the
Hell is that thing?"

He was pointing out of the window at the sky at a perfectly circular disc shaped object (metallic silver on top, giving off a misty, cloudy

something on the bottom) that was easily three hundred yards across. The object was at least three football fields across. We all just sat there stunned for a moment trying to figure out what this 'thing' was/ could be. The veep (Jimmy) whipped a pair of binoculars out of his desk and after he was able to train them on the object he reported, "That thing is made of some kind of metal." Larry was standing to my right. He never uttered a word throughout the whole 15 minute sighting. He just stood there transfixed with his jaw slack and all the blood drained from his face. If his eyes had been closed he would have looked like a dead man. We watched this huge disc shaped object slowly drift across the river as it moved away from us in a westerly direction. When the object was out over New Jersey it started to spin and turn up on its edge rolling away from us like a coin. As it began to spin and 'roll away' it changed color to a bright yellow/orange that looked like flames coming off of the trailing edge of the disc.

Three sober men on a fairly clear summers day witness the passing of a "UFO" that would cover many city blocks (like Independence Day!) if it were sitting on the ground, and as soon as it was over we went right back to talking about the job we were expecting. Looking back on it I always wonder at the oddity of our response. Why we did not become agitated/excited about what we had witnessed. Why we didn't chatter away about it for weeks afterwards. Why we didn't think to pick up the phone and call someone. But there it is. We watched it, we discussed it in relatively calm tones as it passed overhead, and then got right back to business as usual.

Nothing further was said about the incident until three days after the 'sighting.' The cameraman approached me in the middle of a workday and whispered in my ear, "John, what the Hell was that thing we saw?" I looked up at him and asked him, "What do you think we saw Larry?" Again the blood drained out of his face, (this guy turned chalk white right before my eyes) and he silently walked away. We not only didn't report the sighting, we never thought to report it. Who would have believed it? Who could we have reported it too? At the time I had absolutely nothing to do with ufology and none of us knew anything about the subject. Much less who to report the sighting to.

Jaded New Yorkers? I don't think so. It was a combination of several factors that resulted in our silence. First, it was frightening to see something like that (that big) in the sky. It was obviously not one of ours. None of us knew beans about ufology or who to report to or that we should report the sighting at all. I can't speak for Larry or Jimmy, but I wouldn't have thought to pick up the phone and call the cops to tell them we were watching a flying saucer the size of Yankee Stadium slowly flying across the Hudson river. If the cops responded at all it would have been to get me over to Bellvue Hospital for some medication! I have a feeling that many folks would opt to keep their mouths shut about having seen something so unbelievable rather than risk the chance of being carted away and labelled a nutjob.

There was not one word in the news about this huge thing that flew right over one of the most densely populated pieces of real estate on the planet. I'm not surprised that any folks who may have been on the bridge the night of Linda's 'incident' (and who witnessed it) would choose to keep their mouths shut. None of them probably knew anything about UFO reporting centers, or even that such things should be reported etc. etc. The one lady from upstate that contacted Budd only found him because his books were among the few that were available to her locally in the town where she lived. She figured she'd look up a 'UFO guy' by tracking down an author of a UFO book and happened to pick up one of Budds books. I think she's an exception to the rule when it comes to such dramatic sightings. I'm willing to bet the farm that as much as 99.9% of all "major/dramatic" sightings are never reported at all.

Because you are so familiar with ufology you assume that everyone else is too. Not so Sasquatch. Most ordinary folks have no idea that reporting centers even exist. Much less feel compelled to report. I know I didn't. The farthest thing from my

mind, the last thing I would have done at the time would be to tell anybody about what I had seen. No one would have believed it so why bother. I believed that. I'm sure the 'average Joe' would react the same way.

This "keep yer yap shut" response to such events is probably the most common reaction. You find it puzzling why something like Linda's abduction wasn't reported, and I wonder at the courage and rarity of that lady on the bridge and others who have equally disturbing sightings, to report them at all. Most folks would be left completely confused and half scared to death to report to anyone. The ones who do report such things are the 'rare' ones.

Warm regards,

John Velez

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>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 11:09:23 -0500
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>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
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Dennis-

I hope this information is of interest to our other
listeners..... <g>

Major "hard" news events come in a variety of forms. A major building fire (such as a factory or warehouse) could become a major story in a big city, but it would have limited impact on traffic flow and wouldn't garner much immediate interest on the part of the public (unless they had a direct connection to the affected building).

On the other hand, your example of a truck overturning, which could in turn block traffic, would be of immediate interest to those caught in the traffic jam, as well as those who are headed into that area on the highway. Local media pick up on major traffic problems using a number of sources, which may not be available in all areas. In the Washington Metro market there are cameras installed on the Washington Beltway and surrounding Interstate highways. Local cable television systems have set aside a channel that shows images from those cameras in rotation, and I believe there is a way to access the camera images via the Internet. If there is a major incident on the highway those cameras are usually able to locate it and the media can begin the process of warning approaching motorists. Of course, most people don't have televisions in their car, so local all-news radio stations monitor the cameras and try to keep on top of traffic flow. Local all-news stations have also established cell phone numbers that can be called at no charge to report a traffic problem. There are also services available

to radio stations that will provide traffic reports during rush hours, and those services also monitor the cameras and keep in touch with local police.

In an extreme case, such as a hazardous waste spill that completely closes a major highway, the police will actually call the regional media for help in getting word out to the public. But, I suspect that in most cases the media will contact the authorities first.

And, of course, we can't forget the general public, who will often call the radio station to find out why their caught in traffic. With the introduction of the cell phone, the public has been given a tool that can be used to stay in touch and spread the word. After the first couple of calls a newsroom will realize that something is up and begin to check into it.

But how this all relates to an incident that occurred in 1989 is somewhat questionable. Tools used by the media today are different than those used a decade ago, with highway cameras and the broad use of cell phones becoming more recent introductions in the mix. The expectations of drivers in the big city have also changed over the years, in that traffic congestion is more of a given than it once had been. Nearly every day I come to a complete stop on the Beltway around Washington for no apparent reason. Sometimes I come up on an accident or stalled car, which can be blamed for the slowdown, but usually the traffic just loosens up and begins to move again for no apparent reason.

Now if all our cars and trucks were to stop running for no reason I'll probably reach for my disposable (mechanical) camera and begin scanning the sky for something unusual. . . . <g>

Steve

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>Dennis, I just agree with people who make sense. If you're
>going to hold forth about subjects you don't know about, I
>reserve the right to tease your claims to expertise. (I'm still
>thinking about your notion that anyone at a big-city daily
>newspaper listens to police radio all day long. When I worked
>at a daily newspaper in Los Angeles, the late Herald-Examiner,
>that certainly wasn't the case. I can't speak for dailies in
>NY, because I've never looked into this point, but I wonder.
>Dennis, do you know this for a fact, or did you see it in a
>movie?)

Greg, Steve, and List:

Earlier today I e-mailed Keay Davidson, the science columnist
for the SF Examiner, the following:

"Sorry to bother you about such trivia, but I'm in the middle of
a debate over on the UFO Updates thread.

"The question is this: how do the news media (newspapers in
particular) typically learn of fast-breaking news? Are police
scanners an integral part of the armory? Or is there a wireless
911 frequency that people can listen into?

"For example, a tanker truck turns over on the Interstate and
either catches fire or spills hazardous material. How will the
media _typically_ learn of the event?"

FWIW, here's the response I received (published with permission):

Dennis,

I'm always glad to help out one of the few truly conscientious
figures in the UFO field. <Blush!>

The answer is: It depends on the situation. If it's a cop story,
and the newspaper is a large urban daily, then it likely has
staffers who regularly phone the cops (e.g. every few hours) or
who visit police HQ to check daily reports (which are usually
scrawled by cops with bad handwriting and a meager sense of
grammar). All of us in this biz started out on the cop beat (I
hated it -- terribly grim stuff, and the cops are often wary).
"Cop calls" typically involve going down a long list of police
phone numbers and phoning every one of them and asking,
"Anything going on?" Typically the cop responds, "Naw, quiet as
a mouse" or the like. Awfully dull. But now and then he or she
will grunt something like, "Call the morgue, ask for Dan, he's
got a body," which means to call the coroner, who in turn may
provide a good story about the latest unidentified corpse to
wash ashore.

Although I've done little cop reporting in my career, my impression is that the best tips come from police scanners. I was a reporter at the LA Times bureau in San Diego in the mid-80s when, if I recall correctly, someone on the copy desk heard a wild crackling on the scanner -- a lot of hubbub. It turned out some wacko had walked into a McDonald's and mowed down some two dozen people.

In smaller towns, cops and reporters tend to have much closer personal contacts. Often they'll be huddled over a bar and the cop will grumble to the reporter, "Boy, you won't believe what we found in the lake today" or something like that. I began my career writing for a bureau of the Orlando Sentinel located in Sanford, Fla., a small community north of Disneyworld, and I got a number of good stories that way -- via personal chit-chat with the cops (although usually in cafes, not bars).

By contrast, big cities are more impersonal, and the newspapers tend to be more concerned with exposing police departments' mismanagement and mistreatment of minorities, etc.; hence big-city cops are often suspicious of reporters, especially those they don't know personally (and they usually don't, given the huge size of most staffs at large urban dailies).

But if they know you personally, they'll not only answer all your questions but will call YOU with a tip (with the understanding that they won't be identified by name). Case example: Our white-haired, veteran crime reporter Malcolm Glover has covered cops since the 1940s, when Old Man Hearst was still around (the great yellow journalist). All the cops love and respect Malcolm, and they'll tell him anything.

But when I call them (occasionally I work holidays and I'm assigned "cop duty"), they're terse and unfriendly because they don't know who I am and know they probably won't ever have to deal with me again. Once both Malcolm and I were assigned to cover a story together -- a sinkhole had opened up somewhere in the Sunset district -- and all the cops hovered around Malcolm, and ignored me totally. Can't say I blame them.

Sorry to ramble on like this -- I hope it's of some non-trivial value. Best, Keay

Again, FWIW. At least people on this list can't say they aren't getting an education about all sorts of arcane arcana!

Dennis Stacy

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Hello Dennis:

In San Francisco, news-radio KCBS has what they call a "phone force", just regular listeners with cell-phones. They simply dial Star-KCBS or the like which puts them straight through. This is mainly for accidents or traffic jams.

Otherwise, I presume they man a police scanner, and that public agencies will contact radio stations directly in major emergencies.

Otherwise, the newspapers check radio/TV, and vice versa... so it seems from the reports here.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Well, if the people who did use a human female Hydro-encephalic corpse as an alien-had to have done the deed later than 1947 and if it was done it had to been done recently (last, oh 20 years-probably the last 10, really),

I've held that the film is a fake, a good one but a fake. and done recently. I can't say with certainty that the "Alien " was entirely a fake, because there are certain aspects that are difficult to reproduce-particularly the skin.

However a corpse donated for scientific purposes to, say a med school or science department, and say a, little paperwork shuffle here a body change there and ; whamo crapo! an Alien! Talk about Documentation, if one wanted to carfully search for such donations, and say if a body came up missing?

As far as deformed children being used by the CIA , we had plenty of irradiied civilans in Japan , Military personnell here and the occasional scientist who dropped a beaker of plutonium et al.-Prove it beyond a shadow of a doubt, prove that we used deformed children for nuke testing.

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>more to the point, in the headlines -- of every paper in the
>country and the subject of intently covered Congressional
>hearings. Frankly, this "documented fact" sounds more like a
>dumb nonfact to me.

>Jerry Clark

Count me in too, I know enough people in the nuclear biz, that any type of that kind of experiment was going on, with the recent congressional hearings-there would be Hell to pay.

Also if I had a daughter that gave her body to science and then have it and her condition shown all over the globe, let's there wouldn't be any place in this Solar system that would be safe for the perpetrators of this desecration.

GT McCoy

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Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 02:14:35 +0100
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>Ten Reasons Why Newspapers Don't Need Police Scanners, Anyway

>1. The Wall Street Journal is read by the people who run the
>country.

>2. The New York Times is read by people who think they run the
>country.

>3. The Washington Post is read by people who think they ought to
>run the country.

>4. USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the
>country but don't understand the Washington Post.

>5. The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind
>running the country, if they could spare the time.

>6. The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run
>the country.

>7. The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure
>who's running the country.

>8. The New York Post is read by people who don't care who's
>running the country, as long as they do something scandalous.

>9. The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure
>there is a country, or that anyone is running it.

>10. The Miami Herald is read by people who are ru

<snip>

11. All newspapers have ace reporters and photographers
stationed at police headquarters ready to run right out on the
call.

12. Larger newspapers have reporter and photographer teams
constantly driving around looking for trouble.

13. The newspaper the police call first is the one that makes
the largest donation to the police vacation fund.

14. Tabloids don't need scanners or tips. They make up the
stories without ever leaving their desks.

15. The reporters get tips from ambulance chasing lawyers.

16. Now you know why Superman worked for a newspaper. He could
tip off Lois Lane with superpowers better than a scanner. He
sure could make Lois's siren wail and Jimmy would get jealous.

17. News desks at papers are always on upper floors. That is so
they can hear what direction the sirens are coming from.

18. Because reporters never listened to scanners they never knew that the CIA was abducting children and shipping them out to the Nevada test site. The children who had been subject to radiation were mistaken for aliens at Area S4. The saucers with child size seats did not fly but were just containment vessels for irradiated children.

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Just joshin' you,

Josh

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Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 21:47:08 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 13:31:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Stacy

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John,

Then I guess it's a blooming wonder that any UFO ever gets reported at all, isn't it?

A Big Grin and take care, my friend.

Dennis Stacy

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 15:20:30 -0400

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Steve,

You've taken my example of an overturned tank truck way too literally.

Let's substitute it with the example of a shooting at 327 Maplewood.

How do the media generally find out about same?

Forget the specific example altogether.

How do the media generally learn about fast-breaking news, of whatever nature or specifics?

But you're probably right: at this point, who cares?

Dennis Stacy

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Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron -

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 00:43:06 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 01:07:35 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron -

>From: Steven L. Wilson Sr <Ndunlks@aol.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 21:06:57 EDT
>Subject: 'Roswell: Enough Already' by A-J Charron

>Source: Cosmic Comentary - <http://members.tripod.com/~CosmicRose/CCC.html>

>Roswell: Enough Already
>by A-J Charron
>September 7, 2000

<snip>

>The balloon story makes no sense. And it's not suppose to. The
>US Air Force chose to say, in the official version, that it was a
>balloon, because they knew nobody would believe it. So was it a
>flying saucer from another planet? Well, who said it was a UFO?
>Actually, the first person to say that it was a UFO was the
>first military investigator who arrived at the crash site. In
>other words, the Air Force said it was a flying saucer.
>Therefore, it was not!

Several problems. The so called "first person" (Marcel) to the
crash site did not break his silence until 1978. The official AF
story was it was a weather balloon, and that story "stuck" say
about 40-47 years. When it was obviously weather balloon story
was deflating, we trot out the Mogel story, i.e. a top secret
balloon project. Then in order to deal with the "bodies"
question we trot out various tales and storys of how people have
mixed up 20 years of airplane crashes and dummy tests to explain
away the bodies. Bottom line is various cover storys are still
being maintained.

>That the whole thing was a coverup is not very difficult to
>figure out. But then again, like the balloon story, it's not
>supposed to be. Then what was it?

>Roswell is near the test sites of the first Atomic Bombs. Logic
>dictates that a plane crashed. But, Theorists say, an
>investigator would have figured that out right away. And so
>would have the witnesses: Everybody know what a plane looks
>like! Sure. But not many people know what a crashed plane looks
>like. And that's the difference.

>Crash investigators say that if you did not know upon arrival
>that what you were looking at was a plane, you would never be
>able to guess. The reason is quite simple, a plane is made of
>aluminium and other fragile materials. It has to be or else it
>would never leave the ground. Throw it on the ground at several
>hundred miles per hour and what do you think will be left?

I have been to quite a number of plane crashes in my time and it
is obvious that what hit the ground and or mountain was an
airplane, aluminium pieces and all. In many instances you are
able to find bigger chunks such as landing gear, the actual
engine, etc etc.

>Not much. All the parts break up in little pieces making an
>unrecognizable, tangled mass. Then why cover it up? Many simple

>reasons. Mainly, what was in the plane. Or rather who. You've
>seen the video "Alien Autopsy"? Odds are it's true. As one
>doctor who viewed the video said, the corpse presented was that
>of a human female presenting several rare birth defects.

>So it just adds up when you think again of the A-Bomb testings.
>In the fourties, the CIA abducted dozens of abandoned children.
>Children who had been abandoned because they presented many
>birth defects. Children who would not be "normal". This is a
>documented fact.

Sources and citation for this wild tale

>What did they do with them? Many of them were placed on the
>sites of the A-Bomb tests. By exposing them to blast, fallout,
>radiation, etc, the military could see the effects on human
>beings. Probably many other horrible things were done to those
>Children, but that is not the object of this essay.

Again, sources and citation for this wild one. While their is
recorded evidence in the 1979 radiation hearings that so called
adult volenteers were put close to ground zero and were close
to blasts their has never been any evidence of children being
placed at the sites.

>By talking about UFOs, the military were planting an idea. By
>denying it the next day and saying it was a weather balloon only
>made people realize they were lying. But people thought they
>were lying about the UFO bit which the military themselves had
>planted. If they had said it was a plane crash, there might have
>been a civilian investigation. This way they ensured there
>wouldn't be. Everything went according to plan.

<snip>

The so called military wasn't talking about a "UFO." The local
base people unloaded the press release, then once the whole
thing got kicked to higher ups, the cover up began and the
weather balloon story was floated.

Cheers,

Robert

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Nick Pope'S Weird World - September 2000

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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 09:17:56 -0400
Subject: Nick Pope'S Weird World - September 2000

NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD
Hot Gossip UK
www.hotgossip.co.uk

September is here, and as Summer passes into Autumn, I pass comment on anything that's grabbed my attention from the weird and wonderful world of UFOs, alien abductions, the paranormal and the bizarre.

Crop Circles

Colin Andrews has stunned the world of crop circle research with new theories and views about what lies behind the formations. There have been features and articles in the mainstream media, together with debate on all the usual Internet sites. The news broke on 9 August and Colin's statement is at:

www.egroups.com/group/cprcanadanews

and at:

www.geocities.com/cpr-canada

two sites which have lots of other interesting crop circle material. It's also been posted on UFO UpDates (on August 19) which is at:

www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates

Colin suggests that the discovery of a magnetic signature in some crop circles might be significant and might be a clue as to how they are formed, while serving as a useful test of whether formations are hoaxed or not. Sensationally, Colin suggests that 20% of formations show no evidence of being made by people, while 80% do. In a courageous and honest statement that will not make him popular with some of his allies and friends, he now believes that most if not all of the pictograms are hoaxes (or "land art", or whatever term you favour). The genuine phenomenon, he now believes, revolves around the most basic patterns: single circles or basic geometric patterns. This story will run and run over the next few months, and we await with interest the details of Colin's research.

UFO Magazine

The latest edition of UFO Magazine was published on 29 August, so should be in the shops now. It features an in-depth report by researcher Colin Ridyard, whose tireless efforts with his MP and the Ombudsman forced the Ministry of Defence to release details of some sensational UFO cases involving sightings by pilots and tracked on radar.

Check out www.ufomag.co.uk for more details. Don't forget that UFO Magazine's own conference will be held on 15, 16 and 17 September (details at their website), and don't forget that the next edition of their sister publication, The Unopened Files, will be available from 28 September.

London Calling

I know I shouldn't be trying to send people away from this site, but for any of my regular readers who don't know, can I say that I write one other Internet column, at the popular www.ufocity.com site. It's entitled London Calling, and as ufocity is a US site, my column gives people a window on British ufology, or offers a UK perspective on US theories or events. Recent topics covered have included the Cheshire video affair, the controversy surrounding John Carpenter and a summary of recent articles in mainstream scientific journals that have profound implications for ufology. Check it out.

London UFO Studies Group

Contrary to popular myth, not all UFO sightings take place on some lonely country road, late at night. There are numerous sightings (including close encounters and abductions) being reported in cities - perhaps because there are more people there to see these things. Over the years a lot has happened in London, and a group that's been in the thick of it is Roy Lake's London UFO Studies. Roy has been involved in ufology for forty seven years, so has a wealth of experience. His group is a small but dedicated one that concentrates on in-depth investigation of those cases that come their way, most of which are from in and around London. Their website is at www.aliens.net-hed.co.uk, so check them out.

Fortean Fish Falls - Now It's Official

We've come a long way from the days of the late, great Charles Fort, and he'd doubtless be pleased that the phenomenon of fish falling from the sky has now been officially recognised. On 6 August vast numbers of dead sprats fell on the Norfolk town of Great Yarmouth. Meteorological Office spokesperson Andy Yeatman confirmed the incident: "It has rained fish, frogs and even inanimate objects like straw and plants. Mini-tornadoes build up under thunderclouds. In this case the tornado gathered over the sea and the fish got sucked up into the clouds. They were obviously carried along in the cloud for some distance before the cloud burst and the fish fell away with the rain". He added "The most extraordinary example was during the 1976 Olympics when it rained live maggots on a yachting event".

So now it's official!

Yet Another SAS Book

For those of you who are fans of books like Bravo Two Zero, comes yet another book by a former SAS soldier. Jihad, by Tom Carew, was serialised in The Sunday Times on 13 August and will be published by Mainstream on 18 September, at £16.99. From what has appeared so far, it looks as if it'll be worth a read.

Operation Lightning Strike

Finally, there's now just a month to go until the release of my latest book. Operation Lightning Strike will be available from 2 October as a trade paperback, and is being published by Simon & Schuster UK at £9.99. This novel is a direct sequel to Operation Thunder Child, which will be published in standard format paperback on the same day, at £6.99. Although publication day is still a month away, you might be able to get ahead of the game by ordering at Amazon or any of the usual Internet book sites. Alternatively, I'm hoping to be able to get copies to the big UFO conference in Leeds on 16/17 September, so if you're planning to come along, stop me and buy one! I'll be saying more about this book next month, but suffice to say that even though it's a novel, parts of it are based on real events or scenarios that have been worked up. Watch this space.

Nick Pope
London
September 2000

Nick Pope's three books, Open Skies, Closed Minds, The Uninvited and Operation Thunder Child are available from all good bookshops and from the usual Internet book sites. His UK publishers are Simon & Schuster. In America, The Overlook Press publish his books in hardback while the paperbacks are produced by Dell Publishing.

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 16:05:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 11:25:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

The following, slightly edited here as necessary, was posted to UFORL yesterday evening:

A significant tenet of this list is that discussions are private and 'list only' unless otherwise specified, i.e.:

These are the simple 'housekeeping' rules:

1. 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'.

It is not therefore suitable for those who wish to discuss 'alien abductions', 'MJ-12', etc.

2. The list is also primarily intended to enable secure discussions and as subscribers may request feedback on new data or privately debate controversial, sensitive issues, etc., ALL contributions are therefore 'LIST ONLY - IN CONFIDENCE' unless otherwise denoted.

If it appears on this list, it shouldn't be seen anywhere else without the originator's permission.

[Etc.]

We all understand this, which is why I specifically noted in two recent postings that one could be passed on as an exception to 'list only' and another included material headed, "THIS IS LIST ONLY", as a reminder of the list material's inherent confidentiality.

Some content from that latter posting has been passed on to at least one non-list member, Jan Aldrich, and referred to by Aldrich on UFO UpDates. I'm thankful that to the 'uninitiated' it would have made little sense amidst Aldrich's incoherent ramble, however that's irrelevant.

One of the prime reasons for a 'closed' list is that research can be carried out, highlighted, debated and with vehemently opposed conclusions, yet minus that invective, typical of fanatical 'UFO believers'. In their belief system, as with other religions, there's no tolerance for any sceptical, or even remotely critical appraisal.

As a result, the UFO Research List, now approaching 2500 postings in the 18 months of its existence, has rarely seen anything more contentious than an occasional, virtual, custard pie.

However, of late, a somewhat critical assessment of one case by a number of subscribers seems to have provoked the ire of Brad Sparks, with the result he has now selectively posted considerable 'list only' material on UFO UpDates, proclaiming it supports his earnest beliefs and seemingly complaining he's had enough of those damnable 'skeptics'.

As the UFORL list material posted is a unbelievably ridiculous distortion of the facts and as I have zero intention of chasing

it, the only loser, as with any fanatical UFO beliefs, will be the truth.

Robert McLean is a new member of this list and one who, despite now publicly and repeatedly being branded by Sparks as a 'Skeptic', isn't really, however, I regret that it's primarily out-of-context extracts from Robert's statedly ongoing and incomplete research which have been broadcast as evidence of the great 'UFO evidence cover up', or some other such offering.

Welcome to 'ufology' Robert. Sometimes it's rather sad...

[The irony is, if Brad had been patient, there were some significant new and related case discoveries yet to be revealed on UFORL and which he certainly would have found very interesting].

I must now reconsider the future of UFORL and no matter what the outcome, I trust many subscribers will agree it was a worthwhile endeavour and did actually provide a scientific focus on considerable UFO related evidence.

By necessity, a copy of this e-mail is being forwarded to UFO UpDates, where hopefully a true perspective of the purported case evidence published therein, can be better appreciated.
[End]

James Easton.
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Re: 'Scientific UFO Research' WebRing

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 16:09:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 16:10:47 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Scientific UFO Research' WebRing

The 'Scientific UFO Research' WebRing has now been deleted.

My regrets to those who were members and and the large number of pending 'applicants' whose submission couldn't be processed until the Yahoo/WebRing merger was finalised.

James Easton.
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An Audience Of Nodding Heads (was: Orford Ness)

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 11:38:24 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 16:15:04 -0400
Subject: An Audience Of Nodding Heads (was: Orford Ness)

>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 16:05:52 +0100
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

Patient and gentle listfolk:

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This is sad. Rather than address issues -- as his critics been doing, an articulate, informed bunch with quite specific objections to Easton's pelicanist claims -- all we get are the sorts of ad hominem to which would-be debunkers always retreat when greeted with anything other than an audience full of enthusiastically nodding heads. Anyone who fails to recognize Easton's brilliance, it appears, practices, suffers from, or is one of the following:

The critic's words are mere "incoherent ramble." He is a "fanatical 'UFO believer'." He has a "belief system" (as opposed, I gather, to mere "beliefs"; "belief system" always sounds so much more profound). Ufology is mere "religion" (synonymous with "delusion" in this sort of polemical sleight of hand). And the ufologist, of course, has "no tolerance for any skeptical, or even remotely critical[,] appraisal"

Concerning this last, I must say it sounds far more like Easton responding to his critics. Ufologists, after all, have a pretty solid record of skeptical and critical writing on UFO cases and theories (as witness, for example, the raging debates within ufology regarding Roswell and the abduction phenomenon) -- unlike the debunking community, where self-criticism, debate, and internal policing are far elusive than needles in haystacks. A prominent debunker once wrote to a friend of mine that the idea of criticizing another debunker's work is "strange." Talk about intolerance of dissent, or of "any skeptical, or even remotely critical, appraisal."

Maybe if Easton can't stand the heat, he should stay out of the kitchen. In the meantime, he can spare us the self pity.

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Maccabee

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Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 12:11:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 16:12:42 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Maccabee

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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Hahaha

OK.

By the way, whatever happened to the Chupacabra song prize?

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>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 17:49:06 +0100
>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 17:54:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Bruni

First, this is a gawdaweful case and is not evidential at all, but it has become a legend. Since we don't have all the testimony and the real witnesses are loath to talk about this case, there are huge problems with any analysis. Just like Roswell there is every silly kind of interloper imaginable trying to write themselves into the story and the story has grown to one of extraterrestrial contact. What absolute garbage!

The memo Halt wrote was purposefully vague and conservative. It was not written for UFO buffs, it was not written for Phil Klass and UFO skeptics. It was written to report incidents - weird incidents which were not career enhancing for any of the participants - through military channels. Probably had Halt and the APs not engaged in such a big operation nothing would have been said. However, since they did occur in a sensitive area, there was a necessity of making some kind of record reporting something.

Klass ridicules Halt's memo as something so trivial that Halt shouldn't have made a record. No! Basically, Halt covered his and his subordinates' backsides. He is reporting something strange without going into great detail. Since it was purposefully vague, higher ups could always come back for more details, if they deemed it an item of concern. If anything ever came of it, he could bring out this memo as proof that the incidents were not ignored.

What happened after this thing became public is amazing. A circus. The silliness never ends. I guarantee that no book will chronicle all the silly things, these will be stripped out so everything involved here will sound serious as a heart attack.

Second, these incidents happened at night. Halt said right off at his presentation in Maryland that he identified the lighthouse at the start of the incident. Since this is important to any lighthouse explanation, it seems this must be ignored, glossed over, or you have to question Halt's character. (I have no problem with a witnesses being subjected to searching probes, but I also suggest that if someone offers a bad character judgment, perhaps his testimony should also be checked and analyzed. Nor is someone's current military assignment necessarily suggestive or an indication of their competency.) In the case of analysts with integrity, you could acknowledge that Halt identified the lighthouse, talked to the lighthouse keeper and say you do not accept his statement--hopefully giving the reasons why.

Now, I don't know what experience anyone here has ever had moving through wooded areas on a dark night, but let me tell you guard duty or operations at night in such areas are no fun. It is easy to lose orientation and you see things that aren't there and familiar things become unfamiliar. I've seen a half a dozen men in full combat gear run off a 20 foot drop before someone realised such an obstacle existed.

Or try driving down a trail at night under black out drive, at catch up speed--I had one of my guys mistake a trail for a road after a sharp turn and drive into a ditch. It took six hours to recover that vehicle, almost all of it in the dark.

So, APs running through the woods, what do you expect? Maybe sometime they were indeed chasing lighthouse illuminated reflections.

Penniston kept moving the estimate how distant the light was. DUH!!!! NO S**T! You might say I feel real strongly about this. Only the most ignorant would make a point about this! At night you have no depth perception! Estimates that people make are based on what they are familiar with. Now if, you have moonlight or even some back ground lighting from human habitation you can detect something and estimates might mean something. Woods screen this out and make things near pitch black. Using your own light sources may not help and many cases may confuse the issue.

These were Air Farce Apes, not Army troops who are taught night vision techniques. The APs had not gained night vision because they were not using black out conditions.

They are moving through a night time (read disorienting) environment, they are excited, and they are afraid. (Anyone who says they are not afraid of the dark is a lair!) Not the best possible conditions for useful observations.

There are pros and cons for the light house explanation. One TV presentation had the Halt tape played at the same time light rotation of the beacon. Some of the call out of seeing something matched the frequency of the rotation of the beacon.

As pointed out here once before, the investigator's and/or analyst's integrity should demand that items that do not fit the analyst's theories and conclusions, be acknowledged, even if the analyst's does not agree with them. Such integrity is sadly lacking in both advocate and skeptical writings.

My point was that unless and until Halt et al, clarify some of the testimony, no explanation is a done deal. Much the same applies in the other direction, also.

Many things in this case are doubtful, there are also many, natural and man-made things that might be involved. Since eliminating most of these stimuli is nearly impossible, this case as it currently stands is at best puzzling, and at worst nothing to get excited about. They now call them NLs, we use to call them DL, "Damnable Lights" in deference to Isabel Davis' sensibilities. They are, in fact, DFLs. And under the best night time conditions interesting but not any kind of proof, and this case was not under the best of conditions.

Now as for evidence of anything, this case is junk, in my opinion.

>Hi Jan

>>I sent Easton the entire file that Greenwood had compiled on
>>this case - at least 5 linear inches. After less than a day,
>>Jamie-boy had the answer. Not likely.

>I've been watching Easton try to discredit this case ever since
>he received those statements and I knew you had sent them to
>him.

Unfortunately, the case is already discredited by all the trash that has been thrown into the bin with it. Sorting through what is true and what is false is very difficult. Why people continue on this road is a wonder to me? However, if they do, they had best mention all the pros and cons, and not pick some and ignore others.

>However, he was not the only person to receive them. I have>them
>too. Mine came from the original Cause files. The difference is
>that one of us took the time and trouble to really investigate
>them - and it took a year (not a day).

>For anyone who wants the full story on these interesting
>statements, Halt's memorandum, the tape recording, the

>lighthouse theory - and the rest of the Rendlesham Forest case,
>please read my forthcoming book "You Can't Tell The People"
>(publishing date Nov 10)

>The skeptics are in for a great many surprises!

>Georgina Bruni

Georgina, are you trying to convince skeptics? In most cases
that is like trying to talking to trees. The only thing worse
is talking to believers!

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
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>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Aldrich
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 13:31:49 -0400

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>analyst's integrity should demand that items that do not fit the
>analyst's theories and conclusions, be acknowledged, even if the
>analyst's does not agree with them. Such integrity is sadly
>lacking in both advocate and skeptical writings.

Jan, I assure that I have acknowledged all you suggest - not because they "might fit" or "might not fit" my theories - my theories are not the real issue. I didn't write this book to prove my theories.

>Many things in this case are doubtful

With respect, that is because you have only been following the information in the public domain - but there's a great deal more to this case that has not been recognised.

The problem is that too much time has been wasted on mundane lighthouse theories when people who claim to know so much about this case should have been looking elsewhere.

>Now as for evidence of anything, this case is junk, in my
>opinion.

Well, you are entitled to your opinion but unless you know the facts you should not (in my opinion) make such a bold statement.

>Georgina, are you trying to convince skeptics? In most cases
>that is like trying to talking to trees. The only thing worse
>is talking to believers!

I always have time for people who are genuinely skeptical and really do their research. I want to hear their side of the story. But I don't give much credit to people who take one fraction of a case and spend an eternity trying to prove it - forgetting about the whole case. Rather like those people who cut and paste sections to suit their argument but leave out anything that doesn't fit (like you mentioned earlier in your post)

Georgina Bruni

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Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - KRandle

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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 01:56:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - KRandle

Good Evening all -

Serge asked for a single reference in which PTSD [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder] was the result of a fantasy. I supplied four, which he rejected, saying that each was the result of men faking PTSD. Possibly. However, since the syndrome was created based on the large number of people claiming horrific combat experiences, it would seem that the four references would have answered the question. In fact, Donald W. Goodwin and Samuel B. Guze, in *Psychiatric Diagnosis*, wrote, "The decision to award compensation was made even more difficult by the almost total lack of evidence that 'post-traumatic stress disorder, delayed type' exists as a clinical entity."

Peter Brooksmith suggested Janet from 'The Abduction Enigma', but Greg Sandow rejected it because it could just be anecdotal. Of course one man's anecdote is another man's empiric observation.

However, the following reference from the literature should end this part of the discussion:

Kolb, Lawrence C.
Chapter Title

Recovery of memory and repressed fantasy in combat-induced post-traumatic stress disorder of Vietnam veterans.

Source

Pettinati, Helen M. (Ed); et al. (1988). *Hypnosis and memory*. The Guilford clinical and experimental hypnosis series. (pp. 265-274). New York, NY, USA: Guilford Press. xiii, 301 pp.

Abstract

(from the chapter) techniques used/narcosynthesis induction/abreaction and the role of the therapist/cases... presented herein illustrate the powerful process of repression in impairing memory for both intensively charged life-threatening incidents in real life and fantasies of life-threatening events connected with the emotion of terror
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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Goldstein

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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 08:55:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Goldstein

>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 12:11:36 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Goldstein
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 02:14:35 +0100

>>>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 11:28:12 -0500
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

><snip>

>>For years I was a MUFON field investigator. Why did I not think
>>to station myself at Police HQ so as to be "on the call" for
>>sightings? That requirement should be in the new MUFON bylaws
>>for all to heed. The investigator and the reporter can keep each
>>other company in the police office. The investigator should
>>respond to any unlawful intrusion calls as they may be
>>abductions in action. I volunteer Bruce Maccabee as my
>>photographer.

>Hahaha

>OK.

>By the way, whatever happened to the Chupacabra song prize?

OOps Bruce,

Sorry I haven't kept you informed. We've been recording music
and I wanted to send you a package that included some of the
newest material. The recording process has taken longer than
anticipated. Saturday is our last day. I'll pop something out to
you Monday.

Please privately post me with a mailing address.

Thanks for your patience,

Josh

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 22:46:43 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:05:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Rudiak

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 22:52:25 EDT
>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:18:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>SKEPTIC FACTOID 2: UFO & LIGHTHOUSE EXACTLY SAME DIRECTION

>An important skeptic factoid that has been drummed in again and
>again is the false claim that the Orfordness lighthouse was
>exactly "due east" of the East Gate of RAF Woodbridge, and that
>both the Burroughs-Cabansag-Penniston group and Col Halt's party
>coincidentally followed this exact "due east" path straight
>towards Orfordness lighthouse, therefore the light or UFO must
>have been one and the same as the lighthouse. In fact, as best I
>can determine from the rather inadequate maps posted, the
>Orfordness lighthouse was at about 85 degrees true azimuth from
>East Gate (the East Gate road is also oriented at this 85 true
>azimuth), which is somewhat North of due East, whereas due east
>is 90 degs. More importantly Halt headed towards the UFO at
>110-120 degrees magnetic which is 105-115 degrees true.

<snip>

>In other words, the path Halt and the others followed was not
>in the direction of Orfordness lighthouse but about 20-30
>degrees to the right or South of it. McLean noted that the path
>he followed to retrace Col Halt's route was "South of East," not
>due East. McLean's Ordnance Survey grid map references indicate
>the direction from the landing site to the end point in the
>second farmer's field was at about 122 degs true azimuth, or
>about ESE. The compass directions on Halt's trip were repeatedly
>measured and reported on Halt's real-time tape recording (see
>Transcript on Easton's website at
><http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/halttape.htm>):

>HALT: The light is gone now. It was approximately 120 degrees
>from the site...

<snip>

>McLean does not seem to realize that the end point of the 2 mile
>trek that supposedly followed the Orfordness lighthouse instead
>of a UFO, was in a different direction than Orfordness. He has
>the end point at grid ref TM385477 and the beginning point at
>TM364490. The azimuth heading is therefore $\arctan(13/21) = 32$
>degs south of due east, or azimuth 122 degs. Whereas the
>Orfordness lighthouse was at about 85 degs azimuth, just north
>of due east. (385-364 = 21 east, 490-477 = 13 south)

By moving the "true" landing site to ~120 deg azimuth from East Gate at RAF Woodbridge instead of ~85-90 deg, I finally begin to understand how the Orford Ness lighthouse main beam might be visible from the inland "landing site." If you have have been following this thread, this point had been bothering me quite a bit. Various people like Jenny Randles, Ian Ridpath, and Peter Brookesmith have said the beam was visible from the landing site. Yet from the more northerly presumed site it didn't seem

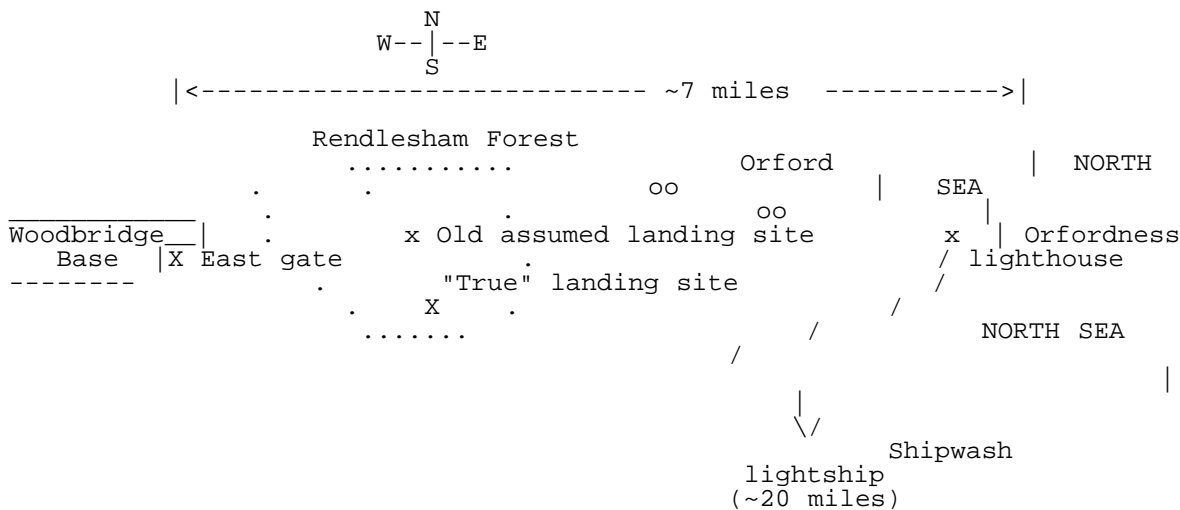
possible.

Trying to understand exactly what happened and also casting fair judgment on the skeptics' lighthouse theory has been badly hampered by a lack of good data as to where everything and everyone was relative to one another. In other words, we've lacked a good map.

I'm reposting my crude text map with some revisions showing the more southerly landing site where the UFO/lighthouse/whatever was now apparently viewed by Col. Halt and his merry men. Also, looking more closely at Neil Morris' scanned map,

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

the distance between the lighthouse and the landing site is closer to 5 miles rather than 3 miles.



So now, as Brad Sparks points out, the "true" landing site is well south of the line between East Gate and the lighthouse. In other words, Halt et. al. were not headed toward the lighthouse in their pursuit of the UFO. If they went about 2 miles east at azimuth 122, then the landing site would be about 1.25 miles south of due east.

Another point, as will hopefully become clearer below, it is also highly questionable that the flashing main beam of the Orford Ness lighthouse can be seen at the East Gate position, which would mean something else would have had to trigger the jaunt through the woods

Off the scanned map of the area provided by Neil Morris:

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

or James Easton:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/map2.jpg> Easton maps

the coastline south of the lighthouse slopes to the southwest, or probably more accurately to the WSW at about 240 deg Azimuth w.r.t. to the lighthouse. The main lighthouse rotating beacon, if this is a good respectable lighthouse, should be visible to at least the coastline. Therefore, let us assume that the beacon is fully visible to at least 240 deg Az.

The "true" Halt landing site, now that it has been moved south from where I had presumed it was based on the map in Jenny Randle's book, "Out of the Blue", and Easton's map above, would now lie at about 255 deg Az from the lighthouse, instead of about 270 deg.

Therefore, there is only about 15 deg difference in azimuth between the southeastern coastline (where presumably the lighthouse must shine) and the "landing site."

Peter Brookesmith about 2 weeks ago posted some data about the lighthouse which initially led me to believe that the rotating beam was visible for a full 360 degrees. Brookesmith then said not so -- the beam was definitely "masked to the landward side." He posted the following URL with a photo of the lighthouse:

<http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/locator/42.jpg>

Indeed, the photo showed a barrier of some kind to the backside of the lighthouse.

I then found another view of the lighthouse from further inland showing even more of the shielded backside, though not very clearly:

<http://www.debenweb.co.uk/img/suff/orfd/orf10.jpg>

At this point I was asking myself, "If the beam is blocked towards land, as these photos certainly seem to indicate, then how could the beam be seen at all by Halt and his men, at least as a direct, bright beam?"

I then posed this question to Brookesmith, who sort of danced around the question and didn't give a very satisfactory or detailed answer IMHO. It was something like it was indeed masked but not entirely masked, or words to that effect.

So I went looking for better photos of the lighthouse. I finally found one at (God bless the Web):

<http://personal.riverusers.com/~tanseyj/orford.jpg>

This is actually the same photo as from Brookesmith's URL, but much larger and without the cropping at the bottom of the lighthouse. This photo more clearly shows the housing of the main beam at the top as well as some of the North Sea shoreline at the bottom. You'll also more clearly see the window halfway down, which houses one of the colored sector lights (the green one) which is visible out to the SE (but not from inland).

The now visible shoreline provides a little orientation for the photo. The shore slants a little east of true north/south. I'm guessing, therefore, that the doorway shown at the bottom is just about due south and the photo vantage point was a little west of south.

The left edge of the housing at the top would then be about due west, in the approximate direction of the airbase. The beam would be very much blocked in this direction by the white housing (looks like metal) to the left edge of the light housing.

However, the open part of the housing does wrap around quite a bit to the southwest and also has prominent "notch" in that direction. Thus it looks like the beam should be visible well to the SW and into the WSW, as it should if it is to be fully seen down the SW coastline.

In addition, I can now see the possibility that the "notch" at the most SW edge would allow some of the beam to leak even further to the WSW perhaps as far as where Halt and his men were (the extra 15 degrees beyond the coastline at the new "true" more southerly landing site).

I suspect the beam at this point, if visible, would still be partly blocked by the rear light housing, but some of it might leak around the right edge because of the notch. The perspective of the lighthouse from the landing site is probably very close to the lighthouse view shown in photo 2 above:

<http://www.debenweb.co.uk/img/suff/orfd/orf10.jpg>

The white shield from this vantage point, would probably block most of the beam, but over to the right of the beam housing where it is open and the "notch" would be (and as can be seen in the photo), some light should leak out and be visible at the "landing site."

Thus the beam would not be as bright as if one saw the full beam from the same distance out at sea (to hazard a wild guess, say

1/10th as bright), but it would still be reasonably bright. Jenny Randles said you could indeed see the light from the landing site, but it was nothing to write home about.

However, even a little further north of where Halt and his men were, and the beam probably would be completely blocked by the rear housing. Thus I seriously doubt if the beam could be sweeping across the tops of the trees and be seen at East Gate, even if terrain permitted it.

However, the only way we are going to know for sure whether the beam was at all visible at East Gate would be for someone on-site to find out if it was possible. Another piece of data that is lacking is how bright the lighthouse would have been from the landing site compared to where the beam would be fully visible at sea. If the beam is partly blocked at the landing site and only "peaking" around the edge of the shield in back, then the light probably wouldn't have been all that dazzling. Good photos of the lighthouse from the proper azimuths relative to East Gate and the landing site could tell us a lot.

Again this brings us back to the point I raised about how only the tip of the lighthouse is visible through only a narrow gap in the terrain over a very small area. The beam, even leaking very far to the WSW does not seem capable of leading men away from the base on a merry chase through the woods in a direction that takes them further and further away from the direction of the beam. The terrain and the housing at the rear of the lighthouse probably wouldn't allow them to see the beam from the base or as they moved through the woods. This would suggest that they were chasing after something else.

David Rudiak

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James Easton's response to my four points refuting his and other skeptics' factoids on the Rendlesham case has been to expel me from his list and divert attention from the scientific issues to red herrings about the housekeeping rules for his list. As he knows from an apologetic email I sent him, I never received his recent posts about exceptions to his list rules and he has never modified his list software to put "list only" or similar reminders in the headings.

In any case, there is a bit of a double standard here since Easton and others on his list including Jenny Randles have been cross-posting the same posts here on UFO UpDates and on his UFO Research List for the past several weeks on this "Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'" thread which Easton himself started, as I just discovered last Friday -- all without complaint from Easton or anyone else till now. He has even cited the work of his subscriber Robert McLean in one of his posts here on UpDates as support for his (Easton's) contentions (Sept 4). So much for not revealing the content of allegedly "private" discussions on his list to outsiders.

The extreme rhetoric used by James Easton suggests I have struck a raw nerve in exposing the factual errors in his contentions for the past two years that the Rendlesham military men all "chased a lighthouse beacon for two miles" (posted Aug 22) or engaged in a "two mile pursuit of a lighthouse beacon" (Aug 23). He knows that I reject the ETH yet he describes me as having "fanatical UFO beliefs" or being some "fanatical 'UFO believer.'"

Easton claims my posting here supported my "earnest beliefs," that I had had "enough of those damnable 'skeptics,'" and that I was exposing the "great 'UFO evidence cover up.'" I never made any of those statements in his quotation marks as he well knows, he has in fact made them up.

In fact, my posting refuted my own beliefs of the past two years in which I had accepted and believed Easton's and others' claims that the Orfordness lighthouse was chased for 2 miles by two different groups of USAF personnel in Dec 1980. I publicly retracted my position in the face of the facts. Would that others would show similar integrity in the face of the truth.

Lest we forget, when Easton started this thread on Aug 17 (unbeknownst to me till last week) he was triumphantly declaring that the Rendlesham case had been "comprehensively" and "demonstrably proven" to be the Orfordness lighthouse. He has claimed that the lighthouse and the UFO were in the same direction and were never seen simultaneously in different parts of the sky so they must be one and the same, just misidentified.

Now, as I posted on Sept 12, we find this is not true at all. Let's go over the skeptic factoids again one by one:

SKEPTIC FACTOID 1: COL. HALT et al. CHASED LIGHTHOUSE FOR 2 MILES

The facts are that, as indicated by Dave Rudiak's analysis and McLean's on-site investigations, the Orfordness lighthouse

beacon can only be seen in the approximately first 0.1 mile of the reconstructed path through forest and field, then it completely disappears for the next 1.9 miles, then it reappears again only for the final 0.2 mile.

If this is not in fact true, then British skeptics can simply take a camera on the entire 2-mile path and photograph the Orfordness lighthouse beacon all along the path. That would be "comprehensive proof." I cannot try this experiment as I am in California.

SKEPTIC FACTOID 2: UFO & LIGHTHOUSE EXACTLY SAME DIRECTION

The facts are that Orfordness lighthouse was at about 85 degrees true from the initial landing site and the Col Halt party's compass headings toward the UFO were to about 105-115 degs true.

SKEPTIC FACTOID 3: NO MENTION ON HALT TAPE OF PIECES FALLING OFF UFO

I quoted from the Halt tape which comprehensively proves that he did report "Pieces ... falling off" the UFO on two separate occasions.

SKEPTIC FACTOID 4: NO UFO & LIGHTHOUSE SEEN AT SAME TIME

I quoted or paraphrased Halt, Cabansag, Penniston and Burroughs saying they saw both UFO and lighthouse beacon at the same time or serially and could distinguish them easily -- as we would just by considering that the blue and red lights were obviously not the whitish-yellow lighthouse beam.

These are not the only skeptic factoids in this case, but are fairly representative of the quality of the work that has been done and which I in good faith have wrongly relied upon for so long to mistakenly dispose of this case as conventionally explained.

Brad Sparks

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[Non-Subscriber Post]

With respect to Dave Rudiak's re-analysis of lighthouse sighting angles and beam visibility, just a few comments which may not do full justice to his details:

It may not be necessary to move the landing site southward. Col Halt's 110-120 magnetic compass readings (= 105-115 true) started from the landing site, not East Gate, and it was from this landing site that McLean reconstructed the path through wood and field for 2+ miles at what turns out to be about 122 degs true azimuth. McLean did not start from East Gate on this heading.

Brad Sparks

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 01:56:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:14:11 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Mortellaro

>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 15:20:30 -0400

>>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 11:09:23 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

>>>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:38:50 -0400

>>Steve,

>>Thanks for your informative input, as always.

>>I guess my question still remains, How do the media _typically_
>>learn of fast-breaking news?

>>An example: a tanker truck turns over on a downtown freeway and
>>either catches fire or spills hazardous material. _In the main_,
>>how do the media first hear about it?

>>Is there, by any chance, a wireless 911 frequency that you can
>>listen to, for calls made via cell phones?

>>Still curious.

>>Dennis Stacy

>Dennis-

>I hope this information is of interest to our other
>listeners..... <g>

>Major "hard" news events come in a variety of forms. A major
>building fire (such as a factory or warehouse) could become a
>major story in a big city, but it would have limited impact on
>traffic flow and wouldn't garner much immediate interest on the
>part of the public (unless they had a direct connection to the
>affected building).

>On the other hand, your example of a truck overturning, which
>could in turn block traffic, would be of immediate interest to
>those caught in the traffic jam, as well as those who are headed
>into that area on the highway. Local media pick up on major
>traffic problems using a number of sources, which may not be
>available in all areas. In the Washington Metro market there are
>cameras installed on the Washington Beltway and surrounding
>Interstate highways. Local cable television systems have set
>aside a channel that shows images from those cameras in
>rotation, and I believe there is a way to access the camera
>images via the Internet. If there is a major incident on the
>highway those cameras are usually able to locate it and the
>media can begin the process of warning approaching motorists. Of
>course, most people don't have televisions in their car, so

>local all-news radio stations monitor the cameras and try to
>keep on top of traffic flow. Local all-news stations have also
>established cell phone numbers that can be called at no charge
>to report a traffic problem. There are also services available
>to radio stations that will provide traffic reports during rush
>hours, and those services also monitor the cameras and keep in
>touch with local police.

<snip>

>Now if all our cars and trucks were to stop running for no
>reason I'll probably reach for my disposable (mechanical) camera
>and begin scanning the sky for something unusual. <g>

>Steve

I would like to thank all of you experts out there, people
who've worked on or for the media, for your insight as to how
the media gets (or doesn't get) it's news. However I can't.
Mostly because, it's all wrong.

There are, in most major cities, more than half a dozen
frequencies which are always monitored by the media for news.
In the city of NY it would be one Citywide fire frequency (for
all five boroughs) and for Police, about four to five CityWide
frequencies. On these are most of the major breaking stories. It
is not necessary to monitor the literally hundreds of channels
from 30 MHz to nearly one GHz.

The CityWide fire frequency is the one which dispatches units
from other areas, other than the one in which the fire is
located. Monitoring that one frequency allows the reporter to
know where the action is and how serious the fire. It's the same
for police or law enforcement radio. Monitoring just the
Interagency radio frequencies is often most efficient. Show me a
radio station or newspaper which does not monitor these
frequencies and I'll eat my hat.

Unfortunately for them, many of the emergency channels are
switching to digital modes of transmission, with encryption. Of
course there are ways around this, ways to untangle the mystery.
I should know, I've designed a large number of these systems for
law enforcement and installed the receivers for the media as
well.

Surprising how many of you who should know better were not
paying attention when you were at the paper. More surprising and
more disappointing, is the strength of your convictions
regarding how reporters don't sit around all day listening to
their scanners. Tsk, tsk and chame, chame, chame.

Hopefully your opinions regarding the UFO conundrum are more
correct.

Hopefully.

Jim Mortellaro

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Leslie Kean's 3rd COMETA Article In 'VSD'

From: **Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovicc - AGETI** <9a4ag@clarc.org>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 03:06:26 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:27:11 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean's 3rd COMETA Article In 'VSD'

Dear List members,

In my recent correspondence with journalist Leslie Kean (she recently published articles about COMETA French UFO report in The Boston Globe and The Irish Independent) I have found out that she also published her third article in the French magazine 'VSD' (the one that first released COMETA report back in July 1999).

The article that I am sending you is a translated, non-edited version. Leslie says that she is not happy that VSD cut much from this version, but I think that people will be interested to see how it all looks in the original. Unfortunately we don't have a published version in English. Anyway here it is posted with Leslie's permission.

Note that in this third article the focus is more on the pressure for Congressional UFO hearings in 1997 (Greer, Rockefeller and Clinton involved).

VSD is a weekly magazine. But since, as Leslie says, it was a special issue on UFOs, it didn't have the date of a particular week on it. It was just dated June. Leslie continues: "The VSD piece was not very well edited, and they cut almost half of what I submitted... so I'm not thrilled with it, but the information is important."

So here you go:

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Posted with permission of Leslie Kean:

VSD, France
June, 2000

USA: UFOS AND NATIONAL SECURITY
Leslie Kean

The recent diffusion in the United States of the Cometa report generates multiple reactions starting from politicians from Congress and military men from the Pentagon. Leslie Kean, an American journalist, examines the situation

"No response is awaited, only action. The Cometa made no request to the American government. It is not entitled to do so," explains Michel Algrin, spokesperson for the Cometa, attorney and political scientist. But he adds, "In this report, we recommend to the French government to cooperate with its American ally on the subject of UFOs."

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, the Apollo 14 astronaut who was the sixth man to walk on the moon, strongly supports such cooperation. Along with five-star Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, the former head of the British Ministry of Defense and Major Gordon L. Cooper, one of America's original seven Mercury astronauts, Mitchell is calling for Congressional hearings to shed light on the UFO question. "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," he explains. Despite the fact that Mitchell is a national hero, his request for an investigation has been ignored by the American government. As the COMETA report points out, the United States is unique in its silence on this issue. The report UFOs and Defense notes that many UFO files are classified above top secret, and accuses the United States of following a policy of disinformation. It says that the government has an "impressive repressive arsenal" in place, which includes 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 document JANAP 146 (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.

A few months after the French release of the COMETA report, US Naval Reserve Commander Willard H. Miller agreed to go on the record about his participation in a series of previously undisclosed briefings for Pentagon brass about national security and military policy regarding UFOs. Miller has been a key liaison to the Pentagon on the subject for years. In asserting publicly that "It's time to give some credibility to the fact that there are those in high places in the government who have an interest in this subject," W.H. Miller has taken considerable risks.

Miller retired in 1994 from active duty on the Current Operations Staff of U.S. Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia where he worked operations, intelligence, and special contingency issues. With over thirty years of experience in Navy and Joint Interagency operations with the Department of Defense, Commander Miller has held a Top Secret clearance and thus had access to sensitive compartmented information.

It has not been easy for Miller to overcome the taboo that the UFO subject carries among his colleagues in the military. "It is treated much the way we used to view mental illness. Hide the crazy daughter in the attic," he says. In a February, 2000 confidential memo titled "Selected Discussions with Key United States (US) Department of Defense (DoD) Intelligence Personnel on the Subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and Extraterrestrial Intelligence (ETI)", Miller spelled out the details of meetings between 1989 and 2000 with high level Department of Defense intelligence personnel - including the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), an Admiral on the Joint Staff, and the U.S. Atlantic Command Director for Intelligence - among others.

Concerned that many high-ranking military officers are not properly informed about the UFO phenomenon, Miller believes that the generals who have come forward in France could have a significant impact. "Without preparation and planning for encounters, precipitous military decisions may lead to unnecessary confusion, misapplication of forces, or possible catastrophic consequences," he says.

The Navy Commander's concern is justified by the historical record. Declassified government documents show that unexplained objects with extraordinary technical capabilities pose challenges to military activity around the globe. U.S. fighter jets have been scrambled to pursue UFOs, according to North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) logs and U.S. Air Force documents. Peruvian and Iranian Air Force planes attempted to shoot down unexplained objects during air encounters, and two Belgium F-16's pursued UFO's in 1990.

In earlier decades, such concerns were openly discussed among American government officials. In 1960, for example, Representative Leonard G. Wolf of Iowa entered an "urgent warning" from former CIA Director Vice Admiral R.E. Hillenkoetter into the Congressional Record that "certain dangers are linked with unidentified flying objects." Wolf cited Gen. 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."

Wolf also referenced a three-year study which determined that air defense scrambles and alerts had already occurred due to the presence of UFOs. The study said that all defense personnel "should be told that UFOs are real and should be trained to distinguish them - by their characteristic speeds and maneuvers - from conventional planes and missiles."

These concerns were taken seriously enough to be incorporated into the 1971 "Agreement on Measures to Reduce the Outbreak of Nuclear War" between the United States and the Soviet Union. The treaty states that the two countries will "notify each other immediately in the event of detection by missile warning systems of unidentified objects... if such occurrences could create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war between the two countries." The Cometa assures its readers that UFOs have not been the cause of any hostile acts "although intimidation maneuvers have been confirmed."

Reports such as the one from France may open the door for the United States and other nations to be more forthcoming. Chile, for example, is openly addressing it's own concerns about air safety and UFOs.

While Commander Miller alerted the Pentagon, researcher Dr. Steven M. Greer was working the issue within the US Congress and the executive branch. In 1993, Greer was invited to meet with President Clinton's first sitting CIA Director, Admiral James Woolsey. The three hour event was arranged by futurist John L. Petersen, President and founder of the Washington area think tank The Arlington Institute, who "specializes in the area of national and global security" and currently serves as a Pentagon consultant, according to Institute materials.

In August 1995, philanthropist Laurance Rockefeller presented Greer's briefing materials to President William Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and Presidential science advisor Jack Gibbons while they spent a weekend at Rockefeller's Wyoming ranch. Clinton then instructed Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department, Webster Hubbell, to investigate the existence of UFOs, as disclosed in his book Friends in High Places. Despite this request from the Commander-in-Chief, Hubbell was unable to obtain information on the subject.

On April 9, 1997, Greer and his associates held an unprecedented, confidential congressional briefing at the Westin Hotel in Washington. The VIP's in attendance included Representative Dan Burton, Chair of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, with his chief of staff, and staffers from nearly thirty congressional offices. Representatives from the executive branch, including a staff member from Vice President Gore's office, were present, along with representatives of two state governors, the Department of Defense, and the scientific community.

Two years after the Washington briefing, the COMETA released its dramatic report.

"Because the Congress is afraid they won't get re-elected, they don't even want to talk about this. I just think somebody should do something," said a congressional staff member. Nonetheless, one congressman did respond to public pressure.

In 1993, New Mexico representative Steven Schiff requested that the General Accounting Office investigate the infamous 1947 crash of a mysterious object in the desert near Roswell, New Mexico. Two years later, he learned from the GAO that all documents and radio messages during the relevant time period had been destroyed "without proper authority." Schiff was unable to attend the Washington briefing in 1997 and died of an aggressive skin cancer the following year. No other member has picked up where he left off. On September 15, 1998, Commander Willard Miller and Dr. Steven Greer entered the Pentagon through the VIP entrance. Thirty minutes later, the DIA Director came out of his office, parting company with an entourage of high-level foreign Admirals and Generals. He graciously ushered in his two guests, taking his place at the head of a massive wood table. According to Miller's confidential memo of February 2000, an Army Colonel, a DIA staff member and a Defense Department clerk were also

seated around the table. The briefing lasted 50 minutes.

Greer and Miller explained to the DIA Director that there is no credible evidence of hostility from UFO occupants. "Some US Air Force denials defy logic and strain the public's tolerance," Miller says he told the Pentagon officials.

His point was dramatically illustrated in the aftermath of an extraordinary event that occurred one spring evening over the state of Arizona. On March 13, 1997, thousands observed enormous, lighted, triangular craft flying low and silently, sometimes hovering wingless over populated areas. More than 90 meters long, air traffic controllers failed to register them on radar. To this day, the people of Arizona do not know what penetrated US airspace that night. In 1999, Arizona attorney Peter Gersten responded by filing a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the Department of Defense. The case challenged the adequacy of the governments "reasonable search" for information about the triangular objects seen over Arizona in 1997 and elsewhere in the United States over the last twenty years.

As recently as January 5, 2000, four policemen at different locations in St. Claire County, Illinois, witnessed a brightly lit, huge triangular craft flying at 330 meters, according to the Los Angeles Times. Most alarming was the report from Lebanon police officer Thomas Barton that he witnessed the hovering object jump at least 8 miles in 3 seconds. Aeronautical expert Paul Czysz, who spent 29 years at McDonnell-Douglas designing faster-than-sound aircraft, says that such rapid motion cannot be explained in conventional terms. Yet nearby Scott Air Force base and the FAA purport to know nothing

On February 29, 2000, a reporter brought the issue of military denial and the Arizona lawsuit to the attention of U.S. Senator John McCain of Arizona at a California press conference. "I think it's of great interest," responded the Presidential candidate, acknowledging that the 1997 "lights" seen over Arizona had "never been fully explained."

Nonetheless, the DoD continues to maintain that it can find no information about the triangular objects. It provided details of its search to the court as required by U.S. District Court judge Stephen M. McNamee of Phoenix for Gersten's lawsuit. On March 30, 2000, the judge concluded that "a reasonable search was conducted' even though no information was obtained, and he dismissed the case.

Once again, the French generals made the same point raised by their American counterparts. "How can one try to ignore a phenomena that is manifested by the regular crossing of our air space by moving objects...If we do nothing, the very principle of defense and air intelligence would be called into question," they state.

UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For? recommends that the French government reflect on "the measures to take in the event of a spectacular and indisputable manifestation of a UFO." Surprisingly, the United States has taken one small step in that direction. The second edition of the Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control is currently used for training by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at its National Fire Academy and is taught nationally through the seven universities offering degrees in fire science. Chapter 13 of the guide is titled "Enemy Attack and UFO Potential." It warns fire fighters of known "UFO hazards" such as electrical fields that cause blackouts, air and ground travel disruptions by force fields, and physiological effects. "Do not stand under a UFO that is hovering at low altitudes. Do not touch or attempt to touch a UFO that has landed," the book warns.

Dr. William M. Kramer, professor of Fire Science at the University of Cincinnati and an Ohio Fire Chief, co-authored the chapter and will be updating it this year. The French Institute of Higher Studies for National Defense and the National Center for Space Studies are a few steps ahead of the United States military and NASA. Not only do they openly present information acknowledging the existence of UFOs and attempt to explain their origin, they also recommend a widespread information and training campaign on preparedness which would reach all sectors of the relevant political, military, and civilian spectrum in

their country. Perhaps the report by the bold French generals - with its goal of "stripping the phenomenon of UFOs of its irrational layer" - will be a catalyst for American authorities to examine the issue of UFO's in a new light and to end the existing impasse.

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VSD PHOTO CAPTIONS

Unidentified Flying Objects were said to have flown with complete impunity over the forbidden zone of the Capitol and the White House in Washington D.C. in July of 1952, without any successful attempt of interception.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) building in Langley, in the suburbs of Washington D.C.

The astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell from the third mission to the moon "Apollo 14 " at the command of the lunar module on February 5, 1971. He remains convinced of the reality of secrecy about UFOs in the USA.

Commander Willard H. Miller of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Famous since the release of the film "Independence Day" in July 1996, Route 375 - or Extraterrestrial Highway - which borders on the well-known "Zone 51" in the state of Nevada, remains the designated meeting point of American ufologists

An Air Commando of the U.S.A.F. on guard, armed with an assault weapon M-16 in front of a strategic bomber B-1B "Lancer" on the air base of Dyess AFB (Texas). The Air Force has been in charge of controlling and defending American air space since 1948.

The "Californian firemen guide," developed by Dr William W. Bahme, a retired U.S. Navy Captain and lawyer, recognizes the material existence of UFOs.

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Best regards,

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Cashman: Easton & Aldrich

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@temporaldoorway.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 07:26:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:34:21 -0400
Subject: Cashman: Easton & Aldrich

>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 16:05:52 +0100
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

James Easton wrote:

<snip>

>Some content from that latter posting has been passed on to at
>least one non-list member, Jan Aldrich, and referred to by
>Aldrich on UFO UpDates. I'm thankful that to the 'uninitiated'
>it would have made little sense amidst Aldrich's incoherent
>ramble, however that's irrelevant.

>However, of late, a somewhat critical assessment of one case by
>a number of subscribers seems to have provoked the ire of Brad
>Sparks, with the result he has now selectively posted
>considerable 'list only' material on UFO UpDates, proclaiming it
>supports his earnest beliefs and seemingly complaining he's had
>enough of those damnable 'skeptics'.

<snip>

What's amazing about the above tirade is Easton daring to rant about two individuals who have done more to advance our knowledge of UFOs in each year of their work than Easton has during his entire public presence.

Let's keep in mind that neither Project 1947 nor SHG would be the viable and productive entities they are without Jan's untiring and visionary labor. Let's keep in mind that Brad has written the most detailed investigation of a radar-visual yet published, and that he was able to offer significant proof that the incident represented the activity of intelligence.

And what has Easton done, besides flog lazy and easily refuted skeptical hypotheses on well-known sightings?

Personally, I believe a public apology from Easton is in order.

Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>
- Original digital art, writing, music and UFO research -

UFO cases, analysis, classification systems, and more...
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/index.htm>

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 13:19:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:37:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947@yahoo.com>
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 21:32:38 -0700 (PDT)
>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:27:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Aldrich

Jan wrote:

>I sent Easton the entire file that Greenwood had compiled on
>this case - at least 5 linear inches. After less than a day,
>Jamie-boy had the answer. Not likely.

Jan,

If you're going to make such asinine remarks, then I have little choice than to explain the true background.

In truth, I received a copy of Greenwood's file in September 1997.

The resulting conclusions and first ever public disclosure of those original witness statements was published in 'Rendlesham Unravalled', during March 1998.

You seem to be forgetting that there was in fact a six month gap.

An awful lot happened during that time and in the imminent, 'Voyager' newsletter for September, I will reveal the copious hard evidence which confirms precisely what and how Jamie-boy here, as we can see from a snapshot taken at December 1997, was perhaps far removed from making instant judgements:

"I've hopefully done all I can to diplomatically clarify and resolve the issues we have seen develop.

Jan, I welcome your own and ideally [deleted]'s assessment of how we progress from here. I know you have passed on to [deleted]'s representatives my opinion that the obvious conclusions were evident some time ago and that Halt/Penniston should be asked for a response.

That's greatly appreciated...". [End]

It would still be another three months before I published anything related.

I believe that the non-disclose or those original witness statements resulted in (from what I can see) some six years research being largely wasted.

If this was about 'Roswell', it's the equivalent of discovering five, largely corroborative testimonies, taken not long afterwards, which report how material from several balloons and a radar target was found on the Foster ranch. Unfortunately, whilst everyone has been looking into a possible 'flying saucer' explanation, this early evidence was always known about, yet

never revealed until years later.

I can assure you my article will not be a critical appraisal of anyone or anything and certainly not include confidential material, however, it will, by default, highlight fundamental questions.

We need to 'clear the air' about this and someone eventually has to answer the questions which Jenny Randles and others have also been asking.

>Halt said he identified the lighthouse right off in his
>presentation in Maryland, something that Easton ignored... after
>all, that fact got in the way of the great "answer".

Jan, this isn't really worth anyone's time responding to, however, I was actually responsible for detailing Halt's claims about his observation of the lighthouse. I also explained why he was evidently referring to the comparative Shipwash lightship and that the bearing given for that other 'strange flashing light' noticed was in fact where Orford Ness lighthouse could be seen.

Contrary to being 'ignored', it's all fully analysed in 'Rendlesham Unravalled' and the later, 'Resolving Rendlesham', easily available to actually read, on my website at:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/rendlsh.htm>

Incidentally, the 'answer' was so simple and had been figured out by Ian Ridpath long, long time ago... see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ridpath.txt>

Those original statements merely confirm the solution, although of course that was important.

Paramount, in fact.

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Ghostwolf Info?

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 06:33:19 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:44:56 -0400
Subject: Ghostwolf Info?

Greetings to all -

I'm currently on the hunt for information pertaining to Robert Ghostwolf (aka Robert Ghostwolf, Robert Wolfe, Bobby Wolfe, Robert Parry, Robert Franzone, et al). If you have any info I'd appreciate hearing from you. All correspondence will be held in confidence, thanks!

Regards,

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
(This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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Adamski Saucer Model Found?

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:51:40 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 13:34:40 -0400
Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?

In my discussions today on IRC, I learned of a series of photos which (to me) conclusively prove Adamski's saucer photos to be a hoax. I figured they were, ever since I saw George's books, but didn't think it would ever be possible to find the original model.

It seems that a device developed by Townsend Brown to measure materials' properties in a vacuum contains a piston-like object that is clearly identical to Adamski's saucer.

The device can be seen at the following:

<http://www.ufon.org/html/adamski-brown-connection.html>
<http://www.ufon.org/html/photo-comparison.html>

And can be compared with the classic Adamski photo on a number of UFO pages.

This was pointed out to me by Jimmie Holman, arch enemy of certain abduction experts, whose persistence is remarkable.

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Nobody in particular

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UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 37

From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 15:47:40 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 13:38:32 -0400
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 37

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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SECOND CHUPACABRA SEEN
NEAR MALPAISILLO

A second Chupacabra was sighted outside the sheep pen at the San Lorenzo ranch last week.

The creature was described as much smaller, "about the size of a Pekinese dog," with white fur and prominent fangs. Workers are standing guard at the ranch, located in El Barrio, a village on the outskirts of the small city of Malpaisillo, in the Leon state of Nicaragua.

"We stay awake all night when the Chupacabra is on the prowl," said Jorge Luis Talavera, the sheep rancher who shot the yellow-furred Chupacabra on Friday night, August 25, 2000. "We take shifts so we won't be tired, but it's becoming unbearable."

The new Chupacabra "prowling Jorge Luis Talavera's sheep pen at San Lorenzo...is slightly larger than a Pekinese dog. This is near the spot where the skeleton of the alleged (yellow-furred) Chupacabra turned up."

"Talavera told (the Nicaraguan newspaper) La Prensa that the animal comes up to the pen, which is adjacent to the living area and will be killed if it attacks a number of sheep put out as bait. Talavera will then fire his shotgun just as he did days ago with the other animal."

"We'll let it taste blood once near, since that's the way the animal seems to develop the taste for sucking sheep. Once its shyness has been overcome, I shall hunt it down," stated Talavera, adding that the new animal prowling his property is white in color."

Malpaisillo is located 154 kilometers (92 miles) north of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. (See La Prensa de Nicaragua for September 6, 2000, "Another Chupacabra prowls Malpaisillo" by Mariacely Linarte. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico, para eso articulo de diario.)

TALAVERA SAYS UNIVERSITY
REPLACED THE REAL
SKELETON WITH A FAKE

Residents of Malpaisillo are up in arms, charging that the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua (UNAN) in Leon botched the examination of the Chupacabra skeleton and then replaced the real one with the skeleton of a dog.

However, Dr. Edmundo Torres, vice chancellor and director of scientific research at UNAN-Leon, strongly denied the charges.

"That animal was switched around at the university," claimed rancher Jorge Luis Talavera."

"Talavera's reaction followed declarations by UNAN specialists that the skeleton allegedly belonging to the slain Chupacabra was that of a domestic dog."

"Talavera claims that there are several pieces of evidence 'that prove that the skeleton was indeed changed at the UNAN-Leon laboratory.'"

"The first of them 'is that the skeleton (shown on Managua TV--J.T.) is complete, although I kept a piece of the front leg,'" Talavera stated.

"He also claims that the bones turned from a dark color to a light one, the teeth turned from pink to white, and instead of the 22 teeth he had counted, there were now 40, as well as 'more skin on the legs.'"

"he added that he is willing to turn it (the front leg bone fragments--J.T.) over to international researchers for a better analysis of the animal's remains..."

Other Malpaisillo residents were just as dissatisfied with the results of the UNAN-Leon analysis, feeling that it left too many questions unanswered.

"For Sol Hidalgo, the experts' testimony left some gaps, such as the question of why an ordinary dog engaged in such a random act (of slaughter--S.C.) such as draining the blood of 12 sheep in a single night and leaving them uneaten, unlike any other wild animal."

"Leonel Navarro, mayor of Malpaisillo, and Sister Paula Hidalgo were not satisfied with the scientific results of the UNAN research laboratory, which established that the skeleton of the alleged Chupacabra was really that of a dog."

"Vice chancellor and research coordinator Dr. Edmundo Torres explained that the study conducted was purely scientific and proper for a serious university and scientific institution and that they have no interest in concealing the truth."

"He added that the canids (zoological branch which includes dogs--S.C.) are solitary hunters who attack their prey with great speed and on occasion with (feats of) endurance," adding that "canids are highly adaptable and are spread out over 12 branches and 34 species including coyotes, dogs, foxes, etc. and cat attain speeds of up to 75 kilometers per hour (45 miles per hour)." (See La Prensa de Nicaragua for September 3, 2000, "'That's not my Goatsucker!'" and "Chupacabra study leaves questions unanswered" by Mariacely Linarte and Clarissa Altamirano. Otra vez, muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para esos articulos de dirio.) (Editor's Comment: So where is the real Chupacabra skeleton at this moment? My guess is--the pathology unit at MediLab YY-11 at Area 61.)

CHUPACABRA KILLS GOATS IN NORTHERN MEXICO

Ten goats were found decapitated last week in the small city of San Pedro, in Coahuila state, sparking rumors that the Chupacabras have returned to northern Mexico.

"Several goats were found decapitated on the premises adjacent to a CONELAP Education Center. Some locals dared to suggest that the Chupacabra has reappeared in the region even while many of them have no certainty that such a creature exists."

"However, they said, anything is possible."

"The Municipal Public Safety Office (in San Pedro) reported that Evaristo Escareto Ramirez, 64, who resides at Calle Octava 50 in the barrio Agua Nueva (neighborhood) and the owner of the decapitated animals, reported to the said jurisdiction indicating that he was the owner of a herd of goats kept in a field outside the CONELAP center. He found that at least 10 of his animals had been beheaded for hitherto unknown reasons."

"The discovery was a source of surprise for the community, leading police and municipal authorities to pursue investigations aimed at finding the responsible party or parties."

"Indications at this time are that the means used to sally the goats remain unknown, although the attempt can be attributed to members of some cult engaged in some activities where animal blood is employed in 'spells'."

"Meanwhile, the community is abuzz with the mystery surrounding the case. Yet in fact no one known with any certainty what occurred with these goats, which were kept in the very same pasture where they were sacrificed."

San Pedro is in western Coahuila, located about 300 kilometers (180 miles) west of Monterey.

"However, according to Escareto Ramirez, what took place" has been very disturbing, "particularly among those involved in goat farming. He indicated that the possibility of the Chupacabra's reappearance in the area cannot be dismissed." (See the newspaper El Universal of Mexico City for August 30, 2000, "Chupacabra reappears in northern Mexico" by Enrique Proa Villareal. Otra vez, muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para eso articulo de diario.)

CROP CIRCLES POP UP AGAIN IN SASKATCHEWAN

Three more crop circle formations have popped up in Canada's Saskatchewan province.

On Thursday, August 24, 2000, farmer Ellis Randy was combining a field of durum wheat on his farm near Hazlet, Sask. when he came across a crop circle 22 feet (6.7 meters) in diameter.

"The formation was in a field of durum wheat, very neat and a tight clockwise spiral lay pattern, 'a perfect circle,' with no large plant stalks, or entry/exit paths."

Heather Randy, the farmer's wife, reported "an odd feeling when she stepped inside the circle, 'like too much coffee.'"

"The formation was well into the field and could not be seen from pathways or roads."

On Wednesday, September 6, 2000, cerealogist Dennis Eklund reported the discovery of a large ringed crop circle in a wheat field two miles from the city of Saskatoon (population 187,000)."

On Thursday, September 7, 2000, residents found another crop formation one mile from the large ringed circle. Eklund reported that it was an area of "randomly downed crops."

"The formation consisted of random patches of downed crop, along with long straight lines of downed crop, which run straight and then make sharp turns in the field, essentially following along with the other (random) patches.."

"Unfortunately, the field has already been swathed (combined in the USA--J.T.) by the farmer, but good photos were taken and diagrams were made beforehand."

The second Saskatoon formation is similar to a "random patch" crop circle found in Beaumont, Alberta a while ago. (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of Circles Phenomenon Research-Canada for these reports.)

RED SPHERE UFO APPEARS OVER GULL LAKE, ONTARIO

On Wednesday, August 30, 2000, eyewitness J.W. was at the family home on the shores of Gull Lake, which is in Lutterworth Township, Ontario, Canada, located about 112 kilometers (70 miles) northeast of Toronto, when a strange glow became noticeable in the night sky.

"We saw it at 11:05 p.m.," J.W. said, adding that the UFO approached from the northwest. "It was a perfectly shaped sphere, maybe 40 to 70 feet (12 to 23 meters) in diameter, with 40 to 50 red lights and three bright blue-white lights crisscrossing through the center."

J.W. estimated the object's airspeed at "25 to 35 miles per hour and no sound being heard. It was a red sphere, and I'd say it was 200 to 300 feet (60 to 90 meters) off the ground."

J.W. added that there was a story in the Minden, Ont. Times about "a power blackout

that lasted for 50 seconds in two towns nearby. The UFO increased speed and flew away to the north." (Email Form Report)
 (Editor's Note: Minden, Ontario, on Provincial Highway 30, was a UFO hotspot back in the 1970s, with over 500 sightings reported.)

HORSESHOE-SHAPED UFO SEEN
 IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

On Saturday, September 9, 2000, at 9:30 p.m., Daniel H., his brother and his girlfriend were strolling down Main Street in Ann Arbor, Michigan (population 112,000) when something unusual happened.

"As we were walking, I saw a family pointing up in the sky," Daniel reported, "I thought they were looking at the tall buildings, but I overheard the little girl ask her dad, 'What is that?' To which the father responded, 'I don't know. I've never seen anything like it.'"

"I looked up and saw an object moving north, high over the buildings. At first I thought it was some kind of odd-shaped balloon, but, as I watched, it turned in the sky, giving me a better look at it. The object was lit up. It was a red/ochre color, and it was shaped something like a horseshoe, with the open end facing the back."

"At this point I drew my comrades' attention to the object, and they watched it as well, as all talked about what it could be. The night was hazy, and the object wasn't bright, so it could not be seen unless you were looking right at it."

"My brother thought the reddish color was a reflection of the downtown lights. Who knows?"

"Anyway, we watched the object move slowly north right above the street. We were still walking around looking in the sky," discussing what the object was.

Then the trio "saw a plan following a similar flight path. The thing is, the plane looked like a small passenger jet, but it was tiny compared to what we saw. We talked about the relative size, and if indeed the objects were flying at the same height (altitude--J.T.) the object (UFO) would have been half a football field (45 meters) in length. It did appear that the heights were comparable. It was wild, and like that little girl's daddy said, 'I've never seen anything like it..'" (Email Form Report)

UFO GROUPS PLAN FOR A
 SKYWATCH IN THAILAND

Two UFO groups are planning an intensive skywatch at two sites in Thailand when that country's current monsoon season comes to an end.

In May of 2000, Thai ufologist Pop Hongsom and his girlfriend, using binoculars, tracked a series of red UFOs over Kala Hill in Thailand's Nakhonsawan province.

"I saw only unidentified red running lights in the early hours of the night," Pop Hongsom reported. "We saw them between 7 and 8 p.m. Right now the skies are cloudy and rainy, but when the (monsoon) season ends, we will return there."

Pop Hongsom is a member of Dr. Thepanom Muangman's UFO group, which is attempting to make direct contact with the aliens.

The group will be setting up skywatches at two sites: Kala Hill and at Pranburi Beach and Songkla Beach in Prachuabkirikhan province. (Many thanks to Pop Hongsom for this news story.)

ATLANTIS ASTRONAUTS GO ON
 AN EXTENDED EVA ABOARD
 THE SPACE STATION

"Space shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit and gave chase to the international space station on Friday," September 8, 2000, "providing a perfect kickoff to the torrent of launches that lies ahead."

"It was the first time a space shuttle took off on its first try since John Glenn's return to orbit in 1998."

"It's a great day," said NASA's new launch director Mike Leinbach.

"'Make (the space) station into a home,'

Launch Control urged the seven astronauts and cosmonauts."

"'We intend to do just that,' replied commander Terrence Wilcutt."

"The uninhabited space station was soaring over Hungary 6,600 miles away, when Atlantis vaulted off the pad."

Wilcutt and his crew arrived "at a space station that's nearly twice as big as it was the last time astronauts visited in May. The reason is Russia's Zvezda control module, which soared in July."

The crew, which consists of five Americans and two Russians, are unloading both the shuttle and the Zvezda. "Among the thousands of pounds of gear for use by the permanent (space station) crew, due to arrive in November: oxygen generator, carbon dioxide removal system, color TV monitor, ham radio, exercise machine, batteries, wrenches, sockets, flashlights, and, not to be forgotten, a toilet." (Editor's Comment: Imagine the fuss a year or so from now when the permanent crew hears a knock on the airlock hatch and an alien voice saying, "Do you mind if I use the can?")

"There are also American and Russian meals, a food warmer, gas masks, notepads, Russian-to-English and English-to-Russian dictionaries, toothpaste, soap, sunblock and no-rinse shampoo."

Following a successful docking with the space station on Sunday, September 10, 2000, the crew began transferring equipment from the shuttle to the station.

On Monday, September 11, 2000, American astronaut Edward Lu and Russian astronaut Yuri Malenchenko "ventured from the space shuttle Atlantis to make the grueling ascent" up the station.

Malachenko is a veteran cosmonaut who performed many spacewalks while living aboard the Russian space station Mir.

Lu and Malachenko "were paired for a grueling climb up the 140-foot space station to erect a 6.6-foot (2-meter) boom for a compass. By measuring Earth's magnetic field, the compass, called a magnetometer, can determine which way the space station is pointed."

The two men "laid cable and installed a navigation unit on the exterior of the 140-foot station. Wearing 300-pound spacesuits, they carried the bundled cables on their backs, along with the boom and the tools. The work went flawlessly. The spacewalk lasted six hours and 14 minutes."

"'Got a great view back at the nose of the shuttle,' said Lu, who was on his first spacewalk."

Lu now joins the ranks of the USA astronauts who have performed a total of 50 EVAs (extra-vehicular activities or spacewalks--J.T.) since Major Ed White performed the first one outside of his Gemini space capsule back in May 1965.

"To get to the top of the towering station, Lu and Malenchenko first took a 40-foot ride on the shuttle robot arm. Then they ascended hand-over-hand, clipping and unclipping their tethers like rock-climbing ropes as they moved up."

"It was deliberate travel, slowed by a multitude of obstructions such as antennas and docking targets."

"Astronaut Daniel Burbank, watching from the cockpit, guided Lu and Malenchenko up the stack."

"'Watch your head,' Burbank ordered. 'Don't move right. Bring your legs straight up. Watch your right foot. Put your feet up.'"

By the end of the mission, the Atlantis crew is expected to transfer 4,800 pounds of equipment to the space station." (See the Duluth, Minn. News-Tribune for September 9, 2000, "Perfect, punctual liftoff: Atlantis chases space station," page 4A and September 11, 2000, "Atlantis cruises to station docking." Also USA Today for September 12, 2000, "Spacewalkers make tough climb up International Space Station," page 4A.)

CHRISTIANS STILL UNDER
SIEGE IN TRINIDAD, TEXAS

The Gray family remains under siege at their 47-acre ranch near Trinidad, Texas while state and federal law enforcement agencies ponder their next move.

"Inside the barbed wire about 10 adults and seven children belonging to the extended family of John Joe Gray and his wife Alicia have dug in for a long siege on their 47-acre homestead near Trinidad, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) southeast of Dallas. The children's ages range from 3 months to 7 years."

"Gray, 51, is a wanted man, out on (bail) bond for allegedly assaulting two state troopers" after being stopped on the highway near Paradise, Texas back in December 1999.

Gray's daughter, Lisa Tarkington, 30, "has refused to surrender her sons, Joe, 4, and Samuel, 2, after losing custody of them in a divorce over a year and a half ago."

"Another daughter, Rachael Gray Dempsey, 24, is wanted for failing to appear in court for several traffic violations, including driving without a license and using fictitious license tags (plates--J.T.)"

"The fictitious tags used by Rachael Dempsey had come from the Embassy of Heaven," a sect of 400 fundamentalist Christians with its mother church in Oregon.

Mrs. Dempsey, however, has denied being a member of the Embassy of Heaven and has described her family as "Bible-believing Christians who have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal savior." (Editor's Comment: And for this, plus sundry traffic misdemeanors, the Assahollahs of Jerusalem are howling for her death.)

"Outside the barbed wire--and keeping a very respectful distance from it--Henderson County law enforcement officials and Texas Rangers mull over how to enforce the law without a bloody gun battle."

"'We are told there are children on the property, and the last thing we want is another Waco,' says Ronny Brownlow, chief deputy sheriff of Henderson County. 'Time is on our side.'"

But not everybody shares his optimism.

"In Anderson County, where Gray scuffled with troopers, District Attorney Doug Lowe says officials are 'walking on eggshells. Our goal is to get him back before the courts and to give him a fair trial. We would like to have a resolution, but ultimately the federal people will probably have to deal with it.'"

A news broadcast on WWCW short-wave radio on Wednesday, September 6, 2000, quoted a spokesman for the FBI as saying the Bureau "is monitoring the situation" in Trinidad. (See the National Examiner for September 19, 2000, "Another 'Waco' brewing in Texas," page 19.)

UNUSUAL CATASTROPHIC RAINS DRENCH JAPAN

"Flooding and landslides triggered by the heaviest rains in at least a century killed seven people in Japan."

"In Nagoya, authorities ordered 400,000 people to evacuate their homes. Automakers Toyota and Mitsubishi stopped production because of the relentless downpour."

"In central Japan, power outages interrupted bullet train (Shinkansen in Japanese--J.T.) services. About 50,000 passengers were forced to sleep at railway stations or in trains that ground to a halt."

"Twenty-three inches of rain (57 centimeters) was recorded in Tokai, near Nagoya," on Tuesday, September 12, 2000. "Rainfall was expected to surpass 32 inches (75 centimeters) in some areas."

"The rainfall was the highest on record for a 24-hour period since the local observatory began keeping records in 1891 and was nearly a third (33 percent) of the usual annual rainfall." (See USA Today for September 13, 2000, "Heavy rains kill seven, bring Japan to a halt," page 20A.)

from the UFO Files...

1938: PERRY'S ALIEN

Sightings of aliens, humanoids and other UFO occupants were pretty scarce in the pre-Roswell era. But they did happen on occasion. As you'll see in this particular case from the state of Massachusetts

Somerville is a small, highly-populated, heavily-urbanized city on the north bank of the Charles, just across the river from Boston. And the first week of September found the Boston area baking in an unprecedented late-summer heat wave.

(Editor's Note: A heat wave eventually broken by the catastrophic hurricane that struck the New England states on September 21, 1938.)

"In many respects, the summer of 1938 was memorable. The twin-rotor German Focke-Angelis FW-61, 'the first modern helicopter,' was demonstrated in Berlin."

But when Malcolm B. Perry jumped off the Metropolitan Transit Authority (now the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or MBTA--J.T.) bus on Somerville Avenue and glanced at the Late Edition of the Record-American, he was probably more interested in the Red Sox than the new German "helio-copter."

It was about midnight, and 22-year-old Malcolm Perry was just returning from a date across the river in Boston. "The air had a clean fresh smell to it after a summer shower. A few scattered fleecy clouds moved with a slight westerly breeze, while a bright moon, midway to zenith, illuminated the quiet streets."

As he walked along, Perry had a sudden strange shiver, as if he were being watched by unseen eyes. Quickly he glanced over his shoulder. The damp street, with its close-set brownstone buildings and dim yellow streetlights, was deserted. He listened for footsteps. There were none.

So he kept on walking, and then he sensed it again, that eerie feeling of being watched.

"Perry glanced skyward and was startled to see a strange flying object just a few yards above him."

"'When first seen, it was in back of me and near the moon,' he said. 'Both I and the object were traveling from east to west. (from the Bunker Hill Monument towards Cambridge--J.T.) I thought it was a Navy blimp at first glance and only gave it a casual look and continued walking.'"

"'I then glanced up again to my left and it was up to me and moving steadily westward. At this point, I looked for the usual gondola (or) propellers...beneath the blimp, and to my amazement, there were none.'"

"The silvery object flew silently against the wind with 'steady, slow even motion.' Its outline was sharp, and the body--'comparable to a twelve-inch ruler held at arm's length'--reflected the moon's glow. The craft appeared to be slimmer than a conventional blimp. Both ends tapered to sharp points, and there were four rectangular portholes on one side, through which Perry could see interior lights of 'an orange hue.'"

"'At this point,' Perry said, 'I could see the (dark) silhouette of a person looking down at me...'"

And what a person! Tall and gaunt, almost skeletal, with a long head, stooped shoulders and spindly dangling arms. The entity seemed to be leaning on the windowsill, peering down at him. The orange background glow prevented Perry from making out any of the entity's facial features.

"'I had a terribly strong urge to wave with all my might, but restrained myself and instead turned and looked up and down the street to see if anyone else was seeing what I was watching. No one in sight.'"

"'.I looked back and could see other people in other portholes apparently changing places (and) looking down. At this point, it disappeared behind some low scudding clouds, and I couldn't see it anymore.'"

"'I looked in the newspaper the next morning for a report of an unusual object, but saw nothing, so I decided to keep it to myself...' (See the book *Mysteries of the Skies: UFOs in Perspective* by Gordon I.R. Lore Jr. and Harold H. Denault Jr.,

Prentice Hall Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1968,
pages 135 to 137.)

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An observation I'd like to make. Should we not be examining the visibility of the coastal lights at Orford Ness a little nearer home?.

Were not the first reports of "lights in the forest" from base security inside the base parimiter?. If the "coastal lights" of the Ness are not visible from the area down by the East end of the runway then it must have been something else that was spotted. I have very great doubts any lights from the Ness could be visible at the east end of the base as can be seen on the map, that part of the base/runway is surrounded on 3 sides N, E and S by what I believe was then fairly mature forest of considerable depth. If you now take the further evidence from on the ground on the coastal side of this forestry that the Ness light has very limited visibility anyway, and further the main beam is sheilded to landward together with the navigation lights mounted on the seaward side of the tower, it would seem to make the mis-observation of the Ness lights even more unlikly from within the base parimiter fence.

Neil.

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 17:32:53 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 13:45:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

Regarding:

>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 23:07:09 EDT
>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

Brad,

I have already explained what needs to be. It's really very simple; another subscriber's contributions to a private mailing list, plus confidential correspondence clearly headed "THIS IS LIST ONLY" - as UFORL subscribers can confirm - were publicly revealed. As a result, it was necessary to ensure both list's subscribers appreciated the situation and take whatever action was required to avoid this being repeated.

Outwith UFORL I can't comment on issues re individual subscribers - although UFORL members would be made aware of related matters that UpDates subscribers weren't.

Your regret for any misunderstandings is accepted, so far as I'm concerned. Any other aspects re your private mail, I wouldn't reply to in public, especially in relation to mail not long received.

Maybe something will be done about debunking the myths you are promoting. However, it's been explained already on UFORL and you've completely ignored this! Personally, I wouldn't sweat it - I think those who want only the true facts, already know what they are or can easily locate them nowadays.

My last posting to UFO UpDates was noted to be "slightly edited here as necessary". Perhaps I should add that, as you know, UFORL subscribers were made aware of the full situation, including proposed action to be taken. They were asked if, for whatever reason, anyone wanted to leave the list would they please do so now, then we could see where UFORL was to go from there.

So far as I can see, the number of subscribers that have since resigned, is NONE.

Those are the only nodding 'eds of consequence.

The sagacious 'Woodentops' of ufology might well bobble in disapproval from their perceived lofty heights.

Although I do sometimes wonder how JC can even stand up with a head so massively out of proportion to the rest of him.

And us.

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

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>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 22:46:43 EDT
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 22:52:25 EDT
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:18:39 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>Thus I seriously doubt if the beam could be sweeping across the
>tops of the trees and be seen at East Gate, even if terrain
>permitted it.

>However, the only way we are going to know for sure whether the
>beam was at all visible at East Gate would be for someone
>on-site to find out if it was possible.

Hi,

As I have said several times before in my writing on the case
and indeed as I have posted in this debate, a glow from the
lighthouse beam was visible from the gate area sweeping over
the trees.

The only alternative is that I saw the UFO return on several
different nights. I don't think I did!

I am sure this pulsing sweep of light that I saw over the forest
more than once in the early 1980s was from Orford Ness.

This isn't directly relevant to the lighthouse / UFO debate -
which remains at issue - except that I always considered it an
argument against the lighthouse. Because anyone spending time at
the East Gate area would surely have seen this glow, wondered
what it was and sought to find out at some point in the days/
weeks before or after the encounter what was causing it.

I suspect the beam was reflecting off low cloud (very common in
winter in the UK of course). So weather conditions are probably
relevant to whether it is seen or not, but I saw it more than
once - so it wasn't a fluke effect.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 11:19:06 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:13:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Myers

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:51:40 -0500 (CDT)

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>--
>Nobody in particular

This is too good...lol! Talk about getting your fingers
slammed in the door a couple of times...ouch!

Regards,

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
(This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded
it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

From: **Jenny Randles** <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:33:37 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:16:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

>From: Neil Morris <neil@adml.ph.man.ac.uk>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 17:00:48 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 22:46:43 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 22:52:25 EDT
>>>Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 08:18:39 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>I have very great doubts any lights from the Ness could
>be visible at the east end of the base as can be seen on the
>map, that part of the base/runway is surrounded on 3 sides N, E
>and S by what I believe was then fairly mature forest of
>considerable depth.

>Neil.

Hi,

I have answered this question several times - offering a description to this list in recent weeks of what you could and could not see from various locations relevant to this case during the early 1980s.

I'll not repeat that again here, but the gist was that from the access road to the East Gate (start point of the first sighting) you could see the lighthouse beam over the trees. You could not see any other lights at all due to the proximity and density of trees. You only started to see lights (eg from Shipwash) as you entered the forest and walked down the logging track. And you only saw the Orford Ness beacon itself and lights on buildings on the ness from the vicinity of the alleged landing site.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?

From: **Mike Beaver** <yoda@foxinternet.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 11:51:41 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:18:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?

Dear Chris:

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
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>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:51:40 -0500 (CDT)

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>certain abduction experts, whose persistence is remarkable.

I'm not sure what angle your coming from, but... I shall address
this from as many angles as I can.

- 1) More than one person has pointed out to me either star systems that Mr. Adamski gave details about BEFORE they were ever on any charts, and or predictions he made about the future that came true
- 2) Whether number one actually occurred or not is sort of irrelevant at this point as we are discussing something that is past tense and even if it was a hoax doesn't really reflect an ANYTHING beyond itself in the world of ufology. In other words, one hoax doesn't disprove anything beyond itself. C?
- 3) I talk with Jimmie Holman on many occasions on the Undernet servers in the #UFO channel. He's a very nice gentleman with a cute little doggie named Foxxie. He had a falling out with Derrel Sims, who he was the webmaster for. I never really got a good understanding of why this happened. But the same thing occurred between Derrel and Roger Lier, as many of you know. None of these quarrels, however, properly reflect on whether the evidence removed from anyone's body is genuine, or alien, or anything else for that matter.
- 4) As you appear to be debunking things these days I will have to assume that this is your twist on things. Well let me throw another twist at you. Did Jimmie tell you that he was an abductee and had numerous implants placed into his body? Maybe

not. I guess I shouldn't speak of what is spoken in private in public. But, then again, what is openly spoken in open channel on IRC IS public already.

5) It's interesting to see that people with implants can have falling out with those who investigate such things. It's interesting that people who remove such implants can have the same conflict with the one who started them on their journey into the public lime light of UFOlogy. So much conflict!!?? I wonder why it floats around so much amongst people all trying to find out the truth about this stuff? Influences, now that's another story altogether. I shouldn't go there right now. We would be here all day.

6) Maybe the answer to number 5 is that everyone is trying to debunk everyone else because the paradigm that is unfolding doesn't fit into the box that their CURRENT mind set is in.

7) While you are at it ask Mr. Holman about the person who committed suicide after his whole family had a close encounter together. Or you can talk to me about the gentleman who suddenly went crazy after getting followed down the highway by THEM. The mind set that doesn't allow for that which is really bizarre is the one that breaks in the wind when actual contact occurs, instead of bending like the willow. I went through that myself with my own 1st close encounter. It's not something you want to have happen to ya.

8) So, if he was a hoax that's fine. If not, then that's ok also. It doesn't really matter, as I said before. So much evidence, from all the physical trace cases, the pilot sightings, radar, implants, etc., etc., etc. that hoaxes are just part of the territory. Not everything can be genuine. And MOST of this I don't believe is a hoax either. But, then again, maybe you're the correct one. Yeah, it's really all a hoax. Keep believing it. C where it gets ya when ya get your own encounter. Ha ha ha ha ha. Stop that. Bad host. Bad host.

Sincerely;

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yoda@foxinternet.net
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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 13:47:16 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:20:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Clark

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 17:32:53 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 23:07:09 EDT
>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

James,

>Although I do sometimes wonder how JC can even stand up with a
>head so massively out of proportion to the rest of him.

>And us.

To the best of my knowledge -- though I'm hardly an expert on
this -- Jesus Christ's head was (or, who knows, is) in normal
proportion to the rest of his person.

Jerry Clark

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Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads - An Audience Of

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:59:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:21:39 -0400
Subject: Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads - An Audience Of

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: An Audience Of Nodding Heads (was: Orford Ness Lighthouse)
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 11:38:24 -0500

>The critic's words are mere "incoherent ramble." He is a
>"fanatical 'UFO believer'." He has a "belief system" (as
>opposed, I gather, to mere "beliefs"; "belief system" always
>sounds so much more profound). Ufology is mere "religion"
>(synonymous with "delusion" in this sort of polemical sleight of
>hand). And the ufologist, of course, has "no tolerance for any
>skeptical, or even remotely critical[,] appraisal"

Jerry, perhaps you could tell us which sceptics are doing a good job? You have in the past claimed that there is a difference between genuine sceptics and mere pelicanists. I'd like some examples.

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

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:06:31 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:22:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Rimmer

>From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 23:56:31 +0100

>I always have time for people who are genuinely skeptical and
>really do their research. I want to hear their side of the
>story. But I don't give much credit to people who take one
>fraction of a case and spend an eternity trying to prove it -
>forgetting about the whole case. Rather like those people who
>cut and paste sections to suit their argument but leave out
>anything that doesn't fit (like you mentioned earlier in your
>post)

>Georgina Bruni

Could you perhaps name some of the 'genuine' sceptics, as
opposed to the closed-minded pelicanists?

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John Rimmer
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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Alevy

From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 17:59:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:28:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Alevy

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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Hello Chris,

I would say that your standard for conclusive proof is somewhat lacking. That you would repeat information you heard over an IRC channel without even examining the source of the information or making that source available to others for their own independent confirmation certainly constitutes misinformation if not possibly disinformation.

Do you just take everything said on an IRC channel at face value?

The origin of the Adamski photos has been know for a number of years, at least to me ;-) and most certainly they do not show

"a device developed by Townsend Brown to measure materials' properties in a vacuum contains a piston-like object that is clearly identical to Adamski's saucer."

What they do show is the model of a spacecraft that Thomas Townsend Brown had developed. This can be seen in information provided below which readers can examine themselves at the website commissioned by the Townsend Brown family.

Some of the real issues after one gets past the smokescreen you have created concern the connections between Thomas Townsend Brown, Naval Research whom he worked for at one time, Naval and Air Force Intelligence and Adamski.

Both men, Thomas Townsend Brown and George Adamski must have ;-) known of the source of the photos. However, I have not to date seen in the literature or spoken with anyone who has shed light

on this connection.

Edward Ruppelt comments in the second edition of his book regarding Air Force Intelligence's examination of Adamski's photos without shedding light on the source of Adamski's pictures although separately Ruppelt does mention Adamski claimed a connection between himself and US Navy researchers.

These issues are left as exercises for the intelligence minded readers of the list.

Here is the address of the web site commissioned by the Townsend Brown family to explore on your own regarding Thomas Townsend Brown's life's work.

<http://www.soteria.com/brown/>

The relevant caption headings are under the heading: Look at the hyperlinks in the descriptions to see Brown's research paper and proposal

<http://www.soteria.com/brown/docs/space.htm>

This page has the descriptions for the object:

<http://www.soteria.com/brown/pictures/index.htm>

Photos of his apparatus and the space vehicle model can be found in the hyperlinks.

Early Experiments and Models

A model of the space vehicle described in the research proposal.

Another view of the model of the space vehicle described in the research proposal.

Another view of the model of the space vehicle described in the research proposal.

The experimental setup for testing a model of the space vehicle described in the research proposal.

Larger view of the experimental setup for testing a model of the space vehicle described in the research proposal.

Next time take a deep breath before you say "which (to me) conclusively prove."

Gary Alevy

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Conrad

From: **Cheyne Conrad** <chyren23@q-net.net.au>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 06:16:00 +0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:30:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Conrad

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
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Interesting, Chris.

It seems almost certain that the Adamski photos were hoaxed, and the majority of his story complete bunk, if not all of it, but consider this extract from a book by John Grant in which is recounted,

"..an interesting story which was told to me by the President of one of the British flying-saucer associations. Some years ago, he and its secretary were having a quick sandwich in a London cafe, when their eyes were drawn to the top of the drinks cooler. It was astonishingly like an Adamskian UFO. And Adamski, of course, had been a soft-drinks seller! With pleasing objectivity, the two ufologists rushed round to the newspapers, and the exposure was published widely.

All seemed well until our friends received a 'phone call from the north of England. The caller explained that he had read Adamski's book, thought it was a load of rubbish, but that the design of the UFO would be absolutely excellent for the top of a soft-drinks cooler. Yes, he'd patented it - and you could find examples of his device in use all over the country!"

-- p.151, 'A Directory of Discarded Ideas', John Grant, 1981

I don't know how accurate this story is, but I offer it for consideration anyway with the idea that cautionary research is needed by **both** sides of the critical fence. Other than that, it is an important discovery by Holman. Let's see how the dating holds up.

C D Conrad

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks RB47Expert@aol.com
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:25:35 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:35:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Sparks

[Non-subscriber Post]

>From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 17:32:53 +0100
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 23:07:09 EDT >
>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' >
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Brad,

>I have already explained what needs to be. It's really very
>simple; another subscriber's contributions to a private mailing
>list, plus confidential correspondence clearly headed "THIS IS
>LIST ONLY" - as UFORL subscribers can confirm - were publicly
>revealed. As a result, it was necessary to ensure both list's
>[sic] subscribers appreciated the situation and take whatever
>action was required to avoid this being repeated.

James,

I have not seen any messages "clearly headed 'THIS IS LIST ONLY'" on the UFO Research List since probably 1999. So I don't see how that is relevant to my point that you could easily put a label or reminder like that in the headers of every posting but have never done so (unless the real reason for not doing so is so you yourself can continue to cross-post at will on UFORL and UFO UpDates). Quite possibly one was captioned this way recently but I never received it due to E-mail difficulties as you know. Since you have shut down your list there is nothing to resign from, so it's not surprising that no one has.

>Maybe something will be done about debunking the myths >you are
>promoting. However, it's been explained already on UFORL and
>you've completely ignored this!

I am baffled by this remark, as well as your overboard comment yesterday about my purportedly "unbelievably ridiculous distortion of the facts." I am waiting to hear what these "myths" and "ridiculous distortions" of the facts are, since none have been "explained already on UFORL" and I have not "completely ignored" anything. Show me what I have supposedly ignored.

As I have already indicated here on UFO UpDates, I posted on UFORL on Sept 4/5 ff. My shocked reactions to the data showing that the 2-mile lighthouse chase was a physical impossibility due to a north-south ridge line along Butley River that reportedly "completely blocks" the view of Orfordness lighthouse from 1.9 miles of the 2.2 mile path taken by the USAF groups in Rendlesham. In case anyone wonders, this has nothing to do with trees -- trees only make it worse by blocking the skyline even more than the terrain. It apparently does not matter much which path one takes because the ridge runs so long in the north-south

direction.

There was more than a week of in-depth discussion in which any misunderstanding on my part of these facts could have been cleared up, but wasn't. Instead the 1.9-mile invisibility of Orfordness lighthouse was reconfirmed again and again. Likewise, I posted refutations of other factoids and nothing was posted back that "explained" away my points.

I mean, do you seriously contend that Col Halt's compass headings to the UFO were not 20-30 degrees away from the Orfordness lighthouse???? If Halt and his merry men, and the group two nights earlier, really did follow a straight line to the lighthouse, shouldn't the recently reconstructed path be a lot closer than about 37 degrees away???? A UFO moves around a lot, a lighthouse cannot.

As Ian Ridpath claims in his revised article currently on your website (<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ridpath.txt>), "Had a real UFO been present as well as the lighthouse, the airmen should have reported seeing two brilliant flashing lights among the trees, not one. But they never mentioned the lighthouse, only a pulsating UFO." Of course we know that isn't true, that all the airmen "mentioned the lighthouse" in the First Night sightings, at least one (Cabansag) clearly mentioned seeing both the lighthouse and the UFO lights simultaneously.

Is it a problem with mathematics? Maybe you think I am in error in subtracting the approximately 85-degree heading to Orfordness lighthouse from the 105-115-degree headings recorded by Halt (as corrected for magnetic declination). Maybe 115 minus 85 doesn't equal 30 degrees. It seems to me it does equal that. Maybe we're in different universes and the rules of arithmetic don't apply the same here in the U.S. versus over there in UK-world.

Is it a problem with geography? Maybe you can challenge the approximate 85-degree true azimuth to the Orfordness lighthouse. Maybe you can just move the geography around to wherever you like and that will solve everything! (Never let it be said that skeptics won't move mountains to explain a case! That could be the new motto for UFO debunking, since it moves beyond the realm of scientific skepticism which is a valid endeavor and into the realm of propaganda and Orwellian rewriting of history, science and math. "How many fingers am I holding up, George?" "Four." More electric shocks applied. "How many fingers?" "Five." "Now you're making progress.")

I could be off a few degrees since the maps presently available online are rather poor, and the lighthouse symbol itself covers 2 degs of azimuth on one cheesy online map. The direction from the landing site will not be different from about 85 degs by more than a fraction of a degree, so that is negligible.

Maybe it's a problem with geophysics. Maybe the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/ National Geophysical Data Center's Geomagnetic Synthesis program just doesn't synthesize magnetic declination (correction) values correctly! Maybe it reads the International Geomagnetic Reference Field model wrong. Maybe the correction factor is a lot higher than minus 5.2 degrees for the date and lat-long-elev coordinates in question than NOAA-NGDC-IGRF indicates or even Ian Ridpath's erroneous 10 degrees (nearly 100% error).

Maybe you can overturn all of geophysics and get Col Halt's 110-120 magnetic compass readings "corrected" to true north by much much more, by say 35 degrees! Then you you will be dead on to the Orfordness lighthouse.

The best way to settle this is for investigators in Britain to simply film the visibility/non-visibility of Orfordness lighthouse along the 2.2 mile path, continuously without interruption. That is the scientific approach. Maybe this 1.9-mile invisibility is some kind of mistake. I'm certainly willing to grant that possibility. Let's check it out. It's a question of fact, scientific fact, and does not call for vituperation and "fanatical UFO believer"-type name-calling.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

From: Tom Carey <TCarey1947@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:33:06 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:47:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked -

>From: Ignatius Graffeo <ufoseek@ufoseek.org>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 14:59:06 -0400
>Subject: Irish Times: Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

>from The Irish Times
><http://www.ireland.com:80/newspaper/science/2000/0911/sci1.htm>

>Monday, September 11, 2000 BST

> Myth of UFO at Roswell Debunked

>By Dr William Reville

>Most people are familiar with stories of aliens visiting Earth
>in unidentified flying objects (UFOs). For some reason the
>belief that aliens are here is much stronger in America than in
>Europe, and thousands of Americans claim to have been abducted
>by aliens, ushered aboard spacecraft and subjected to physical
>examination.

>Many magazines devoted to aliens/UFOs regularly report UFO
>sightings and human contact with aliens. Nevertheless, there is,
>to my knowledge, no hard evidence that aliens are visiting
>Earth. Probably the most celebrated event in the alien genre is
>the Roswell Incident. The story of what happened at Roswell is
>told by Robert Park in the May/June 2000 edition of The
>Sciences. Park effectively, to my mind, explains away the whole
>incident as an artificial by-product of paranoid US military
>secrecy.

<snip>

My edited rebuttal to Prof. Park is published in the current edition (Sep./Oct., 2000) of THE SCIENCES magazine which published Park's original "Voodoo Science" concerning Roswell. In his reply to me, Park addressed none of the factual points that I raised concerning his "analysis" and especially his grasp of the subject matter, dismissing them as a "giant conspiracy theory - the last resort of 'voodoo science'". Pretty pathetic performance if you ask me.

Anyone wishing the unedited version of my rebuttal to Prof. Park can request it by E-Mailing me at TCarey1947@aol.com.

Tom Carey

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Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:19:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:29:08 -0400
Subject: Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads - Clark

>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:59:26 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Subject: Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: An Audience Of Nodding Heads (was: Orford Ness Lighthouse)
>>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 11:38:24 -0500

Hi, John,

>Jerry, perhaps you could tell us which sceptics are doing a good
>job? You have in the past claimed that there is a difference
>between genuine sceptics and mere pelicanists. I'd like some
>examples.

First, though, you might answer a question I've asked at least
twice and that you've ducked just as often:

What is the difference between the approach Magonia and you
advocate and that of the traditional skeptic/debunker?

Jerry Clark

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Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation: UFO Seminar

From: **Intruders Foundation Conference** <IFConfer@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 21:55:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:31:30 -0400
Subject: Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation: UFO Seminar

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series - New York City

Saturday, October 14, 2000
The Allagash Abduction Case
Speaker: Charles Foltz

One of the most important cases in the history of the UFO abduction phenomenon occurred in August of 1976. Four men, all long-term friends, were on a camping trip near the Allagash River in Maine when they were simultaneously abducted from a canoe. Consciously, they only remembered the UFO and its light shining down on them. That, as well as a missing time period and subsequent dreams and flashbacks eventually led them to explore their experience with researcher Raymond Fowler.

Charles Foltz is an artist, photographer, and medical illustrator. He has appeared, with others of the "Allagash Four" on Unsolved Mysteries, the Joan Rivers Show and Sightings, as well as on specials on A&E, TBS, and Japanese and Canadian TV.

At our seminar Charles will show slides of the drawings and paintings of his abduction that he and his fellow artist-abductees made after their experience and later hypnotic sessions. He will answer questions from the seminar attendees about this important abduction case -- the only such incident in which the four witnesses have all come forward and presented their mutually corroborative evidence.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held at the meeting rooms of A.R.E., on the tenth floor of 150 W. 28th Street, New York. The price for the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors and students. Reservations must be made by telephone, at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P. O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Only 50 reservations will be accepted for each seminar.

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood. The seminars will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 23:29:17 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:33:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Young

>From: Mike Beaver <yoda@foxinternet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 11:51:41 -0700

>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>>Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:51:40 -0500 (CDT)

>1) More than one person has pointed out to me either star
>systems that Mr. Adamski gave details about BEFORE they were
>ever on any charts, and or predictions he made about the future
>that came true

Mr. Beaver:

Could you provide any details about these two claims. Adamski co-wrote several books, maybe his claims are there were we could check. If the exact locations of the unknown star systems were given, perhaps we can check the newer catalogs. Save with his predictions. Can we have any details? Dates? Specifics?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Hale

From: **Scott Hale** <sh5259a@american.edu>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 23:42:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:36:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Hale

>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 17:59:11 -0400
>From: Gary Alevy <galevy@pipeline.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>,
>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?

>Hello Chris,

>I would say that your standard for conclusive proof is somewhat
>lacking. That you would repeat information you heard over an
>IRC channel without even examining the source of the information
>or making that source available to others for their own
>independent confirmation certainly constitutes misinformation if
>not possibly disinformation.

Come on... let's be a bit more sensible here. Misinformation or
disinformation for what purpose?

It doesn't take a whole lot of work for someone to shoot down the
already flimsy claims of George Adamski. Note when he said
"which (to me) conclusively prove..." he was suggesting that
others may not find what he considers fairly solid suitable
proof.

Now your logic is "because it's on IRC, it must be bogus". Well,
having helped run the channel Chris is referring to I can tell
you that some of the contributing members are excellent
researchers and can back up their data. They aren't anonymous
UFO buffs or cyberwackos, sorry to disappoint you.

Just thought I'd drop my two cents down... it's been a while.

Scott Hale

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Re: Ghostwolf Info? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 23:48:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:38:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Ghostwolf Info? - Gates

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Ghostwolf Info?
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 06:33:19 -0700

>Greetings to all -

>I'm currently on the hunt for information pertaining to Robert
>Ghostwolf (aka Robert Ghostwolf, Robert Wolfe, Bobby Wolfe,
>Robert Parry, Robert Franzone, et al). If you have any info I'd
>appreciate hearing from you. All correspondence will be held in
>confidence, thanks!

As I recollect the leading source of information and leaks about
Ghostwolf is Richard Boylan.

Interesting all the other AKAs, but kind of goes with what
another person mentioned awhile ago that his name should be
Robert Hoaxwolf. :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Chippendale

From: Anthony Chippendale <anthonyc@ufon.org>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:03:53 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:41:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Chippendale

Hi Yoda,

>From: Mike Beaver <yoda@foxinternet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 11:51:41 -0700

>1) More than one person has pointed out to me either star
>systems that Mr. Adamski gave details about BEFORE they were
>ever on any charts, and or predictions he made about the future
>that came true

Lots of people make correct predictions about the future. It
doesn't mean that they've been visited by aliens.

>2) Whether number one actually occurred or not is sort of
>irrelevant at this point as we are discussing something that is
>past tense and even if it was a hoax doesn't really reflect an
>ANYTHING beyond itself in the world of ufology. In other words,
>one hoax doesn't disprove anything beyond itself. C?

>3) I talk with Jimmie Holman on many occasions on the Undernet
>servers in the #UFO channel. He's a very nice gentleman with a
>cute little doggie named Foxxie. He had a falling out with
>Derrel Sims, who he was the webmaster for. I never really got a
>good understanding of why this happened. But the same thing
>occurred between Derrel and Roger Lier, as many of you know.
>None of these quarrels, however, properly reflect on whether the
>evidence removed from anyone's body is genuine, or alien, or
>anything else for that matter.

I don't think this has anything to do with Adamski. Jimmie's
background in ufology is irrelevant to the fact that he
discovered the connection between Adamski and Brown.

>4) As you appear to be debunking things these days I will have
>to assume that this is your twist on things. Well let me throw
>another twist at you. Did Jimmie tell you that he was an
>abductee and had numerous implants placed into his body? Maybe
>not. I guess I shouldn't speak of what is spoken in private in
>public. But, then again, what is openly spoken in open channel
>on IRC IS public already.

Again this has nothing to do with the Adamski photographs. This
is personal information about Jimmie's private life that has no
business been on an Internet mailing list.

>5) It's interesting to see that people with implants can have
>falling out with those who investigate such things. It's
>interesting that people who remove such implants can have the
>same conflict with the one who started them on their journey
>into the public lime light of UFOlogy. So much conflict!!!! I
>wonder why it floats around so much amongst people all trying to
>find out the truth about this stuff? Influences, now that's
>another story altogether. I shouldn't go there right now. We
>would be here all day.

>7) While you are at it ask Mr. Holman about the person who

>committed suicide after his whole family had a close encounter
>together. Or you can talk to me about the gentleman who
>suddenly went crazy after getting followed down the highway by
>THEM. The mind set that doesn't allow for that which is really
>bizarre is the one that breaks in the wind when actual contact
>occurs, instead of bending like the willow. I went through that
>myself with my own 1st close encounter. It's not something you
>want to have happen to ya.

Again this is private information and has nothing whatsoever to do with the Adamski photographs.

Now for my comments. I was in the chat room yesterday afternoon (or morning, depending on your time zone) when Jimmie "announced" his findings. I was immediately intrigued by the photos that he had found during his research. And I fully support his conclusions. Brown's photos, as shown on our website, are identical to Adamski's photos of the "alien space craft".

And there is a lot more evidence that says that the 2 sets of photos are one and the same. Just take a look at Jimmie's findings at:

http://www.ufon.org/html/adamski-brown_connection.html

Anthony Chippendale,
#UFO Channel Operator,
The UFO Network (UK) - <http://ufon.org/ufonet/>.

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 11:53:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:44:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

Hi,

I just wanted to pass comment on the way this debate has been heading.

Firstly, I think we should all recognise that we are each - in our own way - seeking to learn the truth about this case. That is very difficult indeed. IMO this is the most complex, confusing UFO case I have ever been associated with and possibly the most complex in history. It is no surprise that 20 years on we are still unclear about what happened. We may never be clear.

As such all we can reasonably do is discuss and debate the evidence and seek to examine all the options for what went on here. We should do that in a spirit of endeavour, friendship and community - something that surely the UFO field can muster. Indeed when it does so it proves again and again its superiority over the sadly all too often irrelevant and cold contributions from mainstream science and the bluff and bluster from the debunkers (as opposed to serious sceptics - a very different matter I would add).

I suspect many were at least partly swept away (as was I) by the way this case has 'taken off' and is being feverishly debated on at least four lists in parallel. I don't think it is a surprise - therefore - that some cross publishing occurred. Indeed it is probably good that it has. If information is confidential, of course, it should be treated as such. But I doubt anybody here was deliberately trying to breach confidences rather than further the debate and try to defend a personal perspective. I have to say that I might have made a similar error since it would have been very easy to lose track of who was saying what on which list about what point and whether it should, or should not, be discussed anywhere else.

I fear this case suffered badly from the decision to withhold data (taken by whoever for whatever reason it was taken - no doubt with what was considered necessary motives). The 'hiding away' of key data like the original witness statements for many years stalled this case. And even if it was justified (only those who did it can explain) it symbolises what we cannot allow to happen again if we are to hope to reach responsible answers.

So, for me, Ufology deserves to see and to discuss this case in its most public forum (ie here) and not in secret. There are - I and I quite understand James' position here - legitimate reasons why sometimes confidentiality is needed and preliminary discussion elsewhere makes sense. But as a general principle Ufology IMO should not emulate governments inept obsession with secrecy - even if I am sure that is not the intention. We owe it to ourselves to talk this out like civilised adults.

So I would hope we can accept that, live with each others different views, and move on with this discussion.

From where I sit this case is not - and as I have said on this list over recent weeks - never was completely resolved. But it has taken definite steps in that direction. This is not a battle between good and evil, right and wrong, the lighthouse and the

aliens, nasty debunkers and good old Ufology circling the wagons to ward off the attacking enemy.

No - surely - its a reasoned quest for truth. And that truth has to embrace the serious questions brought into the arena by the lies of James Easton and Ian Ridpath. And, yes, it has to embrace reasoned counter arguments to this data from people like Brad Sparks and Jan Aldrich.

What is needed here is tolerance and understanding and a realisation that we learn from one another. Truths about matters as complex as these do not appear by magic. They are not fostered by adopting a fixed opinion of what happened and sticking your flag in the ground before resisting all attempts to dislodge it from its position of pre-eminence. We reach a consensus by the gradual coming together of conflicting evidence and resolving the key questions that such conflicts provide.

That is where we are with this case. Nobody - IMO - has proven beyond reasonable doubt that they have all the key answers. The role that things like the lighthouse played in this case is, surely to any reasonable observer, seen to be of potential significance, not an irrelevance (as I for some time thought it was) , and we owe some people a debt for making that clear. Equally, as it stands this idea doesn't resolve all the evidence without resorting to a worrying dismissal of contradictory evidence. So those who point this out are right to do so.

We progress by accepting these things and moving on from there - seeking to demonstrate whatever we believe by reasoned means as most people in this case have done for many years. We respect opposing views and argue it out without descending into personality clashes and disputes that move away from the facts. We appreciate the problems of witness testimony and misperception that UFO investigation teaches to the initiated. But we do not resort to assuming or inferring that a witness must be deceiving us if it is the only way to prove a point. Because whilst some witnesses do deceive and we are wise not to forget it, making that charge is usually the last desperate defence of the debunker and is a substitute for real evidence. It is in effect guesswork and that is rarely good enough in Ufology.

Reasoned guesses about this case are perfectly alright, of course, as long as we keep them in context and realise that they are such. Often they are wrong. Sometimes they turn the key that opens the door to an unexpected truth. So I am denouncing neither such methods nor the defence of sincerely held views about this case (which many people hold). Merely noting that these are a part of the way to tackle these issues - not a means to do so all by themselves.

We surely here have to bear these things in mind and move forward with this case in the proper way. Let us not allow the discussion of these events to degenerate into a squabble. It deserves more.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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From: Paul Anderson <psa@direct.ca>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 05:39:25 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:50:28 -0400
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VISCOUNT, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLES

Preliminary Report - September 15, 2000

Viscount, Saskatchewan
September 12, 2000

Report received yesterday of two circles at Viscount, Saskatchewan. Two circles, about 45' and 43' diameter, about 100' apart, in wheat. Farmer found them September 12 while combining. He reports no tracks when first found, and very neat lay, with plants pressed down fairly hard to the ground, but not damaged. The circles are located well into the field with no nearby roads, etc. in a relatively remote area of the country, just south of Viscount. Two similar circles were found at Viscount last year, and also at Rocanville, Saskatchewan in 1996.

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Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 12 Sep 2000 16:43:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:58:12 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Salvaille

>From: Greg Sandow <greg@gregsandow.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote
>Date: Mon, 11 Sep 2000 18:56:54 -0400

>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>Date: Tue, 05 Sep 2000 21:54:13 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote

<snip>

>>But you did. So did the woman who saw the weather balloon
>>earlier. "Not a soul...?" Surely neither of you actually meant
>>to speak for the entire rest of the city. Or maybe you do?
>
>First this, then Serge. Allow me to rephrase my sentence, whose
>meaning must have been clear to most of us

<snip>

Greg,

You are referring to me in an exchange I am not participating
in, and in a most unflattering way.

I would appreciate that, in the future, you refrain from doing
that.

You are already addressing me to the third person in another
thread, which is gross. If you want some precisions on this kind
of attitude and its implications in human communications, I'll
be glad to oblige. But I am sure that a psychology buff such as
you knows what I mean.

I don't know how you were raised, but the two following
principles are part are my education: look at people when you
talk to them and don't talk publicly about others in their back.

Clear?

Thanks.

Serge Salvaille

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>>appreciate hearing from you. All correspondence will be held in
>>confidence, thanks!

>As I recollect the leading source of information and leaks about
>Ghostwolf is Richard Boylan.

>Interesting all the other AKAs, but kind of goes with what
>another person mentioned awhile ago that his name should be
>Robert Hoaxwolf. :)

>Cheers,

>Robert

How about any credible sources regarding info on Ghostwolf?

Regards,

Royce

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 06:39:14 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 10:07:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Myers

I wonder why anyone would try to defend Adamski and his blatant UFO hoax? The pictures that Mr. Holman has discovered are just more dirt to bury the coffin with. As for claims of disinformation, that's just stupid.

Another interesting note: Mr. Holman never states the photos are conclusive proof. In fact, he promotes further investigation on his website featuring the photos. Disinformation? How about uninformed or ignorant...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"...or your silly belief that Adamski really photographed UFOs let alone rode in them...
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
(This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads - Wright

From: Bruce Wright <magnus@io.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 09:09:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 10:22:17 -0400
Subject: Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads - Wright

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:19:18 -0500

>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:59:26 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: An Audience Of Nodding Heads

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: An Audience Of Nodding Heads (was: Orford Ness Lighthouse)
>>>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 11:38:24 -0500

>Hi, John,

>>Jerry, perhaps you could tell us which sceptics are doing a good
>>job? You have in the past claimed that there is a difference
>>between genuine sceptics and mere pelicanists. I'd like some
>>examples.

>First, though, you might answer a question I've asked at least
>twice and that you've ducked just as often:

>What is the difference between the approach Magonia and you
>advocate and that of the traditional skeptic/debunker?

Well, for one thing, I don't think the old-line debunkers
devoted 80 percent of their time to weak attempts at tormenting
Jerry Clark.

Bruce W.

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Re: Orford Ness lighthouse - Randles

From: **Jenny Randles** <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 15:11:39 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 10:29:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness lighthouse - Randles

>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:44:39 -0400
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Randles

>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'
>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 11:53:24 +0100

and:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m15-007.shtml>

Hi,

Er - ooops!

As I trust you realised the following line in my message earlier today...

>...And that truth has to embrace the serious questions brought
>into the arena by the lies of James Easton and Ian Ridpath...

Should - of course - have read 'by the _likes_' of James Easton and Ian Ridpath.

As they both well know from our debates on this case - and as is evident from the context of my message - I certainly don't think what they are saying constitutes lies!

This was a typing error and apologies if it gave any momentary offence.

Hope that's very clear!

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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A Carpenter Note

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:15:47 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 10:47:27 -0400
Subject: A Carpenter Note

Friends,

I'm posting this message from Mike Farrell in Australia regarding a note he received that was written by John Carpenter. I think this is of great interest to the List and I will add just a comment or two:

Don't flatter yourself, Carpenter. Your FL case is unbelievably weak but the recent discussion of your unethical actions has nothing to do with anything except what you refuse to mention in all of your communications - ethics!

I recommend listening to a show yourselves at sightings.com under Archived Shows. John Carpenter is the first hour of Jeff Rense's 11-11-99 show.

For the "first-ever video of an abduction" seems you are missing some critical facts such as: who the "abductee" is (can't be found), where is the factory, where the video was taken? (don't know), can you prove there were power surges when the abduction occurred (no) and who provided the tape and why won't they answer any of the above questions? (I don't know this one.)

Gary Hart

From: "Mike Farrell" <vidhunter@hotmail.com>
To: StarmanJC@aol.com
Subject: John Carpenter Does it Again!!!
Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 23:26:24 GMT

PLEASE POST FAR AND WIDE TO DISPEL UGLY RUMOURS!

Greetings Researchers,

You're going to love this bit of blame-shifting!

During a recent discussion on the case of Dr. Jonathan Reed and his "Evidence of a ET", a message from John Carpenter to a friend arrived in my mail box. It's a real gem!

I'm sending copies of this to all those involved and concerned with the Carpenter "File-Sale" travesty, including one to John himself, so he can know and understand in no uncertain terms that he will not be allowed to blame his fellow researchers or government disinformation agents for his "moment of weakness" when he sold those "abductee files" to Robert Bigelow (140 files for \$14,000) for personal gain 3 years ago without consideration for the confidentiality of his patients and the integrity of the "Abduction & Contact" Community.

Read his "conspiracy theory" below, then my comments as the person who helped to break this story on the Internet mailing lists. Here's one "cover-up" we can expose right now for the cowardly act that it really is! How many times can we say "shame on you, Mr. Carpenter??" And shame on Constance Clear for jumping on Carpenter's bandwagon without knowing the facts of

this case.

Email from John Carpenter (to one of his friends):

I saw Jonathon Reed speak in Laughlin, Nevada in March. It was indeed controversial and perplexing and different. There is a good point to be made about "good evidence" not being allowed and researchers being discredited.

The whole Internet turmoil about me came up just as I was trying to present the first-ever videotape of an abduction caught by a 24-hour surveillance cameras at a factory -- and the worker's return one hour and 50 minutes later in a laser-like "puddle" of light.

Recent video and scientific analysis proves the source of the light beams is in the air, plus, the speed and nature of the lights are "beyond plausible Earth ability" according to expert Jeff Sainio.

Many more details available if you are interested. Constance Clear, MSW, also believes this is one reason I am under attack by people I have never met or heard of before. I don't know, but thanks for this interesting article

John

Dear John (and fellow researchers),

Let's get right to the point!

The fact that you got caught with Bigelow's money in your pocket some 3 years after the damage was done to your patients at the same time you were trying to promote your new video of an abduction caught on surveillance camera is PURELY COINCIDENTAL!!!!!!

How do I know this, sir? Let me run thru this explanation again for those who missed it the first time around.

I'll do this without dragging other people's names into this, though they and you know who they are.

Back in May and June, I began a discussion on the pros and cons of establishing a global abductee database, called Project GAD. I received one strong negative response from a researcher in the States who claimed to be the chief investigator for a case involving the alledged "professional misconduct" of MUFON's Director of Abduction Research.

That's you, Mr. John Carpenter.

I replied with inquiries and found out for the first time more than I needed to know about the mess you got yourself into with your finances and ex-wives.

Actually there are two ex-wives involved, Denise and Elizabeth. It's all a bit confusing trying to keep track of your personal tribulations.

But that's just the point.

As researchers, we keep our personal problems out of our professional dealings and don't use them as excuses for our unethical solutions. After all, Mr. Carpenter, we all have our share of personal struggles with money and marriage partners.

Anyway, after some further inquiries, I discovered that many top researchers, especially those with positions in MUFON, already knew about your clandestine sale of abductee files for several years, but said nothing for fear of getting dragged into this whole messy affair. Let MUFON take care of it's own was the sentiment expressed.

Well, in July or so, someone on my private mailing list went ahead and posted my messages to the UpDates List, alerting other researchers to the controversial precedent you established.

From there it was picked up by concerned and outraged abductees and other researchers and kicked around in discussion for awhile.

Now, Mr. Carpenter, if your new accusations about why you have been under attack are true, then I am a disinformation agent working for the secret world government. If you knew me, you would know how silly that idea is.

No, Mr. Carpenter, I'm afraid it won't be that easy to wiggle out of this one.

The fact is your "professional misconduct" was exposed quite by accident some 3 years after the fact. If I had not started the discussion about a global abductee database, I never would have found out about what you did and how you tried to shift the blame off yourself to protect your position with MUFON and your reputation for the sale of your future book.

It's all rather pathetic, you know.

All you had to do was be "man" enough to admit your mistake under a period of extreme personal stress and make amends by contacting those abductees whose confidentiality you violated.

No, just because you sold them to Robert Bigelow and not some nobody off the street doesn't make it right.

And you might tell your current wife the "real story", because everyone can tell from her recent emails threatening legal action, that she is defending you blindly without knowing the facts of your misdealings.

Now you want to infer that just as you are about to release new evidence for the abduction phenomenon, that certain researchers have orchestrated a plot to discredit you. Now you have insulted and further distanced the very ordinary researchers around the world who are the ones who buy your books and tickets to your lectures.

We're not well-known celebrities in positions of authority and influence like you have been, Mr. Carpenter. Which is why we expect more professional and accountable behavior from big-name hotshot director's like you. And if figures like you make a mistake, because nobody's perfect, then all we expect is for the matter to be addressed and corrected as mature adults.

You know, Mr. Carpenter, in reviewing the responses to your case, most people, especially in positions of responsibility like you, have expressed the need to put this whole mess behind us and get on with our work. They have emphasized that someone of your stature has obviously learned your lesson and we have all benefited from seeing the consequences of such "professional misconduct".

But now as you continue in your search for someone else to blame, you have bit hard the very hands that feed your UFO income.

No, Mr. Carpenter, there is no "conspiracy" to invalidate your new discoveries. In fact we'd all like to see evidence of an abduction, even if it's just a security camera showing someone missing for a time.

Our so-called "attack" on you has nothing to do with your efforts to solve the abduction mystery. But it has everything to do with what you did with those 140 abductee files some 3 years ago.

Is that clear enough for you now?

Now if you don't mind, us ordinary-nobody UFO researchers would like to go back to our work without hearing anymore false accusations from the likes of you.

My advice to you is to be very careful of what you say about this matter in the future.

A worldwide clearinghouse for researchers and abductees is being constructed and all the discussions about you will be posted for

patients to review, so when they have to make that tough decision to chose a therapist to help them understand and deal with their "experience", they will think twice before going to so-called professionals like you, Mr. Carpenter.

Signed, an ordinary-nobody UFO researcher with nothing to gain or to lose by speaking my mind on important in-house dirty laundry issues that others would like to sweep under the rug.

Oh, and sorry for all the "Internet turmoil", Mr. Carpenter. But you asked for this one!

And still waiting to hear from MUFON on this one!

THINK GLOBALLY-ACT LOCALLY!

Mike Farrell UFO Video Hunter & Researcher at:

<http://www.flex.com.au/~eagle1/in8.htm>

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Contact me if you're looking for information about any particular UFO film or TV program, or if you would like to exchange UFO videos.

"We the people, are going to prove that UFOs are true ~ not the scientists, not the authorities, not the military. We, the hundreds of thousands of people with cameras in our hands, are going to produce the evidence that is going to be seen around the world and is going to prove that UFOs are real and that we are not crazy!" (from Jaime Maussan on "UFOs-Best Evidence Caught on Tape-Part One" / USA-TV-1997)

"The person who is truly alive comes to breakthrough. However traumatic the 'alien encounter', it seems it becomes a breakthrough experience and later on the person finds that their life is larger, their consciousness is larger, and the universe is larger for them."

(from Frank Fletcher-Catholic Theologian,
on Compass Show / AUS-TV-1996)

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Re: Leslie Kean's 3rd COMETA Article In 'VSD' -

From: **François Parmantier** <parcol@club-internet.fr>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 17:35:46 +0200
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 12:08:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Leslie Kean's 3rd COMETA Article In 'VSD' -

>From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovicc - AGETI <9a4ag@clarc.org>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 03:06:26 -0500
>Subject: Leslie Kean's 3rd COMETA Article In 'VSD'

>Dear List members,

>In my recent correspondence with journalist Leslie Kean (she
>recently published articles about COMETA French UFO report in
>The Boston Globe and The Irish Independent) I have found out
>that she also published her third article in the French magazine
>'VSD' (the one that first released COMETA report back in July
>1999).

>The article that I am sending you is a translated, non-edited
>version. Leslie says that she is not happy that VSD cut much
>from this version, but I think that people will be interested to
>see how it all looks in the original. Unfortunately we don't
>have a published version in English. Anyway here it is posted
>with Leslie's permission.

>Note that in this third article the focus is more on the
>pressure for Congressional UFO hearings in 1997 (Greer,
>Rockefeller and Clinton involved).

>VSD is a weekly magazine. But since, as Leslie says, it was a
>special issue on UFOs, it didn't have the date of a particular
>week on it. It was just dated June. Leslie continues: "The VSD
>piece was not very well edited, and they cut almost half of what
>I submitted... so I'm not thrilled with it, but the information
>is important."

>So here you go:

<snip>

Dear List members,

I usually don't write to the list because my english is not good enough, but I want to react to this message.

I have compared the original version with the one published and found no difference. There has been obviously no cut. Photos and captions are also the same.

This issue uncludes also an interesting interview with General Letty about consequences of the Cometa report. General Letty explains that they decided to publish the report in the french magazine VSD "in order to create a shock".

The last question of this interview is : "What do you think about the silence of the US authorities on the (ufo) phenomenon ?"

General Letty: "It is embarrassing. We wish they communicate more on what they know"

Best regards

François Parmantier

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Subject: Leslie Kean's 3rd COMETA Article In 'VSD' -

Dear researchers,

Sorry, a correction of Leslie Kean's 3rd COMETA Article In 'VSD'

I have just found out that the piece that I posted was the original article, published in VSD and edited by them.

The article below, is a broader version not published in VSD. This version has much more interesting data than the one published.

Here it is:

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By Leslie Kean (draft non-released version for VSD):

COMETA spokesperson Michel Algrin says that the report was delivered to French president Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin. "No response is awaited, only action," he says. "The COMETA made no request to the US government. It is not entitled to do so," says Algrin, an attorney and political scientist. "But, in its report, it recommended to the French government to seek for a cooperation [sic] with its American ally on the subject of UFOs."

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, the Apollo 14 astronaut who was the sixth man to walk on the moon, is one of many supporters of such cooperation. "It's significant that individuals of some standing in the government, military and intelligence community in France came forth with this," he said in a recent interview from his home in Florida. Mitchell, who holds a doctor of science degree from MIT, is convinced "at a confidence level above 90%, that there is reality to all of this."

He joins five-star Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, the former head of the British Ministry of Defense and Major Gordon L. Cooper, one of America's original seven Mercury astronauts, in calling for Congressional fact-finding hearings into the UFO question. "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 says.

Despite the fact that Mitchell is a national hero and has been honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the USN Distinguished Service Medal and the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, his request for an investigation has been ignored by U.S. officials.

As the COMETA report points out, the U.S. is unique in its silence on this issue. UFOs and Defense notes that many UFO files are classified above top secret, and accuses the U.S. of following a policy of disinformation. It says that the government has an "impressive repressive arsenal" in place, which includes 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 some documentation has been released through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), researchers have had an increasingly difficult time accessing information about a subject that the U.S. government claims does not exist. A 1980 federal suit is a case in point. The case was filed in the US District Court of the District of Columbia against the National Security Agency (NSA) for 156 UFO documents the agency refused to release. The NSA provided U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard A. Gesell with a 21-page, Above Top Secret affidavit justifying the withholding. No one else was permitted to see the affidavit. The judge dismissed the lawsuit stating that "public interest in disclosure is far outweighed by the sensitive nature of the materials and the obvious effect on national security their release may entail."

MILITARY CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

A few months after the French release of the COMETA report, U.S. Naval Reserve Commander Willard H. Miller agreed to go on the record about his participation in a series of previously undisclosed briefings for Pentagon brass about national security and military policy regarding UFOs. Miller has been a key liaison to the Pentagon on the subject for years. "It's time to give some credibility to the fact that there are those in high places in the government who have an interest in this subject," he says, taking a considerable risk by coming forward.

Miller retired in 1994 from active duty on the Current Operations Staff (J3) of U.S. Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia where he worked operations, intelligence, and special contingency issues. With over 30 years of experience in Navy and Joint Interagency operations with the Department of Defense, Commander Miller has held a Top Secret clearance with access to sensitive compartmented information.

It has not been easy for Miller to overcome the taboo that the UFO subject carries among his colleagues in the military. "It is treated much the way we used to view mental illness. Hide the crazy daughter in the attic," he says.

In a February, 2000 confidential memo titled "Selected Discussions with Key United States (US) Department of Defense (DoD) Intelligence Personnel on the Subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and Extraterrestrial Intelligence (ETI)" prepared for this reporter, Miller spelled out the details of meetings between 1989 and 2000 with named high level Department of Defense intelligence personnel - including the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), an Admiral on the Joint Staff, and the U.S. Atlantic Command Director for Intelligence - among others. Miller says he initiated briefings "to provide the flag officers with information to help the military decision-making processes when these unexplained craft are encountered by members of the Department of Defense."

Concerned that many high-ranking military officers are not properly informed about the UFO phenomenon, Miller believes that the generals who have come forward in France could have a significant impact. "Without preparation and planning for encounters, precipitous military decisions may lead to unnecessary confusion, misapplication of forces, or possible catastrophic consequences," he says..

The Navy Commander's concern is justified by the historical record. Declassified government documents show that unexplained objects with extraordinary technical capabilities pose challenges to military activity around the globe. U.S. fighter jets have been scrambled to pursue UFOs, according to North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) logs and U.S. Air Force documents. Peruvian and Iranian Air Force planes attempted to shoot down unexplained objects during air encounters, and Belgium F-16's equipped with automatically guided missiles

pursued UFO's in 1990.

In earlier decades, such concerns were openly discussed among American government officials. In 1960, for example, Representative Leonard G. Wolf of Iowa entered an "urgent warning" from former CIA Director Vice Admiral R.E. Hillenkoetter into the Congressional Record that "certain dangers are linked with unidentified flying objects." Wolf cited Gen. 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."

Wolf also referenced a three-year study which determined that air defense scrambles and alerts had already occurred due to the presence of UFOs. All defense personnel "should be told that UFOs are real and should be trained to distinguish them - by their characteristic speeds and maneuvers - from conventional planes and missiles" the study said.

These concerns were taken seriously enough to be incorporated into the 1971 "Agreement on Measures to Reduce the Outbreak of Nuclear War" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The treaty states that the two countries will "notify each other immediately in the event of detection by missile warning systems of unidentified objects...if such occurrences could create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war between the two countries."

The COMETA assures its readers that UFOs have not been the cause of any hostile acts "although intimidation maneuvers have been confirmed." In France, they say, there have been "visits above secret installations and missile bases" and "military aircraft shadowed" by UFOs. Like Miller, they warn against impulsive, uninformed actions. "In the face of an unknown situation, one must be on guard against any instinctive self-defense reaction that could be easily interpreted as a provocation."

Reports such as the one from France may open the door for the U.S. and other nations to be more forthcoming. Chile, for example, is openly addressing it's own concerns about air safety and UFOs. The now retired Chief of the Chilean Air Force has formed a committee with military and civil aviation experts to study recent near collisions between UFOs and civilian airliners.

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES: EXTRAORDINARY AND UNAMBIGUOUS EVENTS

While Commander Miller alerted the Pentagon, researcher Dr. Steven M. Greer was working the issue within the U.S. Congress and the executive branch. Greer, an emergency physician who has assembled government documents, visual evidence and credible witness reports on UFOs, also attended some of the Pentagon briefings with Miller.

In 1993, Greer was invited to meet with President Clinton's first sitting CIA Director, Admiral James Woolsey. The three hour event was arranged by futurist John L. Petersen, President and founder of the Washington area think tank The Arlington Institute, who "specializes in the area of national and global security" and currently serves as a Pentagon consultant, according to Institute materials. Petersen's credentials include stints at the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council staff.

Petersen declined to answer questions concerning his purpose in hosting the dinner meeting at his home in Arlington, Virginia. However, he obviously was aware of the high stakes involved. In a sensitive memo he sent to Greer just prior to the meeting, he said that the dinner with Woolsey would "move the whole thing to a much, much higher plane..." and that "the most powerful people in the world will have a deep, compelling interest in our activities..." At the same time, he pointed out that the meeting - kept secret until 1998 - would raise "significant red flags for those who don't want to see this succeed."

Greer says he only needed 15 minutes to present Woolsey with the documentation he brought in a large briefcase. Woolsey was already convinced as to the reality of UFO's. Most of the meeting was spent discussing "what all of this means" and "the geopolitical implications of disclosing this matter fully to the

public," Greer says

In August 1995, philanthropist Laurance Rockefeller provided Greer's briefing materials to President Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and Presidential science advisor Jack Gibbons while they spent a weekend at Rockefellers' Wyoming ranch. Clinton then instructed Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department, Webster Hubbell, to investigate the existence of UFOs, as disclosed in his book Friends in High Places. Despite this request from the Commander-in-Chief, Hubbell was unable to obtain information on the subject.

Greer has worked tirelessly in an effort to bring about Congressional hearings into the UFO question. He has earned the trust of over 100 government witnesses with personal, first-hand knowledge of UFO phenomena and related projects who are committed to testify under oath. These witnesses made their observations while in the Air Force, Army, Navy, NASA, private industry and intelligence operations. According to Greer, they are waiting only for Congressional subpoenas to protect them from penalties for violating national security oaths before coming forward.

Apollo Astronaut Edgar Mitchell has talked to a number of these witnesses. "They have stated their first hand experience with conviction and their stories check out," he said. Coupled with the new military disclosures acknowledging national security concerns, advocates for Congressional hearings believe that the testimonies of these highly credible government witnesses could force, once and for all, a government examination of the "extra-terrestrial hypothesis" as has been done in France.

As a small prelude to these hearings, eleven witnesses risked coming forward "for ethical, moral and patriotic reasons" as Greer explained it. On April 9, 1997, Greer and his associates held an unprecedented, confidential congressional briefing at the Westin Hotel in Washington. The VIP's in attendance included Representative Dan Burton, Chair of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, with his chief of staff, and staffers from nearly thirty congressional offices. Representatives from the executive branch, including a staff member from Vice President Gore's office, were present, along with representatives of two state governors, the Department of Defense, and the scientific community.

Greer told the attendees that the witnesses "have directly handled this subject or have been present while it was occurring - major events, unambiguous events, not a light in the sky, but extraordinary events" and "are tremendously dedicated to trying to bring this forward to the public."

For over one and a half hours, participants heard from a Pentagon cryptologist who said he viewed extraterrestrial space debris containing indecipherable writing, and a NASA subcontracter who saw restricted satellite photos showing flying discs that were routinely airbrushed out before public release. A navy pilot and his crew experienced electromagnetic effects in their airplane when a 300 foot UFO flew 25 miles in two seconds directly in front of the plane, as confirmed by Gander radar and official government documents.

Witnesses touched on national security concerns such as those brought to the Pentagon by Commander Miller. Loring Air Force base was visited by a silent triangular ship which hovered over B-52's on strategic alert. A senior admiral, amid command center chaos, issued a "force down" order against an elliptical-shaped craft of unknown origin, tracked by satellite, radar, and chased by military planes. According to the witness, it literally jumped between states in under a minute, flew out to sea and suddenly left the earth's atmosphere.

By all accounts, the VIP's present paid close attention. They had been clearly informed that these witnesses were only the tip of the iceberg out of a pool of more than 100. "This is a subject that can either bore you to death or shock you to death or absolutely leave you speechless" witness Major Steven Lovekin told them.

A veteran Congressional staffer received a standing ovation when, unsolicited, she took the floor and declared her determination to bring this information to the public by

organizing for hearings on capitol hill. The next day, Miller, Lovekin, Mitchell and Greer brought the same information to the Joint Staff Vice Director for Intelligence at a private Pentagon briefing.

PROTECTING HARD-EARNED REPUTATIONS

Two years after the Washington briefing, the COMETA released its dramatic report which ended by stating that "only increasing pressure from public opinion, possibly supported by the results of independent researchers, by more or less calculated disclosures, or by a sudden rise in UFO manifestations might perhaps induce U.S. leaders and persons of authority to change their stance." Witness testimonies and other evidence presented in 1997 did not seem to create movement in that direction.

"Because the Congress is afraid they won't get re-elected, they don't even want to talk about this. I just think somebody should do something," says the Congressional staffer who is working for hearings behind the scenes.

When Representative Burton left the Westin Hotel that night, he requested that all information on the subject be sent to his office. Yet a recent inquiry to Burton's office revealed that whatever interest the Congressman may have shown will not bear fruit until the demand for hearings - from both the press and the public - escalates. "We haven't heard a very loud call for hearings on this issue yet," said press secretary John Williams. "As far as any intention of holding hearings regarding the existence of UFOs or anything that pertained to that briefing, we have no intention of holding any hearings on that right now." Williams stated that Burton's interest in the subject is purely personal.

Some representatives are interested, but only behind closed doors, says a democratic campaign manager, requesting anonymity, who has been intimately involved in electoral politics for 29 years. He has met personally with a number of members of congress on the subject. "With our thirty second commercials' ability to destroy hard-earned reputations, particularly using a subject like this, people are very hesitant to take a leading role on the subject, although they know that it's a very real matter," he says.

Nonetheless, one congressman did respond to public pressure. In 1993, New Mexico representative Steven Schiff requested that the General Accounting Office investigate the infamous 1947 crash of a mysterious object in the desert near Roswell, New Mexico. Two years later, he learned from the GAO that all documents and radio messages during the relevant time period had been destroyed "without proper authority." Schiff was unable to attend the Washington briefing in 1997 and died of an aggressive skin cancer the following year. No other member has picked up where he left off.

Dr. Greer, who has privately briefed both Representative Christopher Cox and Senator Richard Bryan of the Senate Intelligence Committee, is asking supporters to apply pressure.

Missouri, the "Show Me" state, has become the first to launch a ballot initiative urging Congress to convene hearings in which government witnesses can testify "regarding their personal knowledge of any UFO-related evidence." Certified by the Missouri secretary of state in March, 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 - a development injurious to our republic."

Robert Bletchman, a Connecticut attorney who conceived of the initiative, has no doubt it would win votes in the November election, as long as the requisite number of signatures are collected in time. "My expectation is that Missouri will kindle a firestorm of proactive interest throughout the country in those sixteen states that allow for the direct initiative," he says. Hundreds of thousands of votes would be involved. "What does Congress pay attention to? How real people at the ballot box actually vote," Bletchman says. "Maybe for the first time the politicians would have to pay overt attention."

THE REAL NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT

On September 15, 1998, Commander Willard Miller and Dr. Steven Greer entered the Pentagon through the VIP entrance. After passing through metal detectors, they were escorted past armed security guards, up the massive staircase and into the innermost ring of the Pentagon. An electrically controlled door brought them into the comfortable outer office of the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), adorned with mahogany, walnut, brass, and military plaques.

Thirty minutes later, the DIA Director came out of his inner chamber, parting company with an entourage of high-level foreign Admirals and Generals. He graciously ushered in his two guests, taking his place at the head of a massive wood table. According to Miller's confidential memo of February 2000, an Army Colonel, a DIA staff member and a Defense Department clerk were also seated around the table. The briefing lasted 50 minutes.

Greer provided the military officials with declassified documents from the CIA, DIA, FBI, NORAD, SAC (Strategic Air Command) and NMCC (National Military Command Center), referencing specific UFO events connected with military forces and bases. At the general's request, he provided a "comprehensive overview" of the subject.

Commander Miller's Military Information Outline prepared for the briefing included a discussion of national security implications, military risks and recommended courses of action. Greer and Miller explained to the DIA Director that there is no credible evidence of hostility from UFO occupants. "The only threat to the national security of the United States is the continued denial of undeniable physical UFO occurrences and sightings to a public growing increasingly frustrated with its government's weak explanations," Miller says he told the Pentagon officials. "Some US Air Force denials defy logic and strain the public's tolerance, he said.

His point was dramatically illustrated in the aftermath of an extraordinary event that occurred one spring evening over the state of Arizona. On March 13, 1997, thousands observed enormous, lighted, triangular craft flying low and silently, sometimes hovering wingless over populated areas. Hundreds of feet long, air traffic controllers failed to register them on radar. To this day, the people of Arizona do not know what penetrated US airspace that night.

In response to public demand, Phoenix city council member Frances Barwood initiated an investigation into the Arizona triangles. "I like answers. I don't like unfinished business. People need to push their elected officials to find out what is invading our air space," she says. Barwood says she personally spoke with over seven hundred people who saw the objects.

She was never provided any reasonable explanation. Instead, the councilwoman was given the run-around from her city, state and federal government - including Arizona Senator John McCain - and was publicly ridiculed by the mayor of Phoenix. Yet she still considers this "an issue of state and national significance." Barwood has retired from politics to write a book about this experience. "The fact that the government never interviewed one witness doesn't make me feel too secure about our national security," she commented during a recent interview.

Arizona attorney Peter Gersten responded by filing a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the Department of Defense in 1999. The case challenged the adequacy of the governments "reasonable search" for information about the triangular objects seen over Arizona in 1997, and elsewhere in the US over the last twenty years.

As recently as January 5, 2000, four policemen at different locations in St. Claire County, Illinois, witnessed a brightly lit, huge triangular craft flying at 1000 feet, according to the Los Angeles Times. Most alarming was the report from Lebanon police officer Thomas Barton that he witnessed the hovering object jump at least 8 miles in 3 seconds. Aeronautical expert Paul Czysz, who spent 29 years at McDonnell-Douglas designing faster-than-sound aircraft, says that such rapid motion cannot be explained in conventional terms. The object would be a "fireball" and "people on board would be mush," he says. Yet nearby Scott Air Force base and the FAA purport to know nothing

On February 29, 2000, a reporter brought the issue of military denial and the Arizona lawsuit to the attention of U.S. Senator John McCain of Arizona at a California press conference. "I think it's of great interest," responded the Presidential candidate, acknowledging that the 1997 "lights" seen over Arizona have "never been fully explained."

Nonetheless, the DoD continues to maintain that it can find no information about the triangular objects. It provided details of its search to the court as required by U.S. District Court Stephen M. McNamee of Phoenix for Gersten's lawsuit. On March 30, 2000, the judge concluded that "a reasonable search was conducted' even though no information was obtained, and he dismissed the case.

Like Barwood, Gersten is incredulous. "What is it that has unlimited, unrestricted access to our airspace in populated areas?" he says. "With so many worries about terrorist attacks, how could they not know what these triangles are?"

The danger of such blatant denial is what Navy Commander Willard Miller brought to the attention of the three star general from the Defense Intelligence Agency that day in 1998. Miller told him that the continued denial of information "causes the public to begin to lose additional faith in the military and the government. That's not good for the country. That type of non-response threatens the stability, trust and fabric of an open democratic society," he said.

Miller and Greer left the DIA director with a multi-volume package of briefing materials and video documentation which had been prepared for the Washington briefing in 1997.

Once again, the French Generals make the same point raised by their American counterparts. "How can one try to ignore a phenomena that is manifested by the regular crossing of our air space by moving objects...If we do nothing, the very principle of defense and air intelligence would be called into question," they state.

According to Miller, all of the high-ranking military officers at the briefings showed "a great amount of inquisitiveness." There was little laughter. "The briefings were accorded the same serious attention given to other briefings on national security matters," says Miller. He has yet to assess, however, whether he achieved the desired effect of transforming military policy towards UFO encounters and response to public inquiries.

"WHAT SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR?" ASK AMERICAN FIRE FIGHTERS

UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For? recommends that the French government reflect on "the measures to take in the event of a spectacular and indisputable manifestation of a UFO." Surprisingly, the United States has taken one small step in that direction. The second edition of the Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control is currently used for training by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at its National Fire Academy and is taught nationally through the seven universities offering degrees in fire science. Chapter 13 of the guide is titled "Enemy Attack and UFO Potential." It warns fire fighters of known "UFO hazards" such as electrical fields that cause blackouts, air and ground travel disruptions by force fields, and physiological effects.

"Do not stand under a UFO that is hovering at low altitudes. Do not touch or attempt to touch a UFO that has landed," the book warns.

Researched primarily by now deceased US Naval Reserve Captain Charles Bahme, a Los Angeles deputy fire chief who also worked for the Department of Defense and the U.S. State Department, the chapter describes the role that fire fighters should play "in the event of the unexpected arrival of UFOs in their communities." As an example, it outlines a scenario of a UFO crashing into the boiler room of a school, where the spilled oil ignites, endangering the lives of those inside the craft. The fire officials are instructed to let the military take over.

Dr. William M. Kramer, professor of Fire Science at the University of Cincinnati and an Ohio Fire Chief, co-authored

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - McCoy

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:39:05 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 12:23:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - McCoy

>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:51:40 -0500 (CDT)

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>http://www.ufon.org/html/photo_comparison.html

>And can be compared with the classic Adamski photo on a number
>of UFO pages.

>This was pointed out to me by Jimmie Holman, arch enemy of
>certain abduction experts, whose persistence is remarkable.

>--
>Nobody in particular

Hello All,

This whole Adamski thing has me bothered.

One, the Townsend experiments, two, the chilling resemblance to a Chicken ah, brooder/incubator that I have seen.

Townsend, I think is legit. Adamski like Meier, well, we have seen the fruits of their labor: no real proof, just garbage. The only contactee that would count is the whole of humanity.

Yes, the old saucer on the Whitehouse lawn, maybe the Kremlin (The Russkis seem to be the only determined spacefarers lately.), who knows.

I know what I have seen, and experienced other things that I cannot explain, but there still is no truth, never will be as long as Charlatans from Adamski to Meier, to Cooper to Boylan are out there .

I still say the Adamski craft is an old Style Chicken Brooder - holes were vents on the top and they had three heat-lamp type bulbs to keep the little guys (chicks) warm. I just saw a gas powered (propane) version - talk about a neat UFO! Glowing innards yet. It'll happen folks - just wait and see!

Puwck Puuuwcking way too long .

GT McCoy

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Beaver

From: **Mike Beaver** <yoda@foxinternet.net>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 12:25:08 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 19:38:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Beaver

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 23:29:17 EDT
>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Mike Beaver <yoda@foxinternet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 11:51:41 -0700

<snip>

>>1) More than one person has pointed out to me either star
>>systems that Mr. Adamski gave details about BEFORE they were
>>ever on any charts, and or predictions he made about the future
>>that came true

<snip>

>Could you provide any details about these two claims. Adamski
>co-wrote several books, maybe his claims are there were we could
>check. If the exact locations of the unknown star systems were
>given, perhaps we can check the newer catalogs. Save with his
>predictions. Can we have any details? Dates? Specifics?

>Bob Young

Dear Bob:

Sorry Bob. I can't help you here. I wasn't really trying to defend Adamski. I'm open to him having been either a hoax or genuine. It was just something a couple people mentioned in passing. They didn't provide any details at the time. And, honestly, as I said, I really don't care whether he was a hoax or not.

Anyway, one of the people who mentioned it is in Portland, Oregon and is a member of this list. I think he may shy away from presenting such evidence openly on this list as he also mentioned how Ms. Randle was rather ruthless in her debunking of his Adamski material. Don't reply to this particular sentence. I don't make character judgements of people here. It was his statement.

Some of you probably know who I'm talking about. But, of course, it's his option to put forth information if he wants to. But, then again, it may have been given to him in the same manner as it was given to me. That is, he may not actually know where that data is, even if it exists. Sorry that I can't be of more help here.

Sincerely;

Mike Beaver
yoda@foxinternet.net
<http://web3.foxinternet.net/yoda/index.html>
ICQ # 15482206

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Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Deardorff

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 14:54:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 19:41:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found? - Deardorff

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GT,

There's no need to include Meier in there. Otherwise, you will just be asking for a host of e-mails detailing names of supporting witnesses and their credibility, photos that can't be debunked, false claims made against him, detailed investigations of his experiences that cannot be ignored, etc.

Jim Deardorff

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Olympic Opening Ceremony

From: **Steven G. Bassett** <SGBList2@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 21:02:44 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 21:07:38 -0400
Subject: Olympic Opening Ceremony

All,

During the opening ceremony of the Australian Olympics, at around 8:35 pm EST, a giant cloth was raised slowly from the floor of the arena. On it was one of the most important icons in the Aboriginal culture - a culture which has a clean lineage going back perhaps as far as 100,000 years.

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Steve

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Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - Moroff

From: Daniel D. Moroff <smoothie7@home.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 22:02:30 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:17:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - Moroff

>From: Steven G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
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Hey Steve,

With all due respect, that opening ceremony took place Friday morning at between 4am and 8 am edt. Obviously NBC is a day behind as they will be for the 17 days.

Find a satellite dish and tune into CBC, at least some of the events will be seen live. FYI There is a 15 hour time difference between New York and Sydney, thus when it's between 7 & 11PM here, it's only 10 am to 2pm there. 4 am to 8 am here is, therefore 7pm to 11pm there. Anything NBC tells you about live is probably not. Just like their coverage of anything to do with UFO's They call them the way they see them and if they don't see them, they make them up. A long established TV credo!

Dan "I Know Nothing" Moroff

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Re: Ghostwolf Info? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 00:46:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:24:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Ghostwolf Info? - Gates

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Ghostwolf Info?
>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 06:27:29 -0700

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 23:48:36 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Ghostwolf Info?
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Ghostwolf Info?
>>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 06:33:19 -0700

>>>Greetings to all -

>>>I'm currently on the hunt for information pertaining to Robert
>>>Ghostwolf (aka Robert Ghostwolf, Robert Wolfe, Bobby Wolfe,
>>>Robert Parry, Robert Franzone, et al). If you have any info I'd
>>>appreciate hearing from you. All correspondence will be held in
>>>confidence, thanks!

>>As I recollect the leading source of information and leaks about
>>Ghostwolf is Richard Boylan.

>>Interesting all the other AKAs, but kind of goes with what
>>another person mentioned awhile ago that his name should be
>>Robert Hoaxwolf. :)

>How about any credible sources regarding info on Ghostwolf?

Define "credible source" in the UFO community. Bottom line is he
probaby has those people who think every word out of his mouth
is a revelation, never to be doubted, you have the fence sitters
who aren't sure, but like the story he is telling, then you have
in house UFO community skeptics who want to see verifiable
information and proof.

Then you have the hard core skeptics (Klass, Oberg) whose bottom
line is, and always will be, no matter what proof or evidence is
presented, that the person in question is either a hoaxer,
misidentified a planet or weather balloon etc., because UFOs
aren't real so therefore they can't be.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - Lovett

From: Diane Lovett <Diane@futurepaths.com>
Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 23:02:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:20:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - Lovett

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Steve,

It certainly did raise chills up my neck.

I have wondered why the "creator" beings of Aboriginal culture,
depicted on cave drawings going back thousands of years, have
not been discussed more in UFO/ET circles. Abductees sure
recognize those beings.

Perhaps the ceremony will inspire some discussion of this long
neglected evidence staring us in the face. Diane

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Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 00:58:16 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:27:19 -0400
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates

>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:15:47 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: A Carpenter Note

>Friends,

>I'm posting this message from Mike Farrell in Australia
>regarding a note he received that was written by John Carpenter.
>I think this is of great interest to the List and I will add
>just a comment or two:

<snip>

>And still waiting to hear from MUFON on this one!

The silence from MUFON has been deafening. It was suggested to me awhile back that the reason MUFON has been silent thus far is because it has and is a common practice to share data with NIDS in return for the large amounts of cash/donations/grants or whatever you want to call it. Supposedly, MUFON has also shared data and received money.

The story from John C was that the files were all redacted, i.e. all the personal information deleted. I posted an email to this List and also sent a copy to NIDS asking two simple questions. Did the person receiving the email actually see the files with their eyes, and to avoid privacy issues, I asked if the files were in fact redacted. So far in the last month and a half NIDS has chosen to not confirm the fact the files were redacted.

Again the silence has been deafening.

Cheers,

Robert

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3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 04:52:49 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:21:45 -0400
Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

Hi Everyone,

I was pondering on this thought the other day when I was reminded about it on the List.

It concerns the communication aspect of Contact UFO cases, such like the Alagash incident, mentioned on the list recently.

When carrying out our investigations, is there a tendency for us to overlook things that are staring us in the face?

*Let me expand on this.

In a lot of contact cases throughout the years, contact was triggered by the flashing of lights, from the people on the ground to the object in the sky. (Please note I do realise CSETI uses a similar action to the above)

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Interested in any light thrown on this one!

Regards,

Roy..

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Reports From The Bridge Of The Brooklyn

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 02:15:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:29:12 -0400
Subject: Reports From The Bridge Of The Brooklyn

I promised that I would report back to the list regarding any record at NYPD, NYS Police or the Sheriff's offices in NY regarding the Linda Cortile case, sightings of a UFO or traffic problems on or near the Brooklyn Bridge.

I've checked everything I could check regarding reports of _any_ unusual activity occurring in New York City on that evening.

Nothing.

The files which were accessed were for a thirty day period before and after the event. There are no reports on file. Checks were made on NCIC files, NY City 911 records and at all of the downtown precincts. Nothing. I also interviewed one Detective Richard Goldberg, Captain and assistant CO of one of New York's largest precincts. He was unable to find any record of anything which comes close to a UFO or traffic blockage on the Brooklyn Bridge.

In fact, no one even tried to sell the bridge that entire year. That there were no records available to me or to a captain of the NYPD does not mean the reports were not made. It means that the reports (if there were any made) are not available to view.

A thorough check was also made with the NY Times, the Post and the Daily News archives. Errol, be thankful that you live in Canada. And for two reasons. Your media is a lot better organized up there and at least you people get Formula 1 news in Canada. Here, they think Formula 1 has something to do with pabulum.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 11:41:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:33:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 23:07:09 EDT
>Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:07:34 -0400
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Sparks

>In any case, there is a bit of a double standard here since
>Easton and others on his list including Jenny Randles have been
>cross-posting the same posts here on UFO UpDates and on his UFO
>Research List for the past several weeks on this "Orford Ness
>Lighthouse 'UFO'" thread which Easton himself started, as I just
>discovered last Friday -- all without complaint from Easton or
>anyone else till now.

Brad,

Although I don't have time for this, in every sense, ...

Aside from a brief reference to related material on UFO UpDates,
I also compiled, some time ago now, a summary comprising all of
Robert McLean's invaluable local insight and made it available
outwith UFORL.

It amounts to 30 pages and emphasises that the data you have
mentioned on the UpDates list is missing vast amounts of
relevant information.

More importantly, beforehand, I specifically requested and duly
received Robert's permission.

You also seem to only recently have discovered UFO UpDates and
perhaps don't appreciate that UFORL subscribers will sometimes
cross-post their own material to other lists, such as this
one, or reference material they originally posted on UFORL. I do
so quite often.

That's the source of other UFORL list material on UpDates.

Before accusing anyone of double standards, perhaps you might
simply have asked some courteous questions in search of an
explanation.

James Easton.
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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

From: James Easton <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 14:17:04 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:38:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

Regarding:

>From: Brad Sparks RB47Expert@aol.com
>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:25:35 EDT
>Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 19:35:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Sparks

Brad wrote:

>Since you have shut down your list there is nothing to resign
>from, so it's not surprising that no one has.

Brad,

UFORL was never been taken off-line and is operating as before.

The reservation was whether there's a future for any forum which is that proverbial 'middle ground'. There's a lot of questions therein, duly being addressed elsewhere.

I'll take a moment now to dispel the further claims you have made.

>SKEPTIC FACTOID 1: COL. HALT et al. CHASED LIGHTHOUSE FOR 2
>MILES

>...the Orfordness lighthouse beacon can only be seen in the
>approximately first 0.1 mile of the reconstructed path through
>forest and field, then it completely disappears for the next 1.9
>miles, then it reappears again only for the final 0.2 mile.

As previously explained, you still seem to be mixing up events from two separate nights.

It was Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston [BP&C]who were involved in the abortive lighthouse pusuit:

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

"While we walked, each one of us could see the lights. Blue, red, white and yellow. The beacon light turned out to be the yellow light...

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

That's where the 'two mile' chase originates. It had nothing to do with Halt. He did later follow much the same route - not yet being aware that the lighthouse had so deceived BP&C [he didn't interview them until a week later]. That's a different story though.

Is this clear now?

>SKEPTIC FACTOID 2: UFO & LIGHTHOUSE EXACTLY SAME DIRECTION
>
>The facts are that Orfordness lighthouse was at about 85 degrees
>true from the initial landing site and the Col Halt party's
>compass headings toward the UFO were to about 105-115 degs true.

It's not contended they were 'exactly in the same direction',
although I've no idea where you get '85 degrees true' from.

You really have to read the material on my web site, especially
'Resolving Rendlesham'.

>SKEPTIC FACTOID 3: NO MENTION ON HALT TAPE OF PIECES FALLING OFF
>UFO

>I quoted from the Halt tape which comprehensively proves that
>he did report "Pieces ... falling off" the UFO on two separate
>occasions.

I've already explained this was never an issue and you're
apparently confusing it with the 'exploding light'. I wrote to
you:

HALT: Pieces are falling off it again.

And presumably would have done so every five seconds as the
beacon revolved!

Remember - Halt's using the starscope....

I can't recall anyone claiming that Halt never said 'pieces are
falling off'.

You're mistaking this for the fact I cited that in his memo,
Halt claims the light exploded into five white lights and duly
vanished:

"At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and
then broke into five separate white objects and then
disappeared".

In truth, Halt never mentions the light 'exploding', the five
white objects are an unrelated observation - we know which
coastal feature they probably were - and a pulsating red light
was seen again shortly afterwards, so it never disappeared at
all.

Halt confirms in his recording:

"We're at the far side of the second farmer's field and made
sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks like it's clear off
to the coast. It's right on the horizon. Moves about a bit and
flashes from time to time. Still steady or red in color".

However, he's either completely forgotten about this later
sighting, or omits it [he's never mentioned the 'second coming'
in any subsequent retelling] realising it compromises any 'UFO'
element, especially as the red light is now seen "clear off to
the coast". [End]

So why bring it up again as a purported 'skeptic's' mistake?

>SKEPTIC FACTOID 4: NO UFO & LIGHTHOUSE SEEN AT SAME TIME

>I quoted or paraphrased Halt, Cabansag, Penniston and Burroughs
>saying they saw both UFO and lighthouse beacon at the same time
>or serially and could distinguish them easily -- as we would
>just by considering that the blue and red lights were obviously
>not the whitish-yellow lighthouse beam.

How is this supposed to be another error of the 'skeptics'?

I was the person responsible for clarifying - some TWO YEARS ago
- how the red and blue lights initially seen that first night
were evidently a separate observation from the eventual beacon

light identified.

I was also responsible for highlighting and explaining Halt's comments about seeing _both_ the lighthouse and the 'tiny flashing light' near the farmhouse.

See 'Resolving Rendlesham':

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/rend3.htm>

It was published in August 1998, over TWO YEARS ago now.

>These are not the only skeptic factoids in this case, but are
>fairly representative of the quality of the work that has been
>done...

No Brad, the published, solid evidence, remains unaffected. As anyone can see.

All you are representing is something else entirely.

James Easton.

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Re: Olympic Opening - Anthony

From: **Gar Anthony** <garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 16:16:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 11:36:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Olympic Opening - Anthony

>Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - Lovett
>From: Diane Lovett <Diane@futurepaths.com>
>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 23:02:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - Lovett

>>From: Steven G. Bassett <SGBList2@aol.com>
>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 21:02:44 EDT
>>Subject: Olympic Opening Ceremony
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>All,

>>During the opening ceremony of the Australian Olympics, at
>>around 8:35 pm EST, a giant cloth was raised slowly from the
>>floor of the arena. On it was one of the most important icons in
>>the Aboriginal culture - a culture which has a clean lineage
>>going back perhaps as far as 100,000 years.

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>>watched that icon being hoisted and who did not feel a chill up
>>their spine or the hair on their neck rise.

>Steve,

>It certainly did raise chills up my neck.

>I have wondered why the "creator" beings of Aboriginal culture,
>depicted on cave drawings going back thousands of years, have
>not been discussed more in UFO/ET circles. Abductees sure
>recognize those beings.

>Perhaps the ceremony will inspire some discussion of this long
>neglected evidence staring us in the face. Diane

Dear Steve and Diane,

Mary Rodwell, Australian researcher of ACERN has featured some
of these aspects in her video presentation, 'Expressions of ET
Contact' which won the International UFO Congress Film Festival
'EBE' Award in 1999, for further details of this research please
email:

starline@inet.net.au

Hope this information is useful.

All best regards

Gary Anthony

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:12:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 11:39:49 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 04:52:49 -0700
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
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>return the light flashes?

Hi, Roy!

I understand the question at hand. However, isn't it possible that such a device might be under remote control? After all, we do send remote probes to Mars and the like. I am aware of the time delay that OUR technology suffers from in these instances. However, the controlling entity of the probe might have more advanced technology or simply be in high orbit over the planet. Since you mentioned CSETI, I'll go a step further and suggest that if such probes exist, then CSETI's attempts to contact or listen for signals from alien beings isn't as useless as many would suggest (you didn't; I am generalizing, here).

Granted, I am using absolute human reasoning to try and predict the actions of an ET. However, if you want to call a duck, you use a duck call, right? You wouldn't use your own language and say, "Here, ducky, ducky, ducky." One would go, "Quack!" Likewise, an advanced alien technology that sends a probe would likely look for signs of the simplest communication, not the most advanced. As many anti-CSETI-ists have pointed out, RF is as primitive to ET technology as, say, a blinking light is to RF!

Therefore, a blinking light makes about as much sense. What could be simpler?

Roger

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Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - 'Wandjina' -

From: John W. Auchettl <Praufu@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 13:12:43 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 13:22:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Olympic Opening Ceremony - 'Wandjina' -

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EBK & Researchers,

Just a follow up on that main images seen at the Olympic Opening
Ceremony 16th Sept 2000.

THE WANDJINA IMAGES:

IMAGE, DATA & STORY:
<http://hometown.aol.com/praufo/PRA1/wandjinahome.htm>

IMAGE 1:
<http://members.nbci.com/praufo/prawandjina/wandjina1.jpg>

IMAGE 2:
<http://members.nbci.com/praufo/prawandjina/wandjina2.jpg>

THE DISCOVERY:

In 1838 a party led by Captain George Grey stumbled across some
paintings in the Kimberley district of Western Australia that
have been the subject of controversy ever since.

Exploring among hills near the Prince Regent River, Grey's party
found a number of caves in which some extraordinary figures were
painted. Describing the main painting in the second cave Grey
investigated, Grey wrote in his journal that"

"It was the figure of a man, ten feet 6 inches [3.2 metres] in
length, clothed from the chin downwards in a red garment, which
reached to the wrist and ankles"

"... The face and head of the figure were enveloped in a
succession of circular bandages or rollers... these were
coloured red, yellow and white: and the eyes were the only
features represented on the face. Upon the highest bandage or
roller, a series of lines were painted in red, but... it was

impossible to tell whether they were intended to depict written characters, or some ornament for the head.."

Grey went on to say that the painting;

"... had the appearance of being much more defaced, and ancient, than any of the other's that the party had seen".

These Wandjina (the spirit in the cloud), as the paintings have become known, have given rise to many theories. Anthropologists are satisfied that the paintings are consistent with Aboriginal mythology in the region, but it has also been suggested that the paintings are of a priest dressed in his cassock, perhaps one from a visiting Portuguese or Spanish ship. Some even contend that the Wandjina represent visiting extraterrestrials, with their spherical helmets to protect them from our earthly environment.

Regards,

John W. Auchettl - Director PRA Research

Dr. Ron Barnett - Deputy Director

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Roy, this capability is well within our grasp, based on light sensors and programmable microprocessor devices. There is no inherent intelligence needed in the device itself, apart from the "intelligence" designed or engineered into it.

In fact, due to the miracles of modern technology, my kid has a Lego MindStorms "droid" that does substantially the same thing. One of the games you can play is to have your Lego droid play a sequence of long and short (sonic) beeps, then wait for you to play the same sequence back via flashlight. If you flash the wrong code, the droid "knows".

As to Roger's observation about remote control: it wouldn't be necessary to monitor for any signals in "real time". As with the robotic droid example, no inherent intelligence is necessary. The probe could be programmed to send a signal upon receiving some indication of possible intelligence.

So, a programmed device like the one speculated about could be used to facilitate simple (programmed) communication between "live" intelligence at either end.

-Kurt Jonach (eWarrior)

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Re: Ghostwolf Info? - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 14:53:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:01:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Ghostwolf Info? - Myers

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 00:46:26 EDT
>Subject: Re: Ghostwolf Info?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Ghostwolf Info?
>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 06:27:29 -0700

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 23:48:36 EDT
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>>>As I recollect the leading source of information and leaks about
>>>Ghostwolf is Richard Boylan.

>>>Interesting all the other AKAs, but kind of goes with what
>>>another person mentioned awhile ago that his name should be
>>>Robert Hoaxwolf. :)

>>How about any credible sources regarding info on Ghostwolf?

>Define "credible source" in the UFO community.

<snip>

"Credible source": Richard Boylan certainly isn't one of them...

>Then you have the hard core skeptics (Klass, Oberg) whose bottom
>line is, and always will be, no matter what proof or evidence is
>presented, that the person in question is either a hoaxer,
>misidentified a planet or weather balloon etc., because UFOs
>aren't real so therefore they can't be.

This isn't a thread about skepticism - I'm simply asking for
info on a fraud.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
(This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded
it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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Re: A Carpenter Note - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 18:07:08 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:05:02 -0400
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Mortellaro

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 00:58:16 EDT
>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:15:47 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>>Subject: A Carpenter Note

>>Friends,

>>I'm posting this message from Mike Farrell in Australia
>>regarding a note he received that was written by John Carpenter.
>>I think this is of great interest to the List and I will add
>>just a comment or two:

><snip>

>>And still waiting to hear from MUFON on this one!

>The silence from MUFON has been deafening. It was suggested to
>me awhile back that the reason MUFON has been silent thus far is
>because it has and is a common practice to share data with NIDS
>in return for the large amounts of cash/donations/grants or
>whatever you want to call it. Supposedly, MUFON has also shared
>data and received money.

Dear Kind and gentle List Folk... and EBK,

MUFON is conducting an investigation. When they have completed
their investigation, UpDates will be informed of the results.
Note that in a previous post, it was indicated that Carpenter
wrote his version of the events surrounding the "What If"
scenario. It was also indicated (by moi) that this version
would be published in the MUFON Journal.

Well, it will, but not until the MUFON investigation is
completed. When, is MUFON's business, not ours. After the
results of the investigation are completed, John Carpenter's
version of the story will be published, if indeed he still wants
to do so in light of whatever evidence has been turned up by the
internal (Read: INTERNAL) MUFON investigation.

I said that this investigation is none of anyone's business. It
ain't.

However the result of that investigation is the business of
all of us. Fine point? Don't be ridiculous. It's about as broad
as you can handle. "You" being the List, not anyone in
particular. In spite of the fact that I can think of a few
"you's" out there in the ether.

>The story from John C was that the files were all redacted, i.e.
>all the personal information deleted. I posted an email to this
>List and also sent a copy to NIDS asking two simple questions.
>Did the person receiving the email actually see the files with
>their eyes, and to avoid privacy issues, I asked if the files
>were in fact redacted. So far in the last month and a half NIDS

>has chosen to not confirm the fact the files were redacted.

>Again the silence has been deafening.

Not to me it ain't. What's deafening is the noise. By definition, referring to communications, "noise" is that which carries no information. It's something which masks the data. Let's stop making noise and wait until it's time for the filters to be put in place. The noise filters. So we can get to the data, the real truth. Whatever it may be.

Cheers,

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Jeff Rense Weekly E-News - 9-16-00

From: Rense E-News <e-news@the-i.net>
Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 20:56:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:14:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Jeff Rense Weekly E-News - 9-16-00

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* READER'S CORNER *

Talk about an active readership!! Thanks for all these wonderful quotes!

From: KAT MAN

"A nation of well informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins." - Benjamin Franklin

From: WisdomLass

Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you say.
Best friends listen to what you don't say.

If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't jump with them, I'd be at the bottom to catch them.

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them"
~Mother Teresa

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle."
~Plato

Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future. Today is a gift that is why we call it the present.

From: Kathi

SATISFACTION : If you don't always get what you want, think of all the things you don't want that you don't get.
(printed on a sugar packet)

From: DJ Moore

"Caring is the rent we pay for being on this Earth." anon.

From: Tony Downing

"Those unbiased to others have been nurtured by a higher order"
By Tony Downing (Poet)

From: dulcet tone

"The day humanity is completely finished with these exploiters in the name of religion, this very Earth can become a paradise." Osho (1985), from his book, From the False to the True.

From: SJones

A "normal person" is someone you don't know very well.
--- (I forget who said this originally...)

From: Barry Amundsen

"The large print giveth and the small print taketh away ..."
Tom Waits

From: Peggy

Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

From: JB Outrider

to "know" what is real
is a full time occupation,
unfortunately so often we
are distracted by many things.

From: Rick Visneau

If you continue to think the way you've always thought,
you'll continue to get what you've always got.

If what you have isn't becoming to you, then it ought to be
coming to me.

From: Jim Lightfoot

"The less they know, the more they seem to be sure".
A Chinese saying.

From: Bill Stadler

Reality is the history we don't know. (author forgotten)

From: Vasudeva

I am a nobody.
Nobody is perfect.
Therefore, I am perfect!

From: James Miklasevich

"When in doubt, shut up and sit down." James Miklasevich

From: rip

Involvement and commitment is pretty well defined in a ham and
egg breakfast. The hen was involved but the pig was committed.

From: The Riley's

Evil spreads only as quickly as good retreats.

From: tjpro@eatel.net

A watched pot never boils.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO EUGENE FIELDS.

All of the following come from him:

From: Eugene Fields

Jeff.. We have here my collection of quotes (I use as signatures)
that has taken several years to accumulate...use as you like
Enjoy - g

"When you look into the abyss, the abyss looks back at you" - Nietzsche

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however
improbable, must be the truth." Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

"When I found out that one of my years was seven of theirs, I

started biting absolutely everything." - Max Carlson, b. January 1,
1983 From: Every Dog Has His Day: Poems by Writer's Dogs

"When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I only
think of how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the
solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong."

-R. Buckminster Fuller-

"What really interests me is whether God had any choice in the
creation of the world." --Albert Einstein

"We...must learn to live love as the flower lives beauty."
--Henry Miller

"We may learn to deprive large masses of their gravity, and give
them absolute levity, for the sake of easy transport."
-Ben Franklin, 1780

"TIME IS WHAT A LIFE IS MADE OF." Henry I. Russek, M.D.

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people
who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about
it."
- Albert Einstein

"The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting
for our wits to grow sharper." Eden Phillpotts

"The illusion of freedom (in America) will continue as long as it's
profitable to continue the illusion. At the point where the
illusion becomes too expensive to maintain, they will just take
down the scenery, they will pull back the curtains, they will move
the tables and chairs out of the way and you will see the brick
wall at the back of the theater."- Frank Zappa

"The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance it is the
illusion of knowledge." - Daniel J Boorstin

~~~Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.~~~

"Recent history is the record of a vast conspiracy to  
impose one level of mechanical consciousness on mankind."  
Allen Ginsberg

"Please accept my resignation. I don't care to belong  
to any club that would have me as a member." Groucho Marx

"One of the sanest, surest, and most generous joys of life  
comes from being happy over the good fortune of others."  
~ Archibald Rutledge ~

"New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without  
any other reason but because they are not already common."  
John Locke

May there always be work for your hands to do,  
May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
May the sun always shine warm on your windowpane,  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

"Life was never meant to be a struggle; just a gentle progression  
from one point to another, much like walking through a valley on a  
sunny day."  
--Stuart Wilde

"Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It's the transition that's troublesome." Isaac Asimov

"It is wise to disclose what cannot be concealed." -- Johann Friedrich Von Schiller --

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye." Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

"If you suppress The Truth it becomes your enemy...if you expose the truth it becomes your weapon." Col Corso

"Human beings are not dominated by material things, but by ideas for which they are willing to give their lives or their life's work" - Winston Churchill

"How come if someone tells you there are 1 billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you a paint job's still wet you have to touch it to make sure?"

"Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought." Albert Szent-Györgyi

"Discovery commences with the awareness of anomaly, i.e. with the recognition that nature has somehow violated the paradigm-induced expectations that govern normal science. It then continues with a more or less extended exploration of the area of anomaly. And it closes only when the paradigm theory has been adjusted so that the anomalous has become the expected." Thomas Kuhn

"Beware of the Military Industrial Complex"  
-President Dwight D. Eisenhower-

"We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." T. S. Eliot

"All truth passes through three stages: first, it is ridiculed; next it is violently attacked; finally, it is held to be self-evident." -- Schopenhauer

"All great spirits have encountered opposition from mediocre minds"  
Albert Einstein

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- \* Pakistan Sends Major Nuclear Warning To India
- \* Human And Cattle Genomes Contain Many Identical Genes
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- \* Palestinians Warn Of 'Religious War' If Israel Touches 'One Stone' Of Al-Aqsa
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- \* ETs And Chemtrails - The Cover-up Converges
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TEXT by: W. C. VETSCH

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Scott Enyart The Missing RFK Murder Photos

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Mike Ruppert: CopvCIA.com - Drugs And Politicians

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Dr. Cary Savitch, MD: Reality Check On AIDS

WED 9-20  
Carl Limbacher: Newsmax.Com Report  
Glenn Kimball: Bible Texts And Ancient Egypt Connections

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 12:39:41 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:16:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

From: [royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

Roger wrote:

>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 10:12:59 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Hi, Roy!

>>I understand the question at hand. However, isn't it possible  
>>that such a device might be under remote control? After all, we  
>>do send remote probes to Mars and the like. I am aware of the  
>>time delay that OUR technology suffers from in these instances.  
>>However, the controlling entity of the probe might have more  
>>advanced technology or simply be in high orbit over the planet.

Hi Roger,

Yes I can go along with this, but I would like a sceptic's viewpoint on these objects which carry out such actions? I mean' we are in agreement, when we say that if there isn't a being at the controls then it must have some kind of pre-programmed device - sensor call it what you will. I am looking to see what kind of answer could also be given to such actions by UFOs in these circumstances' from those who are more sceptical of such cases so I am widening this debate.

Best for now,

Roy..

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## Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Bruni

From: Georgina Bruni <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 14:27:22 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:20:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Bruni

>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:06:31 +0100  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>Could you perhaps name some of the 'genuine' sceptics, as  
>opposed to the closed-minded pelicanists?

>John Rimmer  
>Magonia Magazine  
>[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

John

I consider Barry Greenwood a healthy sceptic. I read some of his recent work and noticed that he addresses the subject from all sides. Contrary to what some researchers think, Barry was not actually on the Rendlesham case, it was his colleague Larry Fawcett.

I think Lyn Picknet and Clive Prince are excellent researchers, very sceptical in all areas, but they do work hard at their investigations. Having said that, their suggestion in their last book "The Stargate Conspiracy" that Jack Sarfatti, Sir John Whitmore, others, and myself were targeted by the CIA, is not how I see it. I for one was not targeted by any agency, the alleged set-up, via an unsuspecting political journalist was not orchestrated by anyone. It was I who approached him. I know John Whitmore and I know the story and find it hard to imagine that he was targeted, however the phones in the house where they gathered (which was owned by Andrija Pucharich) were apparently monitored by the CIA. That might be where Lyn and Clive figured there was a set-up.

Colin Andrews has spent years researching crop circles and I respect his efforts. I don't agree with his latest theories though. I tend to think the patterns are caused by several things. So we cannot dismiss them all in favour of Colin's latest theories - just some. John King did a good interview with Colin a few years ago which is worth reading for anyone who thinks there's a conspiracy in his latest claims.....

I don't give any credit to the likes of Philip Klass. Anyone who makes suggestions that a UFO encounter witnessed by numerous military personnel, was the result of an hallucination by being stoned on dope, is not serious in my opinion. That's not to say that some of the guys didn't smoke dope, but dope does not cause such hallucinations, and I doubt the sober Colonel was ever stoned!

I think most good researchers need to have an open mind. When you work in this way you have an advantage because you don't know where the road will lead. If you approach a case in a sceptical way you are going to walk that route and miss out on the positive aspects of the case. The same goes for being too much of a believer, you might miss out important facts which lead to more mundane answers.

Ufology is a complex subject and takes time and effort. Sceptics

who make wild claims need to back them up with facts - not more theories.

We have been watching one person playing at being a sceptic on these lists for quite some time now, claiming to have "discovered" new documents and announcing all over the net that a certain case is solved. This is nonsense in the extreme because those documents were not "discovered" by him, but were posted to him by another researcher.

This person has spent considerable time building up a reputation for himself as being the person to have solved this case, when in fact he has not done any investigation into these documents whatsoever, but merely taken them as they stand. There are lots of clues in those statements (I know because I also have copies) but one needs an open mind to see them. A sceptic with no experience in investigation will not notice anything but what he wants to see. Therefore the clues will not be acknowledged and thus not lead to further research.

I consider these people to be a curse on the investigation of ufology because there are people who actually fall in line with their theories without questioning them.

I would consult the "respectable" sceptics when investigating a case, and I would examine their theories. But what I find is that many of them have a habit of picking out "only the parts" of the case that suits their theories and dismissing anything that goes against it. Some even claim the witnesses are liars if it doesn't fit what they want to believe. The latter is what I consider to be a "fanatical" sceptic and they should have no place in the serious study of ufology.

Hope this helps

Georgina Bruni

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## Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Jones

From: Sean Jones <[tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk](mailto:tedric@tedric.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 17:22:02 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:24:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote - Jones

>From: Chris Rutkowski <[rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA](mailto:rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA)>  
>Subject: Re: 'Linda' Case Footnote  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Date: Wed, 6 Sep 2000 14:44:45 -0500 (CDT)

Afternoon Chris, Mark, All listers following this thread

> >95% of reported UFOs are classed as IFOs.

>Nope, sorry. I'd have to disagree with those qualifiers. We've  
>been carefully studying UFO sighting reports nationwide for more  
>than a decade, and the 95% trend does seem to be real. There's  
>no question that for \*raw\* UFO data, only about three to five  
>percent unknowns are found after sifting out IFOs and insufs  
>\*and\* looking at the remaining reports carefully for content,  
>quality and reliability (as per the Vallee classifications). On  
>the first pass, there may be as many as about 15% to 20%  
>Unknowns, but these drop dramatically when we start really going  
>through the cases. And, we've actually done some really  
>rigorous sifting. We've made copies of all the cases, given  
>sets to everyone at the table (as many as 15) and then had each  
>of us pick out high-quality UFOs by consensus. CEs were always  
>included in the batches every year.

<Huge snip>

Chris

I kinda hafta agree but when I was researching/writing "101  
Possible Explanations for UFO's" I had to include people  
out-right lying to get the number of IFO's up to 95%.

From my own personal experience I would put the percentage of  
unknowns at around 10% from my decade an a half of UFO  
research. Perhaps your extra years have given you some more  
insight?

But onto Stan's comments of about 30% unexplained. I would have  
to say this to me appears way out of the norm. Perhaps the only  
way get a realistic true figure would be to put all the UFO  
databases together and then compare stats. Or perhaps we could  
ask Larry Hatch what figures his UFO data base show for another  
comparison to Chris's.

Also, to bring this back in line with the thread heading (well  
ish) in my own personal experience I would also put abductions  
in the same percentage figures 90% (Explainable one way or  
another) - 10% that can't be explained.

Now that is bound to set the cat amongst pigeons! <g>

Anyone care to comment on that?

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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## Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

From: Greg Sandow <[gsandow@nyc.rr.com](mailto:gsandow@nyc.rr.com)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 14:01:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:26:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Sandow

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993@aol.com](mailto:KRandle993@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 19:24:55 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Peter Brooksmith suggested Janet from 'The Abduction Enigma',  
>but Greg Sandow rejected it because it could just be anecdotal.  
>Of course one man's anecdote is another man's empiric  
>observation.

First, many thanks to Kevin for his informative and helpful role  
in this discussion.

As for my comment, which Kevin notes here, of course Kevin is  
right. My point had been about the way empirical observations  
reach us. In this case, Peter had read an empirical account  
credited to William P. Cone in "The Abduction Enigma,"  
coauthored by Kevin, Cone, and Russ Estes.

Since I don't know anything about Cone (the book doesn't even  
specify his training, experience, or other credentials), I don't  
know how much weight to put on his observations. That's why I  
called them "anecdotal." They're a story one reads in print,  
perhaps accurate, perhaps not. I'm not criticizing Cone at all  
here, or saying that I expect his account to be inaccurate. This  
is only a question of how to assess what one finds in books and  
other media.

My point was that -- when important scientific questions are  
being discussed -- I'd rather get my information from  
peer-reviewed journals, or from books written by people whose  
credentials are known. That way, at least, I know that the  
writer is known in his or her field, and that his or her  
colleagues agree that what the writer says should be listened  
to.

This isn't infallible. Nonsense has appeared in peer-reviewed  
journals, and occasionally there's even fraud in science. But at  
least it's a start. If someone is a credentialed scholar or  
scientist, they've served an apprenticeship in their field.  
Their work has been watched by others, and if their reports of  
what they've seen were inaccurate, or their research was shoddy,  
or their citations of others' work were misleading, they  
probably wouldn't have advanced to the point where we'd be  
reading them.

Compare the situation in ufology. I have a certain minor  
standing as a ufologist, but how does anyone know whether to  
believe what I say? If I say I've observed something at Budd  
Hopkins's support groups, how do you know you can trust me? If I  
say I've read something in a book or a psychology journal, how  
many people check to see that what I claim to have read even  
exists?

This is why peer review is important, and why ufology, alas, is  
still largely an amateur discipline.

Greg Sandow

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## CPR-Canada News: Update #2 - Saskatoon,

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 17:25:59 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:30:58 -0400  
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Update #2 - Saskatoon,

CPR-CANADA NEWS  
The E-News Service of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada

<http://www.egroups.com/group/cprcanadanews>  
<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

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UPDATE #2 - SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLE

Following is a field report on the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan crop formation from Dennis Eklund, Saskatchewan director for CPR-Canada. Additional ground images have also been added to the report on the web site, from Dennis Eklund and field research assistant Beata Van Berkom:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/saskatoon00.html>

The central hole may indicate this particular formation to be man-made, however the node deformities, with similarities to those in the random areas, (would) still need to be explained. Dennis indicated that a tuft of standing crop had been present in the centre of the circle when the first brief ground inspection was done, but was gone when they returned later that day, either taken or trampled by visitors. Similar feelings of disorientation or lightheadedness were also described by the farmer inside the Hazlet, Saskatchewan formation and the camera malfunctions are also commonly reported in many formations, which should also be taken into account.

Paul Anderson

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## 'Great Dreams' UFO Site

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Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 01:58:25 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:32:41 -0400  
Subject: 'Great Dreams' UFO Site

Hi All,

Came across this site on a search, what a load of UFO links!

<http://www.greatdreams.com/ufos.htm>

Roy

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## The Wandjina

From: **Bill Chalker** <[bill\\_c@bigpond.com](mailto:bill_c@bigpond.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 13:24:48 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:36:18 -0400  
Subject: The Wandjina

For those interested in pursuing more detail on the Wandjina, the following has been extracted from my document - "Australian Aboriginal culture & possible UFO connections" - which can be found at:

<http://www.project1947.com/forum/bcabor.htm>

Aboriginal myths incorporate the idea of "sky-beings", with the Wandjina being among the most interesting to consider. The Wandjina have been preserved in a fascinating oral tradition and in a large collection of rock paintings scattered throughout the Kimberley region of northern Australia. The paintings have received all manner of interpretations from stylised representations of a pervasive myth system to naive "ancient astronaut" theories. It is however fascinating to see that the indigenous tribes viewed the Wandjina as "the spirit in the cloud." Indeed, the unique painting style shows a logical sequence from human figures to stylised representations of clouds. This duality of anthropomorphic form and "clouds" is widespread in primitive cultures and finds an interesting parallel in the biblical accounts in "Exodus." While this line of thought is suggestive of superior "sky beings" acting as cultural catalysts for primitive societies, I should point out that making mythological component comparisons, can make for interesting exercises, full of emotive similarities, but are purely speculative. [1]

References:

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The Art of the Wadjina by I.M. Crawford (Western Australian Museum), 1968;

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The Australian Aboriginal by A.P. Elkin (1954)

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The Past is human by P. White (1974)

Yorro Yorro - Everything Standing up alive - Spirit of the Kimberley by David Mowaljarlai & Dutta Malnic, Magabala Books, Broome, WA, 1993

Messengers of the Gods - Tribal Elders reveal the Ancient Wisdom of the Earth by James Cowan, 1993, re; The cave at Wanalirri

On the issue of abductees & the Wandjina motif I have commented on this in my paper "UFO Abductions & Science: A case study of strange evidence" pg 47 of the Australian Ufologist, Vol.3 No.3, 1999 see:

[http://www.powerup.com.au/~ufologist/Ufologist\\_Page\\_2.html](http://www.powerup.com.au/~ufologist/Ufologist_Page_2.html)

(This is extracted from my comments on a fascinating 1976 New South Wales, Australia abduction case)

In the case of the reporter of the 1976 episode, she was keen to

utilise hypnotic regression, primarily to perhaps improve her recollection of what the "beings" looked like. She was not greatly disturbed about the incident, and really only wanted to perhaps resolve the incident to her satisfaction, as it had always being a nagging mystery for her. She was counicled before regression not to expect anything revelatory or not to become too immeshed in any particular aspect. She was advised that the technique was not the automatic pathway to accurate recollection, and that it was susceptible to fantasy and imagination.

The woman's husband and I sat in on the regression at her request. We were both silent observers. The session revealed little beyond the conscious recollection, other than small clarifications of the beings' appearance, a brief impression of being outside, "floating feelings", looking out a window, the feeling of strong pressure being felt on her forehead, a impression of some kind of object "like a bolt, with a nut, attached to a cord", plus other fragmentary recollections. She started to become uncomfortable with the experience and the session was ended. Her main objective with the session had been to try to confirm her impressions of what the "beings" looked like. It was clear that this was a stumbling block to the further unfettered progression of the hypnosis. She found the focusing on the beings appearance frightening and did not want to continue. The psychologist and I respected her wishes and no further sessions were undertaken. Since then, I have kept in contact with her. She is still puzzled by her experience. Her conscious memory remains clear and consistent. Of the various images she has come across since then she was most struck by the Wandjina aboriginal rock paintings. Considering their haunting appearance and the dominance of the large dark eyes and the absence of a mouth, you can perhaps understand why.

Whitley Strieber came to Australia during October, 1988, and asked to meet with the witness. A meeting was arranged on, which I sat in on. I came away satisfied that the meeting would not bias any subsequent regression work.

Strieber was to write in his sequel to "Communion" - "Transformation", that the woman's experience was "the best description of the gray beings" he had received, from the thousands of letters that followed the publication of "Communion". Whitley Strieber again referred to this experience in his recent book, "Breakthrough", when he was struggling with the possible "negative" nature of the "Visitor experience". He described this case as one of the most compelling "negative" letters he had received. He suggests that the noise of the woman's vacuum cleaner may have somehow prevented the disabling "sonic attack" often used to render people unconscious, thereby allowing her a clear and conscious awareness of the beings' presence. Strieber was deeply disturbed by "the bullying, the compulsion, the cruel and extremely clever deceipts" of the "visitors" revealed in this case. Strieber speculates that the reason for this revolves around the aspect of "forcible abduction". The resistance lead to the "negative" aspects. While Whitley Strieber has reconciled this aspect in his own mind, there are many that cannot embrace it, and just as many perhaps, who have no need to, because their experiences are more "positive". It is a puzzling and frustrating issue for which answers at this point are uncertain, while we still need to grapple with the questions of reality of these experiences.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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## Further On The Wandjina

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Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 23:38:41 -0400  
Subject: Further On The Wandjina

The following comes from a file document I prepared back in 1976. I believe it will be of interested to the list.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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The Wandjina

By Bill Chalker

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In March, 1837, George Grey led an expedition into the interior of the Kimberleys in north west Australia, originally to see if the inland sea existed. Although no such inland sea was found, Grey widely explored a part of the Kimberley. It was during this exploration that Grey discovered 2 sites with rock paintings of the type we now refer to as Wandjina paintings.

Grey relates the discoveries in his journals, and his drawings appear in Volume 1 of his Expeditions of Discovery (1841). Subsequent expeditions into the area by Brookman (1901), Love (1930), Elkin (1930, 1948), members of the Frobenius expedition (1938), Coates (1952) and Crawford (1962, 1963 and 1964) confirm most of Grey's material.

Indeed Wandjina type paintings are dispersed over a wide area of the Kimberley and are generally assumed to illustrate the principal characters of an extraordinarily complicated myth system. Interpretations of what these figures represent, vary quite markedly from mere nature symbolism, to evidence for intrusion by other races, to indications of visitations by anomalous anthropomorphic phenomena that is aliens and the like.

Although subsequent expeditions have indicated some inaccuracies in Grey's drawings most compare reasonably well with established and documented sites. But one of Grey's drawings is somewhat unique. He located a painting of the figure of a man 10 feet 6 inches in length, clothed from the chin downwards in a red garment, which reached to the wrists and ankles.

In Grey's own words:

The face and head of the figure were enveloped in a succession of circular bandages or rollers, or what appeared to be painted to represent such. These were coloured red, yellow and white, and the eyes were the only features represented on the face. Upon the highest bandage or roller, a series of lines were painted in red, but although so regularly done as to indicate that they were intended to depict written characters, or some ornament for the head. The painting was more injured by the damp and atmosphere, and had the appearance of being much more defaced and ancient than any of the others, which we had seen. This figure brings to mind the description of the prophet Ezekiel.

It was this particular painting that sparked considerable controversy. It was bandied about as evidence for early incursions by foreign peoples and the series of lines & painted in red, which may have depicted written characters, were given all manner of interpretations. Indeed it was suggested by some, that these characters represented a decipherable script. Thomas Worsnop indicated they read, I am a great personage, they being made by traders from the Red Sea area. Professor Campbell suggested the script was archaic Japanese, and offered the translation: the number of the hopeless ones is 62, from which he concluded that a Japanese vessel floundered on the coast leaving survivors. Probably no less exotic a connection is the suggestion by Professor Homet that similar markings were found curved onto stones in certain parts of South America. The suggestion is that perhaps a superior people in these areas were the source or stimuli for the marks.

The only problem with all these speculations, is that the painting, upon which they were based, has not been found yet, or rather its existence, in the form Grey described and drew, has not been confirmed. I. M. Crawford, of the Western Australian Museum, suggested he found the painting upon which Grey based the strange sketch. Crawford's figure however is 2 feet shorter than the Grey dimensions, and appears to have a top feather projecting out of the top bandage or roller. This dissimilarity and other factors suggest that Grey's second cave, the locality of the Ezekiel figure has not actually been found.

Generally the Wandjina figures that have been found are connected with the sky by most indigenous tribes. Indeed, the aborigines view the Wandjina as the spirit in the cloud, understanding them as being both human in form and cloud like. The elaborate head-dress is usually interpreted as the lightning, which the Wandjina controlled. Perhaps more succinctly, the Wandjina are thought of as beings in the clouds. They originally came out of the clouds, and now, as the aborigines see it, they return in that form. In a similar vein, certain tribesmen say the Wandjina have returned to the sky, and can now be seen at night as lights moving high above the earth.

It appears that the cloud connection is the more dominant belief. It is perhaps interesting to note that the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night, featuring in Exodus, exhibit the same religious myth. The superior being (or beings) is in the cloud. The Bible takes the connection even further by indicating that this superior being (God it seems) is humanoid in appearance, speaking to Moses on a person to person basis. The cloud is also capable of landing. The cloud and being are distinctly separate.

Whether this same myth mechanism is operating as a stimuli for the Wandjina legends is entirely speculative, but I.M. Crawford indicates that the paintings of the Wandjina range from human figures to stylised representation of clouds:

The sequence from human to cloud form evolves through the following stages: Wandjina paintings usually show man like figures complete with body, but in some cases the body is omitted and only the head and shoulders retained, and in the next stage the shoulders are omitted leaving us just the halo surrounding the face. This is finally simplified until the halo becomes a mass of concentric lines, with only the eyes peering through & the eye of the storm.

W. Arndt, a senior research officer with the CSIRO, suggested that the reverse may have been the stimuli for the Wandjina figures. That is, that the paintings evolved from paintings of clouds.

Of further interest is the association between the Wandjina belief and the Rainbow-Serpent myth. The Rainbow Serpent is called Galaru in the northern Kimberly and Ungud elsewhere. According to legend, Galaru lives in a sacred pool near the Wandjina cave, and is responsible for the spirits of babies which it brings to the waterholes. These spirits are incarnated, by the retouching of the Wandjina. The latter finds an analogy of sorts with the fairy faith myths of child-napping. The children, often as not returned, or they appear as changelings. This belief in changelings was not restricted to Europe. It can be found in regions as remote as Australia,

China and the American Pacific coast. F.W. Halliday speculated about a dragon and the disc myth. With the Wandjina associated with the cloud , the serpent and cloud mythic connection resonates with Halliday s thesis.

In conclusion, the Wandjina myth exhibits a number of mythological components common to those more directly ascribed in other documented beliefs. The analogies with the biblical, fairy and dragon myths have been noted, merely to demonstrate the generality of myths of the superior being acting as a cultural catalyst for primitive societies. The speculations outlined are purely exploratory and should not be regarded as evidence for supporting the idea that extraterrestrial beings were the stimuli for the Wandjina myths. Indeed the arguments are more suggestive of anomalous anthropomorphic incursions of some type, which appear to have some similarities with other documented sky myths. Just finding out who these beings were, finds an interesting analogy in the contemporary UFO myths . As such they are of particular interest to researchers.

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

From: Kurt Jonach <[ewarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:ewarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 00:36:47 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:36:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 12:39:41 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hale

Roy wrote:

>Yes I can go along with this, but I would like a sceptic's  
>viewpoint on these objects which carry out such actions? I mean'  
>we are in agreement, when we say that if there isn't a being at  
>the controls then it must have some kind of pre-programmed  
>device - sensor call it what you will. I am looking to see what  
>kind of answer could also be given to such actions by UFOs in  
>these circumstances' from those who are more sceptical of such  
>cases so I am widening this debate.

Roy,

If you are asking how intelligently a computing device might behave then you might be interested in "The Emperor's New Mind" by mathematical physicist Roger Penrose. Posing the question, can a computer have a mind, he writes "...is it necessary that the relevant structures be biological in nature (brains), or might minds equally well be associated with pieces of electronic equipment?"

He goes on to describe the (Alan) Turing test, proposed in 1950, which essentially has a human interrogator trying to decide which of two subjects is a computer and which a human, simply by interacting with them in an impersonal way. If the computer fools the interrogator it might be said to think.

Regarding your hypothetical UFO, it wouldn't be too surprising if it behaved intelligently, would it? Even if it didn't get here from there entirely on its own your "unmanned" craft would still have to navigate using some programmed guidance system. Not to say I'm not skeptical, but if it could fly around all by itself its already pretty "smart".

To widen the debate... In "UFO-FBI Connection" Bruce Maccabee covers a reported sighting in which a flying disc was seen "...about seventy-five feet above the floor of the canyon and moving up and down as it flew." That sounds like a pretty bumpy ride for the occupants doesn't it? On the other hand, its precisely how you might expect a programmed craft to operate.

Kurt Jonach (eWarrior)

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## 'Rendlesham' Images [was: Orford Ness Lighthouse]

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:41:55 -0400  
Subject: 'Rendlesham' Images [was: Orford Ness Lighthouse]

>From: Georgina Bruni <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'  
>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 14:27:22 +0100

>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:06:31 +0100  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

>>Could you perhaps name some of the 'genuine' sceptics, as  
>>opposed to the closed-minded pelicanists?

>>John Rimmer  
>>Magonia Magazine  
>>[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

>John

>I consider Barry Greenwood a healthy sceptic. I read some of his  
>recent work and noticed that he addresses the subject from all  
>sides. Contrary to what some researchers think, Barry was not  
>actually on the Rendlesham case, it was his colleague Larry  
>Fawcet.

<snip>

Georgina and others interested in Rendlesham.

I have just returned from the International UFO Conference held  
this past weekend at the University of Leeds where two of the  
invited speakers were Larry Warren and Peter Robbins.

Other than making a number of very complimentary comments  
regarding Georgina's forthcoming book the majority of both  
Peter's and Larry's presentation was as I had seen a few years  
previously just prior to their publication of "Left at East  
Gate". But at the end of Larry's presentation he did throw in a  
couple of "gems".

Firstly, since he came out with his story a number of his fellow  
servicemen who took part in the events have been in touch with  
him here in the UK where he now lives to lend support his  
actions and confirm their parts in the events back in 1980. But  
further to this he disclosed that a few weeks ago he received a  
package of photographs allegedly taken in Rendlesham Forest at  
the time of the "chase". He knows the serviceman who supplied  
the photographs and has no reason to question his story of how  
he came to retain the film he shot that night and actually  
handed in a roll of film shot at the forest floor in it's place.  
It seem the comments that the photographs taken that night  
didn't come out were quite correct.

Although we only got to see 3 of these images of the coloured  
lights in the distance through the trees, and of the crescent  
shaped craft seen overhead, it's pretty obvious if these  
images are genuine, there is no way these lights were the Ness  
Lighthouse, the vertical spacing of the Red/Blue lights seen are  
way too far apart and appear far too elevated for them to have

been the lighthouse as it would have been on the horizon  
and even if it were visible at that point and had a blue light.

This looks like a development in this case to keep an eye on.

Neil.

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## Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

From: James Easton <[voyager@ufoworld.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 13:26:03 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:46:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

Lest anyone should forget a significant claim made by Brenda Butler, who apparently attended a talk which Col. Halt gave in the UK, the following was published some years ago (possibly 1994 - maybe someone can confirm):

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Rendlesham Forest  
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The Truth as we Know it
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By Brenda M. Butler

Will the Rendlesham UFO ever go away? The answer has to be no, not whilst the truth is being withheld by the government. By now most people who know of this case must have gathered it was not a space craft from another dimension, but could have been man-made. One question most people keep asking is why does Col. Halt a man still bound by his high security clearance keep going round doing lectures on the incident, why does he keep coming back to Britain? Over the past few years, he has been back several times last year. He came over in July to do a T.V. Programme also three lectures in the Manchester area. Why do the government want to keep this incident going as a UFO? A big cover up yes, but why? We have had UFO sightings over and around two bases Woodbridge/Bentwaters in November 1979, these were not covered up and the American serviceman were not told to keep quiet about the sightings, so why were things different in 1980.

The RENDLESHAM case is a well guarded secret and probably always will be. Only a few men know the real truth and I do not think Col. Halt is one of them. We do know there are seven documents never to be released, I wonder what these documents would reveal.

Why did Steve Roberts come and tell me in January 1981 that an incident happened in Tangham Woods - Rendlesham just outside of Woodbridge air base. He said a craft of some kind had come down in the woods on December 27th 1980. Repair had to be made as the craft was slightly damaged, there were little men trying to repair the craft, this was the original story right through till August 1987. When Steve Roberts suddenly turned up on my doorstep, he had come over from Germany to tell me he had been told along with others to tell UFO investigators about the

incident of December 1980. He said "It was not a Space Craft and that there were no aliens" and that He was told to go out and start the UFO rumours.

I was about to leave to go to London to attend a lecture which Col. Halt was supposed to be attending when Steve Roberts told me not to go as I would be wasting my time as Col. Halt would not appear as he was at Greenham Common. He also Said Col. Halt was not allowed to say anything about the incident.

Well I went anyway, of course Col. Halt did not appear. I told Harry Harris and the others about what Steve had said, But Harry was so sure that Halt would turn up, as he had been advertised. I found out later that he had no intention of turning up and that he was actually at Greenham Common, Now how did Steve Roberts know of all this and why come and tell me? Seven years after the incident.

I asked him why he had told me about the incident in the first place?, he said "Because he was ordered to" I asked why he had now changed his mind and told me it was not a space craft? He said "Because we are friends and you are wasting your time chasing shadows", "one day I will tell you what really happened, but it was of no interest to anyone really", so where does this leave us?

i) We know Col. Halt's cassette tape he made was done inside of a building, not outside in the woods.

ii) We know that no one who was involved can agree on the dates of the incident, you would think some one involved could remember the right dates.

iii) We have documents from the M.O.D. stating, "There was no contact with alien beings and that no UFO was seen on radar", "The lights were of no defence interest and nothing intruded into British airspace and landed near R.A.F. Woodbridge."

iv) No one has actually come out and said "It was a space craft from outer space" we have no evidence to support that it was.

v) Why over the period of 24th-30th December 1980 was H.M.S. Norfolk anchored off Orford ness and the crew were ordered to remain below decks at all times, all forms of power had to be stopped or turned off. When the ship returned to Portsmouth all the ship's company were taken off and debriefed, they were asked if they were anchored off Orford ness. The men were never told what this exercise was about.

vi) Fisherman were told to stay away from the area between Bawkey and Orford ness around the time of the 27th-30th December 1980 at the time there was a Russian Turpolev TU 142 (BEAR) was reported to have been flying off the coast just in international airspace.

vii) There were also green fluorescent lights coming from out of the sky and going down under the sea between Bawkey and Orford ness, there were several witnesses to this, couldn't this be seen to imply that the 67th aerospace rescue and recovery squadron based at Woodbridge Air Force Base and connected to the NASA space programme have been involved in some way.

viii) Great speculation about the re-entry of Cosmos 749 has been made. I feel this could be getting towards the most likely explanation, as it is known that the Americans and Russians were working together on space exploration at the time of the launch of Cosmos 749 in 1975. The shape of the craft rumoured to be involved on the night in December 1980 was said to have been triangular and carrying 'people', please note that the shape of the re-entry vehicles would from most angles look triangular and certainly carry two or three people.

ix) RADIATION - Had any bomb or any ordnance dropped off an aeroplane or been in an aircraft had it crashed in the woods, in my opinion there would have been no chance of any radiation leakage, because of the way they are designed the explanation of the high radiation factor about 25 times that of normal background radiation is likely to have come from some form of power plant. It is certainly the case that this type of propellant is commonly used in space.

I went up and met Col. Halt in Manchester on July 30th to do a lecture with him. On hearing his lecture, there were several contradictions, improbabilities and impossible statements made by him below are just a few of these:

- i) Within about ten minutes of the lecture Col. Halt had given the date of the incident as the 25th December 1980, but later changed the date to the 27th/28th/29th. He also says Sgt. Boroughs and a Staff Sgt. were suffering from having been up a long time and having a 'very good Xmas day' can we assume they were drowsy or merry?
- ii) Col. Halt stated "Boroughs walked up to the gate took a look and saw an object in the forest through the trees. THE site in question is 3/4 of a mile from the east gate, there is no way you can see through all those trees into the forest. So there is no way Boroughs could have seen an object in the forest from where he was.
- iii) Col. Halt got the directions from the east gate to the UFO site (WRONG) He said "THE patrolman could see into the forest from the perimeter fence, you cannot see into the forest from there as the trees are too thick.
- iv) According to Col. Halt, he was at a combat support group dinner for officers with forty other people at RAF Woodbridge on the 27th of December, when this was interrupted by Lt. England, informing him of the sighting in the forest. THE thing I find unbelievable about this explanation is the seemingly in-urgency of what took place from that time on especially as Col. Halt gave orders that he should be notified immediately, should any thing like a reoccurrence of the first night's incident happened.

Let's take it step by step:-

Lt. England [should be England - James] contacted Col. Halt, at the dinner, they went into the gents cloakroom to discuss the matter, where England said "It's a fact", Col. Halt said "What's a fact?", England said "The UFO is a fact".

With that Col. Halt obviously started to think in terms of getting a team together to investigate as he went back to the dinner hall, he spoke to the officer in charge of the Disaster Preparedness and asked who was on duty that night, he was told, Sgt. Nevilles. Col. Halt made arrangements to meet him at the Disaster Preparedness office, from there Col. Halt made his way back to his home to get changed.

That meant he would have to leave Woodbridge Air Force Base, via one of two routes. He would either leave the base on the Hollesly-Woodbridge Rd going nearly into Woodbridge before making his way home to Bentwater base, probably six miles. Or he could cut through both bases via the East gate!, which by the time he got from the domestic site on Woodbridge to his office or home also would be about six miles.

We must assume he took the first route otherwise when he got to the East Gate, he would never have made it home to change. We know by his talk that he firstly stopped off at his office to collect his tape recorder, batteries and tapes, he then proceeded to go to his home (about 3/4 of a mile from his office) he got changed and awaited the arrival of England to pick him up, he then proceeded back onto Bentwaters base to the P.D.O to pick up Nevilles and his equipment. They then went from there across the airfield, out of the back gate towards Woodbridge airfield and onto the service road beside the forest, which is some 3 1/2 miles from the D.P.O and at that point said "he saw a lot of activity in the woods".

There has been no mention of the time factor since the incident was reported to him and the time he arrived at the forest service road, by all of his stated activities I would say it must have been 1 hour at the very least, possibly much more. Every UFO that I have heard of has 'up and gone' as quickly as it appeared, so how did Col. Halt feel he had all the time in the world and confidence the UFO would still be there, when he got to the forest.

I think I would have gone straight to the forest suit or no suit, he also said when he entered the forest service road, he saw a lot of activity in the forest. THE service road is a good

3/4 of a mile from the incident site and the trees in this dense forest were approximately 40ft high, so it was quite impossible to have seen anything. THERE has been a lot written by a lot of people about this incident, but very few of these people seem to have any knowledge of the proximity of the two bases or the surrounding area or what the forestry was like at that time.

I have been on this case from day one and am amazed at the inaccuracies I have read I cannot for the life of me understand why so few people have approached me about my investigations into an incident which happened in a area I know like the 'back of my hand'. This is only a brief summary of the activities over those nights in December 1980, but I have all my notes and diaries going back to January 2nd 1980. so I can tell the original story as it unfolded and not the story of 'the fish that got away' and got bigger and bigger. [END]

I believe Brenda Butler is being cited as a major source of credible information in a forthcoming book.

We can only hope this isn't indicative of the abject nonsense yet to follow. It would be a pity to see ufology in the UK become the focus of media ridicule and a public 'laughing stock'.

Significantly in this respect, the one thing of note is Brenda Butler's claim that Burroughs and a Staff Sgt, which must be Penniston, had possibly been enjoying considerable Christmas spirit and were perhaps 'tired and emotional' at the time they investigated some unidentified lights at 0300 on the morning of 26 December.

Perhaps that explains why Ed Cabansag portrays a more mundane, non-eventful episode than Burroughs and Penniston.

Who knows...

With the lighthouse being proven to have deceived all three participants on the first night and that there was in fact no UFO the second night - not until Halt coincidentally found a 'UFO' where the lighthouse was and some "star-like" objects which stayed there for hours before fading in the twilight - it defies description as a 'UFO' case at all.

Incidentally, when Halt was viewing the "star like" objects, he used, according to his memo, an "8-12 power lens".

Either this was the Starlight scope, or a small magnification binoculars/monocular.

From those I've asked, the opinion is that Halt is simply referring to the Starlight scope. As he claims to have been watching 'pencil thin beams' coming from one of the stars/UFOs for about 45 minutes and ultimately did so from a considerable distance, he must surely have been using some kind of visual aid throughout this time.

It would be interesting to know if he was always using the 'power lens' when he saw 'lightbeams'.

Certainly, from those I've spoken to, including many members of the 81st Security Police Squadron who either participated in events that night or knew about them, no-one ever saw or ever heard about 'beams of light'.

Impossible that such an extraordinary event would be unknown about.

Even more unbelievable is Halt's claim, as he told Salley Rayl:

At around 4:30 a.m., Halt called the investigation off. "It was a cold winter night," he says. "The wind was blowing, we were wet, and I just ordered everybody back to the base. I saw no reason to stay out there any longer. We left those objects up there." [End]

It's a major NATO base with nuclear ordnance, Halt believes there are unidentified aerial intruders beaming down lasers, including, as he confirmed, near the weapons storage area and not only is there no obvious concern, eventually they all just



go to bed!

We can perhaps understand how former base personnel, stationed there at the time, have expressed how 'embarrassed' and angry they are by the entire, farcical story.

Perhaps that should equally apply to any self-respecting ufologists.

I suppose it depends on your standards (shrug...).

James Easton.

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## Date Of Grey's Wandjina Discovery

From: **Bill Chalker** <[bill\\_c@bigpond.com](mailto:bill_c@bigpond.com)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 23:15:16 +1000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:49:49 -0400  
Subject: Date Of Grey's Wandjina Discovery

My earlier message dates the Grey expedition discovery of the Wandjina paintings as March, 1837. It should in fact be 1838. One of the primary Wandjina references, Crawford's otherwise excellent book "The Art of the Wandjina" dates it erroneously as 1837. The paintings were first discovered by Grey's expedition late in March 1838. The expedition arrived in the region during December 1837 but did not start its inland treks until late January 1838.

The Kimberley area of western Australia is a spectacular area of natural and rugged beauty. The book 'The Kimberley - Horizons of Stone' by Alasdair McGregor & Quentin Chester (1992) captures the areas particularly well. Not for faint hearted but an area well worth the visit for its natural features, rock paintings and its native peoples.

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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## Re: A Carpenter Note - Velez

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 13:11:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:58:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Velez

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 18:07:08 EDT  
>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 00:58:16 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:15:47 -0500  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Gary Hart <[geehart@frontiernet.net](mailto:geehart@frontiernet.net)>  
>>>Subject: A Carpenter Note

>>>Friends,

>>>I'm posting this message from Mike Farrell in Australia  
>>>regarding a note he received that was written by John Carpenter.  
>>>I think this is of great interest to the List and I will add  
>>>just a comment or two:

>>><snip>

>>>And still waiting to hear from MUFON on this one!

>>The silence from MUFON has been deafening. It was suggested to  
>>me awhile back that the reason MUFON has been silent thus far is  
>>because it has and is a common practice to share data with NIDS  
>>in return for the large amounts of cash/donations/grants or  
>>whatever you want to call it. Supposedly, MUFON has also shared  
>>data and received money.

>Dear Kind and gentle List Folk... and EBK,

>MUFON is conducting an investigation. When they have completed  
>their investigation, UpDates will be informed of the results.  
>Note that in a previous post, it was indicated that Carpenter  
>wrote his version of the events surrounding the "What If"  
>scenario. It was also indicated (by moi) that this version  
>would be published in the MUFON Journal.

According to this last posting from Robert Gates "Carpenter's  
version" is that; the reason for the uproar on the Internet is  
because of people that he "doesn't know" who are trying to  
discredit his "watchman in the beam of light" video. No mention  
at all about the sale of the abductee files or the fact that  
many abductees are outraged about it. I don't think there has  
been one bloody post written by anyone about his videotape the  
whole time.

He knows 'what' this is all about and yet he chooses to  
deceive people (and sanitize himself and the issue) by telling  
them that it is a "conspiracy to keep him quiet about that  
video." Horse hockey. He has absolutely no qualms about trying  
to convince folks that we are seeing an apple not an orange. In  
some circles that would be considered blatant lying in order to  
protect ones own ass. I don't know what we'd call this  
particular example.

He can't be so out of touch with reality that he actually believes this was all over that video. After all, he himself acknowledged (in writing on this list) that he was wrong. He participated in the thread for keerists sake. Now he claims it was all just an attempt to discredit his video. That is a blatant lie and he knows it.

Yet here you are; a. ignoring his fabrications and b. pretending to be a spokesman for MUFON. You yourself know that he knows what the fuss is really all about. (the sale of the files, not any GD video.) You have nothing to say however about how he is attempting to distort the truth about this situation though do you. This new lie about how all this is really about debunking the video doesn't seem to register with you at all. At best you are conveniently choosing to ignore the point because defending it would prove impossible.

You also proclaim:

>I said that this investigation (MUFON's) is none of anyone's  
>business. It ain't.

Are you the new "Official" MUFON spokesman? Who are you tell the public to "mind their own business" as if you actually spoke for (represented) MUFON?! Should we expect yet another addition to your long list of formal apology posts to the List for running your mouth before putting your brain in gear?

You tell the public that the investigation into this matter by MUFON is "none of our business" and that we'll be informed of the results if and when MUFON is ready to do so. I'm not going to touch on how very pompous and presumptuous you are to tell us all to mind our own business about this sale of abductee files and MUFON's investigation into it. I will say that unless you have been made MUFON's new public relations man or an official spokesman for MUFON that you are speaking out of turn. Your statements do not carry any genuine authority from MUFON or anybody else for that matter.

You are assuming an awful lot by issuing public statements of this nature on MUFON's behalf. I'm sure that the officials of MUFON wouldn't be too choked up about your presumption to speak on their behalf. Especially in consideration of how diplomatically you tell the public to "mind its own business" in regard to making any inquiries about their investigation into the sale of abductee files.

I'm willing to wager the ranch that MUFON has not authorized you to make any such public statements/proclamations on their behalf. I'll further wager that MUFON officials don't even know who you are much less that you are telling members of the public to "mind their own business" regarding a MUFON investigation. (Internal or not) I can't imagine a scenario where MUFON would tell the public to "mind their own business" about anything! Yet you do so on a very public list and you do it with complete impunity. Worse still is that you make yourself 'sound like' you are doing it on their behalf.

Personally I'd rather hear from someone who actually represents MUFON on this matter. Not someone who has 'appointed himself' a MUFON spokesman. You ought to get together with Dr. Greer. He has appointed himself ufology's representative in Washington. You guys would hit it off great. Together you can start a club for self appointed what-have-you's!

How about me! You tell people I don't know that I think I'm the "King of the abductees." Can I join your club of self-appointed representatives? If so, I'd rather be the King of Tahiti if the title isn't taken. <LMAO>

>>Again the silence has been deafening.  
>  
>Not to me it ain't. What's deafening is the noise.

What amuses me most about your jibes is how all the "noise" on this thread in particular has been (all along) coming from/introduced by, you and you alone. ;)

"Cheers"

John Velez, Speaking strictly for myself. Not MUFON or anybody else.

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:11:05 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 17:28:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

>From: Kurt Jonach <[ewarrior@electricwarrior.com](mailto:ewarrior@electricwarrior.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 00:36:47 -0700

>>From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 12:39:41 -0700  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hale

>Roy wrote:

>>Yes I can go along with this, but I would like a sceptic's  
>>viewpoint on these objects which carry out such actions? I mean'  
>>we are in agreement, when we say that if there isn't a being at  
>>the controls then it must have some kind of pre-programmed  
>>device - sensor call it what you will. I am looking to see what  
>>kind of answer could also be given to such actions by UFOs in  
>>these circumstances' from those who are more sceptical of such  
>>cases so I am widening this debate.

>Roy,

>If you are asking how intelligently a computing device might  
>behave then you might be interested in "The Emperor's New Mind"  
>by mathematical physicist Roger Penrose. Posing the question,  
>can a computer have a mind, he writes "...is it necessary that  
>the relevant structures be biological in nature (brains), or  
>might minds equally well be associated with pieces of electronic  
>equipment?"

>He goes on to describe the (Alan) Turing test, proposed in  
>1950, which essentially has a human interrogator trying to  
>decide which of two subjects is a computer and which a human,  
>simply by interacting with them in an impersonal way. If the  
>computer fools the interrogator it might be said to think.

>Regarding your hypothetical UFO, it wouldn't be too surprising  
>if it behaved intelligently, would it? Even if it didn't get  
>here from there entirely on its own your "unmanned" craft would  
>still have to navigate using some programmed guidance system.  
>Not to say I'm not skeptical, but if it could fly around all by  
>itself its already pretty "smart".

>To widen the debate... In "UFO-FBI Connection" Bruce Maccabee  
>covers a reported sighting in which a flying disc was seen  
>"...about seventy-five feet above the floor of the canyon and  
>moving up and down as it flew." That sounds like a pretty bumpy  
>ride for the occupants doesn't it? On the other hand, its  
>precisely how you might expect a programmed craft to operate.

>Kurt Jonach (eWarrior)

Hello Kurt and Roy:

I cannot understand how anyone today would posit that to be  
highly intelligent, a computer must be biological in nature.

Every so many months, computers double in power, memory, what

have you. That rate of advance cannot go on forever of course, but imagine the automata available to societies thousands or millions of years in advance of Earth!

At one time computers were little more than glorified adding machines; huge, inefficient and slow. Perhaps Penrose wrote from that era.

Later on, it was commonly said that computers would never beat a chess-master at chess. That barrier was broken, so the nay-sayers simply keep raising the bar. Mine can play music while waiting for my next keystroke, and that's considered mundane now.

Frankly, I have no idea what limits there are to such technology, and it may well be that self replicating ( partly biological ) memory and processing units will be incorporated in the future.

I find the concept of fully automated probes, extremely intelligent by our standards, to be intriguing. If nothing else, it answers the common objections raised by some, that the lengthy journeys required to study Earth from afar rule out any such devices reaching this planet.

A fleet of such devices, self repairing and perhaps self-replicating could study planets at stellar distances, all without inconveniencing a single living soul. All of this is provided "they" are more patient, or have a longer term outlook consistent with longer life-spans.

Humans usually tend to plan ahead for a few decades at most, the term of a mortgage or the useful lifetime of a big dam.

I see nothing ridiculous about a long lived species of aliens sending scientific probes out which may not return useful data about other planets for a century or more.

The time will pass whether they send them or not after all. The costs may well be trivial given similar automata doing most of the work. Even the tabloid "grey-alien", if any such exist, could be an entirely artificial construct.

Motives? How about simple scientific curiosity? This would prohibit significant interference/interaction with the test subjects, be they animal, vegetable, mineral or human.

I have no way to support such speculation, but find it intriguing. It might address certain other questions as to the nature and behavior of certain UFOs, the ones otherwise hardest to explain in prosaic terms.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 9.18.00

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:54:22 -0400  
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WEEKLY BRIEFING  
A Weekly Summary of Current News and Reports

9.18.00

### UN BUILDS GIANT TELESCOPE TO LOOK FOR ALIEN LIFE

The United Nations is drawing up plans for a giant radio telescope that will scan more than a million stars for signs of intelligent life. The £800m machine, called the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), will be the most sensitive astronomical instrument yet built...

<http://www.sunday-times.co.uk/news/pages/sti/2000/09/10/stifgnws01001.html>

### NEBULOUS 'SPIROGRAPH' ASTOUNDS HUBBLE ASTRONOMERS

A young nebula offers a brilliant display of textures and colors, but its shape mystifies astronomers who have used the Hubble Space Telescope to take clear pictures of the once sun-like star...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/11/hubble.spirograph/index.html>

### DIG FOR LIFE ON MARS

Find liquid water on Mars, and life may not be far behind. Many scientists believe that this water can only exist thousands of metres beneath the planet's surface. So a team of engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, is developing a robotic mole that can drill deep into Mars and return samples to the surface through a tube that it constructs as it digs.

<http://www.eurekalert.org/releases/ns-df1091300.html>

### COMET-LIKE OBJECT DISPLAYS UNEXPECTED CRATER, MYSTERIOUS ICE

A comet-like object with a mysterious crater could offer insights into the violent past of ghostly objects hovering in the far reaches of the solar system, Hubble scientists said Thursday. A chunk of ice and debris called Asbolus, which orbits the sun between Saturn and Uranus, surprised astronomers when they discovered it had what looked like a fresh crater...



<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/14/hubble.centaur/index.html>

#### NEW X-RAY TELESCOPE COULD PEER INSIDE BLACK HOLES

Astronomers have developed a design for an X-ray telescope so staggeringly powerful that it could see black holes gulping matter in distant galaxies. Government and university scientists successfully tested a small prototype at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. A full-size instrument based on the new design would be a million times more powerful than today's observatories, the researchers said...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/14/blackholetelescope.ap/index.html>

#### ASTRONAUTS, COSMONAUTS BEGIN WORKING INSIDE SPACE STATION

Officials today described the mission as "flawless" after astronauts and cosmonauts swung open the doors of the international space station and floated inside following six hours of exterior work. The crew of space shuttle Atlantis late Monday opened the first of 12 hatches leading into the 140-foot-long station a little early, entering the outermost vestibule and then the American module, Unity...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/12/space.shuttle.02/index.html>

#### THE PURPOSE OF CHEMTRAILS - GLOBAL WARMING/OZONE MODIFICATION?

Some interesting views on one of the current theories regarding the purpose of the 'chemtrails', that they may be linked, at least in part, to military projects relating to global warming and / or the thinning ozone layer, an explanation which has been gaining much attention and support in recent months...

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

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## ETI Signal From The Pleiades?

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Hi Everyone,

Below is an article by Jeff Faust that I found in the latest issue of Spaceviews which I think will be of special interest to readers of this list, particularly the reference to astronomer Frank Drake's "hair-raising experience" while doing early radio observations of the Pleiades. Anyone know more about this?

Nick Balaskas

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Recalling Drake's Voyages  
by Jeff Foust

When many of the world's leading figures in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) gathered in Boston in May, they did so for two reasons. One was to mark the fortieth anniversary of the first SETI search, Project Ozma. The second was to honor the man who led that initial SETI search, Frank Drake, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Most people associate Drake with that initial SETI search as well as the famous equation drafted shortly thereafter that now carries his name which assesses the prospects for extraterrestrial intelligence. Few though, realize that his contributions to SETI and astronomy in general started well before Project Ozma and continue to his day. Those who spoke at the "Drake's Voyages" symposium at Harvard University, though, were eager to discuss Drake's influence and express their admiration for the man.

Drake's Start in SETI

Frank Drake's interest in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence can be traced back to his childhood, according to professional astronomer and historian Woody Sullivan. That interest was stoked as he was an undergrad at Cornell, when famed astronomer Otto Struve gave a lecture there about low mass stars with slow rotation rates. Such stars had "missing" angular momentum that had to reside someplace else: planets, according to Struve.

After a short stint in the Navy, Drake went to graduate school at Harvard, which, at the time (the 1950s), had the only radio astronomy program in the country. Drake did his thesis work studying hydrogen in the galactic center in an era when most of the radio astronomy taking place dealt with the Sun.

It was doing observations of the Pleiades during his time at Harvard, though, that raised his attention about the possibilities of SETI. During those radio observations he

detected a strong, narrow signal: a "hair-raising experience", Sullivan explained, that convinced Drake that he wanted to do SETI.

Drake would get his chance to do SETI once he graduated from Harvard and went to the Green Bank, West Virginia facility of the new National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Initially there were no radio telescopes at Green Bank at all, but by 1959 a 26-meter (86-foot) dish was in place. Drake proposed to use that telescope to look at nearby stars in an effort to detect any signals coming from extraterrestrials there.

While Drake's colleagues were less interested in SETI than Drake, the proposal did attract the attention of NRAO's new director, Otto Struve, the astronomer who raised Drake's awareness about the potential for extraterrestrial worlds as a Cornell undergrad. While Struve was ambivalent about radio astronomy in general, he was interested and supportive of Project Ozma, and pushed the project ahead, particularly after a paper by Phillip Morrison and Giuseppe Cocconi published in Nature independently suggested that radio waves would be an ideal way to communicate over extraterrestrial distances.

So with the blessing, and even urging, of Struve, Drake started Project Ozma in April of 1960, using Green Bank's 26-meter telescope to look at Epsilon Eridani and Tau Ceti, two nearby Sun-like stars. Almost immediately Drake detected a signal. "At the time we were very excited," recalled Drake. "We couldn't believe our luck."

However, the signal turned out to be from a secret military project, the first of many false alarms detected by SETI projects in the last 40 years. Project Ozma continued searching for 200 hours over the course of two months, but failed to detect any signals of an extraterrestrial origin. It did, though, prove that SETI was feasible, and set the stage for more powerful searches to come.

Beyond Ozma: The Drake Equation and Arecibo

While Project Ozma failed to detect any signals from extraterrestrial civilizations, it was a success in the sense that it attracted the scientific community's attention to the prospects for SETI. Drake helped organize the first SETI meeting, held at Green Bank in November 1961, that brought together experts from a wide range of disciplines to talk about how likely such civilizations were and how to communicate with them.

Out of this conference came what is now known as the Drake Equation (also known as the Green Bank Equation), the number of extraterrestrial civilizations in the galaxy based on a number of probabilities, such as the fraction of stars with planets, the fraction of planets that develop life, and the fraction of planets with life that develop technological civilizations. Since most of the factors in the Drake Equation are unknown, the equation is something of Rorschach test, with various people using it determine that either such civilizations are commonplace or nonexistent.

Phillip Morrison said that the Drake Equation was perhaps the second most influential equation of the 20th century, after Einstein's  $E=mc^2$ . "Don't think of it as a probability," he advised, "think of it as an agenda that leads you up a great ladder of thought."

Drake's career, though, was more than just SETI. In the 1960s he returned to his alma mater, Cornell, because of the opportunity the university provided to work with the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico. Arecibo had been set up by DARPA, part of the U.S. military, in part to track satellites, but the huge dish was also useful for radio astronomy.

There were problems with Arecibo, though. The telescope wasn't useful at high radio frequencies because of the coarseness of the wire mesh surface of the dish as well as the quality of the feed system. Moreover, its military usefulness waning, DARPA was ready to pull the plug on the facility. Drake proposed to the National Science Foundation a project to replace the wire mesh with a smoother surface that worked better at higher frequencies, and add larger, better feeds.

As a result, Arecibo became one of the premier radio astronomy facilities on Earth, a distinction that it holds to this day. "Frank Drake made Arecibo what it is today," said Nathan Cohen of Boston University. "He did a tremendous engineering job."

Mike Davis, who recently left Arecibo to join the SETI Institute, noted that Drake's work, as well as another upgrade to the telescope performed in the 1990s, have kept Arecibo on the forefront of science for decades. "It's unique that a scientific instrument has lasted on the cutting edge for so long," he said.

Drake used Arecibo for SETI work, as one would imagine, but also for other research, including early investigations into pulsars. In 1968 he published a paper in Science about a pulsar in Vulpecula, only the sixth pulsar yet discovered.

Still At Work

At age 70, one would think that Frank Drake would be ready to begin a well-deserved retirement. Not so. Drake is still hard at work, both discussing SETI to general and scientific audiences and doing SETI research as well. At a technical symposium during the Boston meeting Drake outlined what he called the "SETI efficiency", a measure of how efficient an array of radio telescopes is at collecting the radio signals that fall on the area it covers. While it would appear ideal to space individual dishes closely together, the dishes then begin to shadow one another as they track objects, reducing their effectiveness. The solution, he said, may be to space dishes more in the north-south direction than east-west, to maximize the effectiveness of a radio telescope array.

His current work adds to a body of accomplishments that makes him the leading pioneer of this still-young field. "SETI scientists have largely elaborated on Frank Drake's work," said Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute. Given the depth and breadth of Drake's legacy, that's likely to be the case for many years to come.

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## Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo

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My analysis of the photo taken by Canadian Air Force pilot RJ Childerhose in 1955 is now available at [brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html](http://brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html).

This was, and I think still is, the only photo endorsed by none other than Philip J. Klass as a real unknown "UFO"... although he believes it to be a huge plasma/ball lightning. This photo appears on the front cover of his first book. This case was presented at the "Sturrock Panel" discussion in Tarrytown, NY, several years ago and has been mentioned by Jacques Vallee as an example of the optical power radiated by some UFOs.

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## Filer's Files #37 -- 2000

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A BIG SALUTE TO THE AUSTRALIAN'S AND A GREAT OLYMPICS

During the opening ceremony of the Australian Olympics, at around 8:35 PM EST, a giant cloth was raised slowly from the floor of the arena. On it was one of the most important Windjina icons in the 100,000 year old Aboriginal culture. The Australian Aborigines history seems to indicate that extraterrestrials visited Australia in the distant past. Sir George Grey discovered in 1847, ancient Aborigine writings and Wandjina hieroglyphics that depict a ten foot giant wearing a helmet and space suit. Thanks to John W. Auchettl and Phenomena Research Australia [PRA]  
<http://hometown.aol.com/praufo/PRA1/wandjinahome.htm>

ARE UFOs STUDYING OUR WEATHER, FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES?

UFO activity has started to pickup as the weather cools north of the equator. I have noticed that the watchers take interest in various natural occurrences and disasters. They almost seem to know what is going to happen and move into position for observation. For example, UFOs are often reported near Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, and hurricanes. Our satellites often pick up uncorrelated targets not in the computer data base indicating UFOs operate in space. We can assume the watchers advanced technology understands the intricacies of the world around us, By keeping an eye on their activities we may be able to predict future events. On September 12, 2000, the Sun unleashed a surprising powerful full-halo coronal mass ejection (CME). The leading edge of the CME reached the Earth on Thursday, Sept 14, 2000. Three more coronal mass ejections are heading toward Earth following solar eruptions on Friday and Saturday. The CMEs could trigger aurora at middle-latitudes when they arrive tonight and tomorrow. A severe geomagnetic disturbances including aurora at middle latitudes when the shock front arrives.

Over two hundred Near Earth Orbit asteroids detected have also been detected in the last five years. Some asteroids have been reported hitting the sun. In addition, after a long period of low seismic activity our Earth has been hit by a sharp increase in earthquakes in the last two weeks hitting the Pacific Rim locations of Taiwan, Indonesia, Tonga Islands, and Qinghai, China. These earthquakes are often followed by earthquakes in North and South America. For those readers who live in California you may have major Earthquake activity. Often animals pick up trouble beneath their feet and try to run away when an earthquake is imminent. So watch your animals and the UFOs for predictions of trouble. It is reasonable to assume that all these factors may be related to what goes on in the world around us. For example, the sun's activity appears to be related to snow storms and other weather patterns. Heavy flooding has been reported in Japan and the United Kingdom. Some researchers have even suggested the UFOs may be manipulating the weather. This

cycle of activity may be more closely related than any of us suspect. I once studied cycles in relationship to the stock market. Many strange cycles are repeated every few years that seem to effect the stock market. I don't know what it might mean, but mankind may also be influenced. We're having elections in Yugoslavia, depending who wins we may have further invasions. To add to our woes many large animals are becoming extinct at a high rate. This week Time Magazine declared in major coverage that it may be "too late" to save the planet. Space Weather is at <http://spaceweather.com>. Potentially Hazardous Asteroids (PHAs) are listed on Harvard's College of Astronomy website <http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/cfa/ps/lists/Dangerous.html>

#### RELATIONSHIPS IN UFO DATA

Dan Reichel, who has a PhD in physics from Caltech and Michigan writes, "I owe it to myself to stand up for what I believe to be true, rather than be bandied about by the opinions my peers might subsequently have of me." Their opinions on such matters are unfortunately the result of prejudices and lack of information. I am certainly not the first PhD educated physicist to come out in support of the UFO phenomenon, and I have no doubt that I will not be the last! "I think one of the biggest problems these days is that everyone seems to be content in treating UFOs, crop circles, transient lunar phenomena, extraterrestrial sightings, alien abductions, the Cydonia region of Mars, ancient astronauts, pyramids, etc., as many unrelated phenomena." Author Zecharia Sitchin certainly went a long way toward tying many of these together with his book, "Genesis Revisited." Unfortunately for the readers of Krapf's book, "The Contact Has Begun," it sits rather like the District of Columbia, and most readers may not realize that it is surrounded by a whole continent of additional, related information -- that tells a much larger story than many might be willing to put in print (lest they end up with burning crosses on their front lawns with suggestions like "the Anunnaki created Adam and Eve", or, as Timothy Good alleged in one of his books, they genetically engineered the personality of an embryo implanted in a woman 2000 years ago -- whoever that might be (?), to teach us to be good and kind to each other -- a lesson many of us have yet to learn). How many are ready to understand that the underlying meaning behind what Krapf has written is that the Nephilim of the Old Testament will be returning in 2002? How many know that the true meaning of "apocalypse" is "unveiling" -- not at all anything like "Armageddon"? Most movies and movie-preview-hype I have seen seem to use "apocalypse" and "Armageddon" as if they are synonyms, while an end to US government secrecy surrounding UFOs and EBEs is, in fact, an apocalypse, as is a formalized return of the Nephilim/Anunnaki after many centuries of "remaining hidden in the background." I'll be meeting with one of the priests of my Roman Catholic parish to discuss such matters this Thursday evening. Hope I don't end up excommunicated! Thanks to: Dan Reichel PhD.

#### LOUISIANA CHEMTRAILS AND UFOS

Greg Avery the MUFON State Director who obtained his Juris Doctor (JD) from Tulane University in 1976, sent me a video taken mostly near his home. The video shows what appear to be commercial aircraft making contrails that crisscross over his home. The aircraft appear indistinct but this may be do the distance. The contrails appear much thicker and heavier than normal. Has the camera zooms into the contrail dark disc shaped objects can be viewed flying in the vicinity of the contrails. These dark objects or hockey puck like objects may be changing the contrails in some way. Later in the day a pattern of hazy clouds followed by cloud cover develops. Thanks to Greg Avery JD [storm@communique.net](mailto:storm@communique.net).

#### SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRAILS

SUMTER -- An Air Force Senior Master Sergeant writes that he has noticed essentially the same set of circumstances as Filmed by Greg Avery. Actually similar reports are coming in from various places in the US followed by cloudy skies and heavy rains. These may simply be coincidental occurrences but again a pattern seems to be developing.



## UFOs IN HISTORY

In Jacques Vallee, "Passport to Magonia" there is a famous UFO sighting that took place in Japan in 1235, which represents one of the first scientific investigations of a sighting. General Yoritsume and his army observed mysterious lights in the heavens. The lights were seen by large numbers of the Japanese Army causing excitement as the UFOs circled, swinging, and moving in loops above the encampment. The General ordered a full scale scientific investigation and the key scientists of Japan gathered together to provide an explanation. Their answer seems very similar to ones we observe today. The answer read that the scientists had agreed that the UFOs were completely natural, it is only the wind causing the stars to sway." In 1361, a flying object about twenty feet in diameter emerged from the inland sea off western Japan.

The painting of the Madonna and Saint Giovannino, in the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence is attributed to the 15th Century school of Filippo Lippi. The craft is hovering over the Madonna and child with a small angel apparently holding the baby Jesus. The craft is an oval or discoid shape with radiating gold spikes of light are painted around the perimeter. It's a fine painting of the UFOs seen today.

Berne Bennett from Tampa MUFON writes that a painting by the Italian master Carlo Crivelli adorns the Church of the Annuziata in Ascoli, Italy. The work, painted in the year 1486, clearly shows a hovering craft, appearing much the same as modern depictions of UFOs, emitting rays of light. The painting, called "The Annunciation," is only one of many medieval and Renaissance masterpieces that depict a UFO. All of these paintings depict aircraft that cannot be explained in terms of the technology of that era. We may, therefore, consider the possibility that the masters were depicting craft from an alien civilization.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE DAYLIGHT DISC

KEENE -- Brian Crystal reports a good friend sighted a disk flying above Marlboro Street on September 5, 2000, It was a clear daylight sighting of a craft moving towards the southeast at 12:30 PM. It was flying in a straight line faster than an airplane at only a thousand feet up. There was no contrail and no sound. The UFO was quite bright and could possibly have been a reflection of the bright sun during this particular time. The disc appeared white, not silver-white like airplanes, and suddenly disappeared.. I told the local Keene Sentinel Newspaper about the sighting the day after, but was told by reporter there needs to be more than one sighting. Please feel free to share this sighting and let me know if anyone else has had a similar one. Thank You and God bless. Thanks to Brian Crystal  
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## PENNSYLVANIA LIGHT SHOW PROBABLY A METEOR

LEHIGH VALLEY -- Dan Shope, "Of The Morning Call" Newspaper reports, "A bright streak across area skies early Saturday September 11, 2000 prompted calls to dispatch center. Maybe it wasn't "War of the Worlds" or "Mars Attack," but there was something a little creepy about the sky on Saturday morning about 3:30 AM. Reports came from Northampton County to Lancaster County that something unusual was seen. It wasn't a plane, or even a saucer. It was probably a meteor or space junk, according to an official of Lehigh Valley Amateur Astronomical Society. "I didn't see it myself," society secretary Ray Hannis of Macungie said. "But someone who did see it gave me a call. "The way it was described, it was probably either a meteor or space debris. This light moved from north to south, into Lancaster County. That's the direction most meteors move. Usually, if the movement is west to east, it's space debris." A Northampton County dispatcher late Saturday confirmed the office received reports about the lights. A man who identified himself as a police officer in the Northampton area called to report that the object was huge with a color like a welding arc.

A meteor is a bright streak of light that appears briefly in the sky, Hannis explained. People sometimes call the brightest meteors "fireballs." One appears when a particle or chunk of

metallic or stony matter called a meteoroid enters the Earth's atmosphere from outer space. Friction generated by its passage through the air heats the meteoroid so that it glows and creates a shining trail of gases and melted meteoroid particles. Visible about 30 to 60 miles above the Earth, most meteoroids disintegrate before hitting the ground. Meteoroids can be traveling as fast as 60 miles per second when they hit the Earth's atmosphere. Most glow for about a second. Harris' other theory was that debris from man-made spaceships or satellites had re-entered the atmosphere, causing the bright light. But he was leaning toward a more natural event, a meteor. "They go across the sky, and then they just wink out," Harris said. "They just burn out or explode." ? Contact Dan Shope, [http://www.mcall.com/html/news/regional/b\\_pg002b2\\_meteor.htm](http://www.mcall.com/html/news/regional/b_pg002b2_meteor.htm)  
Editor's Note: Unfortunately the story didn't tell us how long the welding torch lasted, but we find most UFO reports last from two to five minutes.

#### NORTH CAROLINA UFO

FAYETTEVILLE - A 16 year old was talking on the phone to his girlfriend on August 21, 2000, when he looked out the window at 11:00 PM, and saw a bright light. He says, "I couldn't make out the object but it seemed pretty advanced to travel so fast and then slow down and stop. It speedup and slowed again. It stayed bright and moving fast for about 30 seconds but didn't make a sound.. It was moving at a fast speed and then just disappeared or faded out like a star or a light dimming. My girlfriend said, maybe the secret base nearby may be doing some kind of test flight. There are two military bases nearby one everyone knows and one is secret. Others in the family reported a bright light not too far from our house in 1997. My grand uncle had the same incident before just like what I saw South Carolina near Summerton. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC [www.ufocenter.com](http://www.ufocenter.com).

#### GEORGIA SIGHTING LIKE ONE IN TEXAS

John E. Combest, Director Houston UFO Network writes, "I read with considerable interest the report from Mauk, Georgia where the two witnesses observed the high-flying UFO in near proximity to a fighter jet aircraft." The UFO was thought to be connected to the "loud explosion" heard just immediately prior to the sighting. What I find fascinating about the description of the UFO is its "pulsing" motion as it "contracted and elongated" in the direction of motion. I have seen a short segment of color film footage taken perhaps twenty years ago of a UFO as it moves right to left at a slightly ascending angle and passes over a hilly area. That UFO also appeared to pulse from point to point wherein it had a certain around shape at each of those points (perhaps 1,000 feet apart), but when moving from one point to another along a straight line it seemed to shrink to a small-diameter elongated shape. This is to inquire if the couple in Georgia captured any of the scene on video, and whether any other UFOs moved in a similar manner. Very few UFOs are reported to have such motion, and I suspect the apparent motion and change of shape are only illusions caused by the force field propelling the UFO. Thanks John E. Combest [jecombest@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jecombest@worldnet.att.net).

#### OREGON MORE UFOs OVER TROUT LAKE

TROUT LAKE -- James A Gilliland reports that on September 13, 2000, a very large golden object flew in from the west going east. It was below Mt Adams about two thirds from the top. As usual there were no running lights, no sound and it was brilliant golden white. It was much too close and low to fit any other category other than a UFO. There was another overhead sighting as well later that evening. Thanks to James Gilliland [james@cazekiel.org](mailto:james@cazekiel.org) , <http://www.cazekiel.org>

#### CANADA UFO SIGHTINGS AND CROP CIRCLES

ANTIGONISH, NOVA SCOTIA -- Today, I received an e-mail message from MUFON's former Provincial Director for Nova Scotia (Steve MacLean) advising me of a very recent sighting that he is looking into. On September 11, 2000, at about 12:00 midnight a single witness saw a large white and amber orb with two red lights hovered for one minute 200 feet above the ground right in

town. He called the police and Coast Guard that night. It moved slowly to the north and went below trees. It made no sound, had no wings, and did not revolve. My source is investigating. Thanks to Eugene H. Frison Alian10094

SUDBURY, ONTARIO -- Michel Deschamps reports that between March and June he received nine UFO reports, but four were the direct result of projector-type lights being reflected off the clouds at Sudbury Downs racing track and casino.

DOWLING, ONTARIO -- Vincent Hickey reported on July 20, 2000, that at around 10:20 p.m., he saw a blue light that exploded within seconds of being seen. Half a second later, a large, bright ball of light appeared from nowhere and hung there for a few seconds before vanishing. On August 21, at around 9:30 p.m., a Sudbury resident saw two white lights, side by side, that would flash on and off like the lights at a railroad crossing. The lights would also go up and down several times, and also move side to side before eventually disappearing from view. At around 10:25 p.m., my buddy and I were taking a long walk along Lake Ramsey on August 25, 2000, watching a freight train and noticed a red light which looked to be at the water's edge. As we walked a few more yards, we watched in amazement as the red light suddenly zipped across Ramsey Lake, from west to east and disappeared. It traveled at level flight with a speed of a jet fighter. The basketball size light remained bright red flew 5 or 10 feet high.

ALBERTA, GUNN - My cousin and I were driving on August 25, 2000, when we saw a bright light towards the town of Onoway. We saw two lights one greenish-blue one red at the front of the craft at 10:05 PM. As it got closer we saw a third yellow-orange light. The craft was triangular shaped but was square on the corners. It hovered at 400 meters in altitude, and started to move westward and flew directly above us. It stayed in the area for awhile before there was a flash like lightning that lit up the sky and the craft was gone.

MATTAWA , ONTARIO - On August 26 and 27, thirteen miles of north of Mattawa a Sudbury resident reported that he and his cousin watched as a large white ball of light floated across the sky at 9:00 PM. It was ten times bigger than the brightest star. A camper who wasn't much of a believer in UFOs, said: "Look at that star! How come it's zigzagging like that?" They all stepped away from the fire and looked up in the sky. The white light was pulsating with different colors. It started to go up and down, then move from side to side. It would shoot straight up and come right down again. They were amazed by what it did and watched it for almost 20 minutes before it disappeared behind the tree line, over another mountain. Ten minutes later, as they were talking about a second flash, a third one appeared in the southern sky. It wasn't high in the sky, but was doing the same thing as the second one, dancing up and down, zigzagging all over. They watched it for almost an hour before they got tired of looking at it. Thanks to Michel M. Deschamps [ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net) MUFON Provincial Section Director for Sudbury, Ontario (705) 670-2759

VISCOUNT, SASKATCHEWAN -- Two crop circles measuring 45' and 43' diameter, about 100' apart, were found by a farmer in wheat field September 12, 2000, while combining. He reports no tracks when first found, and very neat lay, with plants pressed down fairly hard to the ground, but not damaged. The circles are located well into the field with no nearby roads, etc. in a relatively remote area of the country, just south of Viscount. Two similar circles were found at Viscount last year. Thanks to Paul Anderson

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

#### SCOTLAND TRIANGLES CAPTURED ON FILM

GLENROTHES, FIFE -- Thought you might like a look at this photo I took September 7, 2000, on my Kodak DC215 Digital camera. I was taking photos out back of my house and did not notice anything unusual. But after I transferred it from my camera, I couldn't help but notice the 2 bright lights on it. The Original picture is paint shop pro format. For which I will keep. If you wish it, it is 3.6 meg in size. Thanks to Mr\_Honestt at yahoo (john) Editors' Note: It appears that two triangle shaped craft

are flying in close formation almost directly behind the other. It is possible that it is one craft, but we are only seeing part of the object. The brightness is very typical of many sightings and may represent ionization of the air similar to plasma or ball lightning. The pixels around the craft do not appear the same as pixels in the sky around it suggesting that the craft were placed in the picture from some other photos. Analysis of the photo continues.

#### ARE WE ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE?

UFO Scotland Online reports that an article out of the October Issue of Popular Mechanics "Science's Greatest Unsolved Mysteries" says: Two recent discoveries in deep space have dramatically changed the odds that we are not alone. One involves a mysterious cloud near the center of the Milky Way. The other involves emissions from pulsars. Using the National Science Foundation's 12-Meter Telescope atop Kitt Peak in Arizona, astronomers have discovered sugar in a cloud from which new stars are forming. "It means it is increasingly likely that the chemical precursors to life are formed in such clouds long before planets develop around the stars," says Jan M. Hollis of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. The sugar in question is glycolaldehyde a simpler molecular cousin to table sugar. Its discovery 26,000 light-years away from earth is exciting to astrobiologists because this 8-atom molecule of carbon, oxygen and hydrogen readily combines with other molecules to form ribose. Ribose is a building block of the nucleic acid DNA, the chemical carriers of the genetic code found in all living organisms.

At this year's meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Paul LaViolette offered evidence that pulsars are located and send signals in precisely timed radio pulses that appear to be some sort of intelligent message, exactly what remains to be seen. Finding the molecules that form the genetic backbone for intelligent life on Earth and signals too organized to be random, strengthens the argument that we are not alone. Thanks to UFO Scotland <http://www.ufoscotland.co.uk>

#### DID RUSSIAN SUB SINKING 'ALMOST START WORLD WAR III?

BARENTS SEA -- Based on various intelligence reports I have been able to obtain I have attempted to reconstruct the August 12, 2000, sinking of the K-141 nuclear attack submarine Kursk the pride of the Russian Sub Fleet. The Kursk, commissioned in 1995, was one of eight active Oscar II class submarines of the new Northern Fleet. It was one the most powerful weapons system in the World that the Chinese wanted to purchase. The Russians were involved in military naval exercises, that likely included Chinese observers. Two U.S. Los Angeles attack submarines, the U.S. Memphis and Toledo and the British Splendid submarines were conducting surveillance of the exercise. The submarine Kursk carries 24 Granit missiles code-named SS-N-19 Shipwreck that have a 1,600-pound conventional warhead. They can also be armed with an H-bomb warhead equal to one half million tons of TNT, enough to destroy a city or a carrier fleet. Shipwreck missiles are stored in launching tubes external to the inner pressure hull. It may have also carried a newer Stallion missile. The Kursk reportedly completed a successful firing of SS-N-19 Shipwreck missile and was reportedly given permission to fire again. The Russian Naval forces believe they tracked a foreign submarine near the Kursk. This may have been a sub decoy similar to our unmanned aircraft or a unidentified submerged object (USO) that our sonar's often track near submarines. There may have been some confusion on the identity of the underwater objects, but apparently multiple underwater targets were tracked by the Russians.

One version of the story is that permission was given to fire an anti-submarine missile against the intruder. The German newspaper Berliner Zeitung claims the nuclear-powered cruiser Peter the Great fired a new Granit missile that accidentally hit their own sub rather than the intruder. The Russians have strongly denied this version of the story. Allegedly, the weapon, armed with only a target-seeking head, flew 12 miles before diving into the sea near the two underwater objects. Anti-submarine missiles are designed to identify and ignore

their own Russian vessels and track the engine noise and magnetic anomalies radiating from enemy subs. The missile it was thought operated flawlessly and a short time later a small underwater explosion was detected.

The second version according to General Valery Manilov is that Kursk was attempting to surface when a foreign submarine with its reinforced keel traveling in the opposite direction at the depth of about 18 meters ripped through the Kirks's light external hull and punctured its hard interior hull. Russian divers found characteristic marks formed during a dynamic collision of two objects. The edges of the internal hull near the point of impact are bent inward. It is clear that there was an impact from the outside. Further, the elements of the superstructure atop the fin of the Kursk have been shaved off and the release mechanism of the detachable rescue vehicle has been jammed. The Russians also claim to have found what looks like the tail of another sub on the seabed.

We know that at 11.39 AM, a tremendous explosion was detected by the Norwegian Seismic Institute measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale. Estimates of an explosion of 5 tons of TNT have been announced, but this seems much too small of an explosion to cause such a large Richter reading. The conventional weapons aboard the Kursk were only a three quarters of a ton of TNT making an explosion of this size doubtful from within. The Russians also claim there were no nuclear weapons aboard their sub. The Richter scale reading of 3.5 indicates a nuclear tactical weapon size explosion. A particularly large explosion may have led the Russians to believe that an enemy weapon had deliberately destroyed the Kursk killing their 118 sailors.

The Russians have requested permission to examine the two US submarines known to be in the area. A collision or even the explosion of the several torpedoes could not account for exceptional size of the recorded explosion. The Russians were very angry and apparently considered a response such as destroying the US and British subs. A retaliation may have led to World War III. Although, the US news media has never picked up the story, Pravada claims war was only averted when Putin and Clinton had a 22 minute telephone conversation calming emotions. Allegedly, the USS Memphis submarine was tracked by Soviet satellites to Bergen, Norway where it was given repairs. According to Agence France Presse U.S. Defence Secretary William Cohen's rejection of the request from his Russian counterpart Igor Sergeyev " has only strengthened the case that the Kursk clashed with another underwater vessel." Cohen refused the inspection request explaining that "he did not think it was important or appropriate for the inspection to take place. "Obviously the Russians do not want to conclude they destroyed their own sub with their own missile. Therefore, they are concluding it was hit by the US Memphis. Other reports indicate the front of the Kursk is gone indicating a tremendous explosion either from within or from the outside. Some reports list that two powerful explosions were recorded. The Russians certainly must have considered the possibility that the foreign submarine had then attacked and destroyed their submarine possibly in retaliation to the missile firing. The Russians were very upset about the loss of one of their newest and finest boats and were considering a massive response. Allegedly, President Clinton assured the Russians that the US was not involved. One report claims the Russians have found part of a foreign submarine. Like most of these incidents it is difficult to sort out what actually happened.

THE 11TH GREAT UFO CONGRESS will be held at the Days Inn in Bordentown, NJ on October 7 and \*, 2000. Scheduled speakers are Tom Carey -Roswell Crash, Hans Holzer, Life After Death, Antonio Huneus UFO Briefing Document, Don Ecker The Dark side of the Moon, Vicki Ecker - In search of the Secret Keepers, Mike Mannion -Project Mind Shift, Pat Marcattilio -The Origeins of Civilizations, James Mosely - A Skeptical Ufologist Sam Sherman - Edwards AFB Encounter

MUFON BY LAWS VOTE?

I am contacting all of you to ask for your assistance in urging MUFON members to vote on the new MUFON Bylaws; either for or against acceptance. This is the first time in many years that the membership has had an opportunity to vote on a revision to

the Bylaws. The Bylaw committee worked very hard to arrive at a modern set of Bylaws for your consideration. It is up to the membership to determine whether or not we proceed to work under the new or old Bylaws. Thank to John Schuessler MUFON International Director

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>I see nothing ridiculous about a long lived species of aliens  
>sending scientific probes out which may not return useful data  
>about other planets for a century or more.

Hi, Larry!

I couldn't agree more. A lot of the limitations that science seems to put on the probability of ET life seems to be based on our own limitations in terms of intelligence and general life span. I've always considered most claims of ET contacts and/or sightings were most likely robotic probes. Makes plain sense and, as you suggest, solves a multitude of unanswered questions.

Roger

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EDITORIAL

Hello my friends.

Once more the Brazilian Entity of Extraterrestrial Research brings you our bimonthly International Bulletin, edition 3 - September/October 2000.

We tried to print the bulletin, but the costs would be very expensive. We also tried to publish the bulletin in the ADOBE PAGEMAKER format, but nor everybody have the program, so we are going to send by e-mail, using .TXT format.

In this edition we are you to present you the incidents regarding UFOs in our northeast region, and also some cases in Santa Catarina, state of Parana, and in Rondonia, state of north of Brazil.

We are now counting with the help of some friends that do the translations to us. In this edition, you are going to see the great job made by Marco Aurélio Gomes Veado.

Well, that is it. We hope that you enjoy our International Bulletin.

Our best regards,

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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José Cícero da Silva

The Brazilian hinterland is a region which retains an unique ufologic casuistic worldwide.

In that place, for some unknown reason, there is a great incidence of ETs which attack, hurt and sometimes kill people. Many from the news about UFOs are, in fact, much more fantastic than we can even conceive ourselves - at least according to the way we usually face them.

The UFOs potentiality seem to reveal an advanced technology which we cannot imagine or dream of, in order to be, someday, achieved. Behind it all, they're very misterious as well.

Adilson Targino do Nascimento Silva, 11; João Batista, 14; are some of those sightings, witnesses which has occurred in "Serra do Mel", a town located in the state of Rio Grande do Norte, in the brazilian hinterlands.

Some night of March, 1998, kids went out, in order to buy ice cream and candies in a grocery nearby. It was around 9:15 PM. When they were going back home, still on the road, Adilson called his friends' attention to see a kind of weird star up the sky. Promptly, they all stared it. In a few seconds, a lightning over upon the children, at the same time, making a sound similar to a snap, while searchlights were turning on simultaneously. Watching it, Adilson and Jobson ran out in order to hide under a tree next to them. Meanwhile, João Batista stood still, like he was hipnotized, under the unidentified object which was 10 meters remaining above the ground. Few moments later, Jobson ran towards the object and grabed João Batista's arm, pulling him under the tree he was hiding at.

The object was approximately 4 meters lenght and shed lightnings in blue color from its bottom, yellow from the edges and red from the upper reflecting all over the UFO's circumference. Suddenly, the object started to move, flying down towards the ground and almost touching it. Righ away, changed its course and climbed up to the sky. When flying close to the ground, it made sort of a wind wave, which moved the low growing grass, as well as a lemon tree remaining by the road. About 100 meters from the sighting location, Mrs. Odete Macena, Adilson's mother, and Mrs. Maria, Robson's grandmother, were talking to each other in front of their houses. Suddenly, they saw a lightning up in the sky. Just after that, an object crossed it, flying up to the west. Moments later, the boy arrived home, very frightened, reported to both ladies what had happened to his and his friends back in the road.

Another area of great ufologic incidence is the "Cariri" region, specifically in the "Vale do Ariri", located in the state of Ceará. The predominant place is the "Serra do Araripe", which is an ecological area, preserved by federal laws. That site has been often visited by extraterrestrial ships, considering many reports and some expressive registrations detected all over the region. Most of the incidences occurs in the location where the "Rio Salgado" runs. Many of the residents suppose that it happens because of the environment, since it is one of the richest, abudant and diversified places in Ceará.

One of the ufologic facts has happened in "Diamante" - located about 22kms (~15 miles) from the "Aurora" town - in the mids of the 70's. During that time, an incandescent metallic sphere, little bigger than a soccer ball, which horizontally had crossed a house, damaging four brick walls, fortunately with no victims. This very case has been searched by the "Grupo Ufológico do Cariri" (GUC), which had attempted to get in touch with the witnesses several times. Few statements were reported by whom lived on the events, once they are afraid of their bosses, priests or farmers' reprisal. Another reason that makes those people refusing to divulge such phenomenons is to be considered as crazy by the population who don't have enough knowledgement to understand that subject's seriousness nor accept as someting regarding the extraterrestrials.

Nevertheless, despite the adversities that involve the extraterrestrial matter in the Brazilian northeast region, the members of the GUG feel like there's progress regarding the ufology, it happens mainly among the youngsters, because of the

modern means of communication nowadays. So it does contribute itself as being more respectful by people who live in the surroundings and, therefore could effectively redeem certain happenings those which were still missing in time because of the lack of a serious and systematic work in that Region. The most amazing occurrence of UFOs sightings that GUG has been reported in the location called "Riacho do Bordão Velho", which links to the county of "Santa Vitória". In that place, it's been often registered pretty weird cases which are considered as ordinary ones by the inhabitants. There are extraterrestrial ships apparitions in different patterns, but the most seen ones is similar to a cigar. The local ruralists use to called them as "the wooden branches that fly".

TRIANGULAR UFOs - Those triangular shaped UFOs, usually happen at the end of the day between 5 and 8 PM, coming up always to south-north direction of the Region. According to the reports, the UFOs generally have themselves great luminosity, plenty of beautiful and different colors. They are even silent and, sometimes gray colored. They've been seen in a triangular shape, discoid and with variable speed, according to their types. Others have the ability of being invisible just when they notice they're observed. Some of those occurrences have been seen by one of the GUC members, Professor Ronaldo Santos, who has relatives living in that location. Another town, with a large amount of ordinary ufologic events is "Missão Velha", next to "Aurora", where the UFO researcher José Ferreira Neto lives in and happens to be member of Group Cariri (GUC) as well.

Certain night in that very place, the Entity's President saw a flying saucer crossing the sky. Many sightings have been reported over there, as well as in the surroundings, like "Caririaçu"; "Lavras da Mangueira"; "Ipamirim", "Brejo Santo"; "Abaiara"; "Milagres" and "Juazeiro do Norte". Their reports are often sent from Ferreira Neto to GUC members. Unfortunately, most of the cases are not divulged, nor scientifically analysed with the rigor it demands. Hopefully, other researchers may be available in order to cooperate regarding the Region investigations and hence give sequence to that activity, already implemented in the Northeast Region in an intensive and full way.

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#### Incidents in the State of Rondonia

Currently, the State of Rondonia - with approximately one million inhabitants, in 1995 - is considered as a place with large ufologic incidences. Such occurrences were remarkable ever since May and June of that mentioned year, when it could be confirmed throughout the UFO sightings, which shows multicolor lights as well as supposed alien ships landmarks on cottages, located in the surroundings of the state's capital, Porto Velho. Back in September, 1999, it has been reported two cases involving the people who live in the region (just like the other cases which had happened all over the Amazon, according to reports from other States).

The first case has happened to a team of fishers and had been reported by Aurilene S., 28 years old at the time. She counted that she was walking along with four other friends in order to go fishing on the Rio Madeira. It was 2:00 PM, in the 14th of the above mentioned month. Around 1:30 AM, Aurilene called the others attention and they looked towards an yellow light, similar to a Volkswagen's front light. It came from the margin of the river. By the time, they stared such luminosity, those who were on the boat guessed that it could be a plane, however the girl noticed the light was standing still in the air, so she was certain it couldn't be a plane. Suddenly the light started to move in a manner like letter "J", vanishing afterwards. According to her, the sky had no clouds at all, and they could clearly see the stars.

Another similar case happened that very night. At that time it was Beatriz T., who used to live nearby the town's airport. Approximately 3:30 AM, in the 15th of September, she was still awaken along with her husband. They decided going to the backyard in order to watch the sky. Then they saw an intensive

white light just like the airplane's one before landing. "The object did not alter its color during all the time and the sighting last about 30 minutes long." she said.

Tower of Control - Knowing well the aerial routes over Porto Velho, a place from where it happens several flights from Manaus and from southern, Beatriz discarded the possibility of being a plane nor an helicopter she and her husband had seen that night, even though they didn't hear a sound from the object.

According to few airport employees, who were working at the same night, one of the regular planes attempted to land, and communicated to the tower a sudden sighting of an object pretty similar to the one Beatriz had described. That intriguing case has been searched by the "Centro Rondoniense de Observações Ufológicas" - CROU ("Rondonian Centre of Ufologic Observations"), hold by that author, and who got this statement from one of the plane's pilots. Rather not being identified, that very pilot told he has seen various apparitions of strange lights in Amazon Region and the large amount of these cases may be just fantastic.

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Archeological sites spread throughout the country, ships drawings and weird creatures, suggest alien visitations in ancient times

Willy Silva

Legends of ancient and extraterrestrial civilizations, dinosaurs footsteps, megalitic monuments, indian cemeteries and so many other mysteries upon Earth could be easier found on the very rich archeology from Paraíba, one of the smallest state of Brazil (around 56,000 km<sup>2</sup>). Its ground is incredibly covered with more than 500 catalogued archeological sites, where pictographic inscriptions and rupestrian paintings have been challenging, for decades, the scientific world. The "Itacoatiaras de Ingá" , an amount of gneiss blocks on which surfaces is sculpted hundreds of low-prominent inscriptions and is either one of the most intriguing monoliths of the planet, according to researchers and scholars worldwide. The "Pedra de Ingá" as it is known, is such an amazing location that could be close to the unreal. It is 23 meters length and 3 meters width and 3.8 meters high. That monolith is located in the "Piemonte da Borborema" region, 84 kilometers far from João Pessoa and 30 kilometers far from Campina Grande. In the archeological site, which is an area of approximately 2 "hectares" (~0,7 square miles), cutted by the "Rio Ingá", there are many interpretations about the stone monument and its fantastic symbolisms, which remain in perfect symmetrical and polished furrows.

"The spheres, crosses, spins and flat lines drawings which appear as an enigma on the stone block, could not be slitted by human hands", says the swiss translator, Hans Jorge Kesselring, that subject's researcher. According to the "Ancient Astronaut Society", whose President is Erich von Däniken, author of "Were Gods Astronauts?", the monolith is sculpted by laser rays, probably by extraterrestrial civilizations, technologically much more advanced than ours. The "Pedra de Ingá" artisan - according to astronomical studies hold by Federal University of Paraíba (UEPB), late the 70's decade - could be made by a very ancient people, even before the indians that portuguese had found in Brazil during the XVI and XVII centuries. Those arts expressed themselves through pictograph drawings, in 11 stars from Orion Constellation. That same theory, still is up to be more discussed, and has been documented years later by the searcher Gilvan de Brito, in "Trip to the Unknown: Secrets of Pedra do Ingá".

In the "Queimadas", located over "Dona Inês" county, 72km from "Guarabira" (region of the Paraíba swamp), inscriptions of pictures on the rock of "Pedra do Letreiro" - more meaningful than those from the Ingá - has been object of intensive research hold by the UEPB, in Campina Grande. In the vertical panel, in red colored, some impressive figures are remarkable, that could remind us of towers, flying ships, beings from other planets,

handprints and even signs of a possible unknown calendar. Geographer Carlos Antônio Belarmino, UEPb's professor and post-graduated in Environment, tell us that the marks from past were printed from indians that had populated the region. "It is supposed that indians had contacted evolved civilizations and therefore transmitted signs of their communications through pictures on the stones", spoke the researcher to UFO Magazine. According to Belarmino, the "bugres" (savage indians) who's inhabited the swamp from Paraíba, used to paint from the "jenipapo", "urucum" (native plants from which an ink can be extracted) and animal blood in order to draw on the rock. It's been more than 15,000 years ago. It is either supposed that the location has been a kind of sanctuary, maybe a cult to the nature forces. "However we still don't have much more material in literature, which could help us to decipher such hieroglyphics.", remark the professor, who still notices upon the drawings some sort of sumerian and Phoenician alphabets. The Police Clerk, Humberto Ferreira Santos, a rural property owner in "Dona Inês", says that "Pedra do Letreiro" is pretty much visited, mainly by foreign people. According to his statements, there are several legends about those bizarre pictographic drawings. Among them there's the one that is associated to a fantastic apparition of a woman. "Neighborhood speaks about a pretty young lady, long hair, who keeps seated on the rocks. When someone gets closer, she disappears", he says. In other hand, the housekeeper, Maria Nunes da Silva thinks differently: "I suppose there is a big mine over. Beneath the rock it's been hidden a big pot full of gold; a great fortune indeed", she comments. She does believe in the version which tells that beings from another planet, dressed up like astronauts, would have buried a treasure in "Dona Inês" and marked its localization through enchanted drawings from "Pedra do Letreiro". "Our happiness is over there", she assures.

In the Paraíba hinterlands, more than 420 kilometers far from seashore, there is "Sousa", distinguished as one of the most important archeologic sites of the world, with fossilized footprints of megafauna ("Tiranossaurus Rex", "Iguanodonte Mantel"), with approximately 130 million years old, stucked on the "Rio do Peixe" basin. First reports that mention about those footprints dated from 1897 and were discovered by a resident from a location called "Passagem das Pedras", 4 kilometers from downtown. At first, they believed that the strange tracks would belong to domestic pets. Partly of the "Sousa" county as well as from 30 other locations, there are records with plenty of footprints and fossilized tracks of more than 80 species: pre-historical beings from the Cretaceous period - in the "Dinosaurs Valley", protected area from the National Paleontologic Patrimony.

In that huge area which is part of the valley, either there are - however in shorter amount - some other findings, like petrified rain, primitive vegetation and a pile of the megafauna bones. Due the rupestrian paintings, they appear in the "Serrote do Letreiro" ("Sousa") and "Serrote da Miúda" ("São Francisco" and "Santa Cruz"). All over the region, there are many archeologic sites, distinguishing the "Dinosaurs Valley", "Pedra do Letreiro", "Itacoatiaras de Ingá", "Botas do Astronauta", "Pedra do Calendário" and the "Relógio de Sol", located in "Pilõezinhos".

CAVE IN GOIÁS - Strange unidentified flying objects, similar to the ordinary UFOs, which were recently reported, are also shown throughout some rupestrian paintings located in a cave over Goiás. In the border of "Paraúna" and "Ivolândia" counties, in southwest Goiânia, monuments and signs of a very remote age are recorded on huge red sandstones blocks which shape the "Caverna das Incríveis Figuras" (i.e. "Incredible Figures Cavern"). Destituted of any historical information or scientific explanation, the rupestrian drawings which remain inside the cave, could still be interpreted from a transcendental view of a possible civilization that inhabited the region in the past. A cartographer from Goiás, Alódio Tovar, in the late 80's, has written a book called, "The Paraúna Enigma - The Darkside of the Nature", on which was reported his own perception about the cave misterious symbols. According to him, hundreds of the tangled figures, linked up in the "Painel Mágico" (i.e. "Magic Panel") - colored by white, red and other variations - still showing abrasion from the time, area a synthesis of a esoteric symbology created in approximately 10,000 years ago, which the author decided to call as a fantastic realism.

Cabalistic figures, of labyrinths, demons, human faces and antropomorphic beings are archetypes, according to the author, which have never been found in any other part of the world, and they all can be found in one single archeologic site. Still in his book, Tovar even compares the importance of the "Caverna das Incríveis Figuras" to the uncommun geography of the drawings from the "Nazca Plateau", in Peru, as well as with the singular engravings in "Pedra de Ingá", in Paraíba. The environmentalist, Antônio Carlos Volpone, searches the location of savagely writings from Goiás and explains the strange cave drawings according to the swiss writer Erich Von Däniken's theory, who stated that in the ancient times, planet Earth has been visited by flying saucers from outerspace. "The 'Incredible Figures Cavern' could have been inhabited by man's ancestors who's retracted on its walls, sightings of beings and unidentified objects", says Volpone. That cave is located next to "Marilda Farm", ran by the householder Osvaldino Borges da Silva. Concerned about the field's drudgery, he's never got closer to the archeologic site. It is supposed that the cave has been discovered in the 20's, when the "Prestes Column" passed by, and when many farmers had to look for shelters in one of the thousands sedimentary mounts which exist all around.

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### The Magic Island

The Santa Catarina Island, located the city of Florianópolis, is also called as "Ilha da Magia" (i.e."Magic Island"). There are several ghost stories, whitches and bizarre things which enrich its folkloric heritage - among them, there's a distinguished one called "Luz de bota" ("Boot light"), which may has some relation with the famous "Mãe do Ouro" ("Mother of Gold"), a phenomenon, from the brazilian hinterlands folklore. Many people has seen such a light, just like Mr. Nonô, who also called it as "Luz que aparece" (i.e. "Light that shows off"). Generally, its appearance is related to the nocturnal fishings activities, when a small red luminosity, similar to a flaming cigarette, gets closer to the fishermen and slowly runs while staring them out.

"It doesn't harm anyone...However, you cannot bother it", says Mr. Nonô. "It is not a good manner lighting a match or a cigarette, otherwise the light spins over the one's head, sparking colorful flashes. In that particular case, it's useless to get rid of it, since it may follow you until your house - sometimes it may even burn the witness' skin." The "Luz que aparece" or "Luz de botas" become small and when it lands over the dunes or in some closer mountain, but its luminosity gets bigger, just like a bonfire which allows to see everything around. "Several times it keeps flickering in the air, and afterwards, if anybody bothers it, flies up and disappears", Mr. Nonô finishes. According to whom has seen that enigmatic manifestation, the best protection against this mistery is to pray - despite knowing that the light doesn't harm anyone.

Several times the phenomenon gets very close from the people - about 10 meters. It always appears solitaire and with no exact time to show up, sometimes keeping visible for 30 minutes, moving from one to other place. Regarding the name's origin, it came from the fact that light projects a shadow below, which suggests a boot shape. And since it generally hovers for about one meter high, the shadow seems to touch the ground, just like a light over the walking boot on the sand of the beach.

Paulo Duarte is Professor of Astronomy in Federal Univerity of Santa Catarina. His e-mail address is: [pduarte@ambox1.ufsc.br](mailto:pduarte@ambox1.ufsc.br)

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## Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Hatch

From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 22:23:41 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 09:20:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Hatch

>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:28:12 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>My analysis of the photo taken by Canadian Air Force pilot RJ  
>Childerhose in 1955 is now available at  
>[brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html](http://brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html).

>This was, and I think still is, the only photo endorsed by none  
>other than Philip J. Klass as a real unknown "UFO"... although  
>he believes it to be a huge plasma/ball lightning. This photo  
>appears on the front cover of his first book. This case was  
>presented at the "Sturrock Panel" discussion in Tarrytown, NY,  
>several years ago and has been mentioned by Jacques Vallee as an  
>example of the optical power radiated by some UFOs.

Hi Bruce,

Just to make others aware. There is a period at the end of the URL which you supplied. Don't include it because it comes up not found.

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From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 01:56:11 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 09:40:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 18:07:08 EDT  
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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:15:47 -0500  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Gary Hart <[geehart@frontiernet.net](mailto:geehart@frontiernet.net)>  
>>>Subject: A Carpenter Note

>>>Friends,

>>>I'm posting this message from Mike Farrell in Australia  
>>>regarding a note he received that was written by John Carpenter.  
>>>I think this is of great interest to the List and I will add  
>>>just a comment or two:

>><snip>

>>>And still waiting to hear from MUFON on this one!

>>The silence from MUFON has been deafening. It was suggested to  
>>me awhile back that the reason MUFON has been silent thus far is  
>>because it has and is a common practice to share data with NIDS  
>>in return for the large amounts of cash/donations/grants or  
>>whatever you want to call it. Supposedly, MUFON has also shared  
>>data and received money.

>Dear Kind and gentle List Folk... and EBK,

>MUFON is conducting an investigation. When they have completed  
>their investigation, UpDates will be informed of the results.

Since MUFON has known about the issues and sat on them for three  
years who knows when we will hear anything. It's my  
understanding that MUFON really wishes the whole issue would die  
down and go away so they could move on to more important stuff.

<snip>

>>The story from John C was that the files were all redacted, i.e.  
>>all the personal information deleted. I posted an email to this  
>>List and also sent a copy to NIDS asking two simple questions.  
>>Did the person receiving the email actually see the files with  
>>their eyes, and to avoid privacy issues, I asked if the files  
>>were in fact redacted. So far in the last month and a half NIDS  
>>has chosen to not confirm the fact the files were redacted.

>>Again the silence has been deafening.

>Not to me it ain't. What's deafening is the noise. By

I notice that in all your commentary about so called "noise" and  
"filters" you avoided the issue, i.e. that Bigelow/NIDS have



thus far refused to confirm that Carpenter sent them redacted files. If the files were in fact redacted, disclosing that they were properly redacted would not hurt anybody's privacy and if anything would help Carpenters claim that he redacted all the files.

Tell you what Jim, why don't you email NIDS and ask them the same question... but you will likely not get an answer. Like I said, the silence is deafening.

Cheers,

Robert

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Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 01:14:19 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 09:51:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:36:25 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
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>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>I see nothing ridiculous about a long lived species of aliens  
>>sending scientific probes out which may not return useful data  
>>about other planets for a century or more.

>Hi, Larry!

>I couldn't agree more. A lot of the limitations that science  
>seems to put on the probability of ET life seems to be based on  
>our own limitations in terms of intelligence and general life  
>span. I've always considered most claims of ET contacts and/or  
>sightings were most likely robotic probes. Makes plain sense  
>and, as you suggest, solves a multitude of unanswered questions.

>Roger

Hello Roger!

One thing it might explain, assuming this speculation is true, is the lack of "contact". A scientific probe is supposed to gather and return data or it is useless. If such probes disturb the specimens too much, they send back buggered data! Lets say you want to study primate behavior, how they really act in the wild. What you don't do is put them on a movie set with cameras rolling, frightening klieg lights, studio technicians running all over the place etc. No. You hide, and observe as unobtrusively as possible.

A scientific probe is not going to land in Washington, DC and sneer at the hors d'ouvres at the lawn party.

How many times have you heard the question: "Why don't they just land on the White House lawn?"

One could answer that scientific probes are allergic to pate-de-fois, a response no more idiotic than the question itself.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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### Report: 19th Leeds International UFO Conference

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Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 11:37:39 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 10:01:42 -0400  
Subject: Report: 19th Leeds International UFO Conference

Here is my report on last weekend's UFO conference at Leeds University in England.

Anthony Chippendale.  
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19th Leeds International UFO Conference  
15 17 September 2000  
Leeds University, England

Friday Evening

Alan Godfrey (UK)

Alan Godfrey is a former West Yorkshire police officer, who, whilst working at Todmorden police station in 1980, encountered a UFO out on patrol. Several months before his sighting, which was witnessed by other police officers from both his station and from another force, Alan investigated the suspicious death of retired coal miner Zigmund Adamski. Several months after his UFO sighting it became clear to Alan that Zigmund's death and his UFO sighting were linked, as he was asked by the police force to sign a document stating that he would not discuss either case with the media, which he found surprising.

Alan gave a very detailed account of both cases (the non-disclosure agreement had been rescinded). His presentation, which was in the format of an 'armchair forum' with UFO Magazine editor Graham Birdsall, was fascinating. I had heard of his case, but I had never heard the full details of his story.

Chris Martin (UK)

Having just finished reading Chris Martin's book 'Intruders In The Night' I was really looking forward to his presentation. Chris Martin has a unique ability to communicate with the aliens through telepathy. He seems to be able to 'summon' UFOs and when they appear he can sometimes ask them to move around! He showed some fascinating footage of the UFOs that have visited him. Much of the footage was recent, from this summer, and was shot in London.

Saturday

Dr. Steven Greer (US)

Along with Martyn Stubbs & L L Wille, Dr. Steven Greer's presentation was one of the best of the whole weekend. Dr. Greer is head of CSETI (Centre for Studies of Extraterrestrial Intelligence). One of the first things that Dr. Greer said was 'the only way for humanity to proceed is with peace' and that really struck me. That was the essence of his presentation. Did you know that since 1950 we have not needed to run cars on petrol? A car will run quite happily on plain, ordinary (and to a certain extent \_free\_) tap water! This along with anti-gravity and teleportation technology has been suppressed by the government. By the 1950s the US government had invested more money in anti-gravity research, than they had invested in the Manhattan Project. That just shows how much the government knows

about it.

Dr. Greer also discussed how in 1993 he briefed the CIA Director on UFOs and alien contact and how CSETI are working hard to complete 'Project Starlight'; a project to produce a report or dossier of hard evidence of aliens, that will be presented to governments and military leaders. Their target is to complete the project by the end of President Clinton's term in office, which ends on 20 January 2001.

Dr. Greer is a truly remarkable speaker. He put forward his views and information in a straight forward, no-nonsense manner; however, I am dubious about some of his claims. For example, he claims that the 'greys' are being engineered in a lab in New Mexico and that he has seen this lab!

Larry Warren & Peter Robbins (US)

In December 1980 Larry Warren was a USAF security patrolman at the RAF base at Bentwaters, UK. I am not going to re-tell his story as it is well known, but I would just like to make a few comments about his and Peter Robbins (Larry's co-author of the book 'Left at East Gate') presentation. Larry Warren, now living in Liverpool, England with his new bride announced that this was the last time he would be publicly speaking, after 18 years in Ufology he is sort of 'retiring'. It's a pity as he is a great speaker and a great bloke. Larry and Peter basically updated the audience with recent events with Rendlesham. The most fascinating happened just recently when Larry came into possession of photographs taken of the UFO in Rendlesham forest! These photographs have only just come to light and they are yet to be fully authenticated.

David Cayton (UK)

David Cayton is a UK-based animal mutilation researcher, who, last year, placed an advert in the journal 'Farmer's Weekly', asking for farmers who have discovered mutilated animals to contact him. This yielded him some excellent 'specimens' for his research. So far, he has not come to any conclusive results, but he has done a lot of research into the phenomenon. The majority of his lecture was a very graphical presentation of the evidence that he has collected during the past few years.

UFOs The Challenge Ahead

The last part of day was a studio-type debate between Nick Pope, Nick Redfern & Graham Birdsall. Graham introduced the 'two Nicks' who then took about 15 minutes each just to updated us on their current research and work. I was very surprised to hear Nick Redfern condone computer hackers who have illegally accessed US Govt computers. He appeared to encourage us to do the same, 'if they [the government] can bed the rules, so can we, and we should!'

Pope and Redfern then went on to discuss the upcoming British Freedom of Information Act.

Sunday

Dr. Bob & Ryan Wood (US)

Father and son team Dr. Bob & Ryan Wood have spent the last seven years studying the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents that have come to light from several sources, including Timothy Cooper. Their general belief is the documents are genuine and they provided some very convincing & interesting evidence to support their belief. Their presentation was the longest of the weekend at nearly two hours, but it was worth it! After seeing their evidence I know believe that the documents are genuine. See for yourself at their website:

<http://www.MajesticDocuments.com>

Graham Birdsall (UK) & Russell Callaghan (UK)

Graham is the editor of UFO Magazine (UK) and the organiser of the conference. Russell Callaghan is UFO Magazine's website manager and their film/photo analyst. They provided a round up of recent UFO footage and news. Graham re-visited some of the

topics that Dr. Greer discussed about suppressed technology, such as the 'tap-water' cars. Russell discussed the recent video footage of a UFO in Cheshire, England when he was wrongly quoted in the tabloids as saying 'It's the best footage ever', he actually said, 'its interesting footage'.

Martyn Stubbs (Canada)

Martyn Stubbs, as well as being the penultimate speaker of the weekend, was also one of the best. Martyn travelled to England to speak at the conference at extreme risk to his health. Unfortunately, Martyn is suffering from a brain tumour; although it was made clear whether or not it is terminal.

For those of you who are unaware of who Martyn Stubbs is, he is a former cable TV station manager from Canada who, over a period of five years, recorded over 2,500 hours of NASA footage from space shuttle missions. This footage shows several 'phenomena' in space, which, some people believe (including me), are intelligently controlled spacecraft. For those of you who want to find out more about the 'secret NASA transmissions' email [anthony@ufon.org](mailto:anthony@ufon.org) and I will be happy to provide you with background information to.

Martyn brought with him some new, unseen footage, which was truly astounding. It is very hard to describe the footage in words, you have to see it to understand and believe it! I believe that within the next few years this will footage will change Ufology for the better. I believe that it is the final 'proof' that people like myself have been searching for.

Leslie Wille (US)

For several years some footage, similar to Martyn Stubbs', has been available on the Internet showing UFOs in space, particularly the STS-48 mission. The cameraman has only ever been identified as 'L. L. Wille'. Now, we know who he is! He is Leslie L Wille from Minnesota, United States. Andy Ellis of the UK's Yorkshire UFO Info group spent 18 months tracking him down, and once found, he introduced him to UFO Magazine who invited him to the conference. Leslie is a remarkable man; he has no interest at all in UFOs except that he wants to know what those objects in space are. Leslie was the last speaker of the day on Sunday and he had so much to say that the conference over ran by 30 minutes! He truly was a great guy!

Conclusion

This year's conference has been great and I cannot wait till next September's conference! Well, that is all I really have to say, it is very difficult to describe such a great weekend in words!!

Anthony Chippendale,  
The UFO Network (UK),  
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A local lady contacted me regarding a mysterious 'cross' that had appeared on her arm during the night. Also, there were mysterious 'finger' print marks on her bedroom mirror. The question is, did the same 'entity' that scratched the cross on her arm, leave these mysterious finger prints on her bedroom mirror?

A full D.N.A. sampling of the prints was undertaken with the assistance of the Scientific Research group "Phenomena Research Australia".

The results showed NO Human D.N.A., in fact no D.N.A. at all of

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The print images and details are now posted on my UFO web site at;

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Please find the time to look at these print images. Are you able to identify them?

Could this be the physical proof we are looking for that 'inter-dimensional beings ' are visiting Humans in their own homes at night? Or does it have an 'Earthly' explanation, and all we have to do is find it?

Regards,

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Larry wrote:

>I cannot understand how anyone today would posit that to be  
>highly intelligent, a computer must be biological in nature.

>Every so many months, computers double in power, memory, what  
>have you. That rate of advance cannot go on forever of course,  
>but imagine the automata available to societies thousands or  
>millions of years in advance of Earth!

>At one time computers were little more than glorified adding  
>machines; huge, inefficient and slow. Perhaps Penrose wrote from  
>that era.

Larry,

Unfortunately I somehow mischaracterized what Penrose actually  
said, which is closer to your point: Why couldn't a computer be  
biological in nature? Penrose wrote in 1989, exploring the  
concept of machine consciousness. He backed up his ideas with  
such far ranging topics as chaos theory (still fairly new at the  
time) quantum physics and the physiology of the human brain.

Roy had written:

>>How can an object know it is being flashed if there are no  
>>people on board the object to register a signal from a ground  
>>source?

The word cybernetics, as used today, describes experimental  
techniques of merging the human nervous system with computer  
networks. But, when the term cybernetics was coined in 1948 it  
described information theory, feedback systems, and computer  
control theory. Our best scientific minds have already described  
how an object could "know it was being flashed", the idea of  
machine intelligence being almost as old as the modern era of  
ufology.

Larry wrote:

>I find the concept of fully automated probes, extremely  
>intelligent by our standards, to be intriguing. If nothing else,

>it answers the common objections raised by some, that the  
>lengthy journeys required to study Earth from afar rule out any  
>such devices reaching this planet.

Roger wrote:

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>seems to put on the probability of ET life seems to be based on  
>our own limitations in terms of intelligence and general life  
>span. I've always considered most claims of ET contacts and/or  
>sightings were most likely robotic probes. Makes plain sense  
>and, as you suggest, solves a multitude of unanswered questions.

Agreed, I chimed-in because a lot of the data on UFOs would be consistent with these kind of machine controlled devices. I must be very out of the loop on some of the latest thinking on the subject of ufology, because some of these ideas strike me as being very new to the field.

- Kurt Jonach (eWarrior)

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>This was, and I think still is, the only photo endorsed by none  
>other than Philip J. Klass as a real unknown "UFO"... although  
>he believes it to be a huge plasma/ball lightning. This photo  
>appears on the front cover of his first book. This case was  
>presented at the "Sturrock Panel" discussion in Tarrytown, NY,  
>several years ago and has been mentioned by Jacques Vallee as an  
>example of the optical power radiated by some UFOs >>

Bruce, List:

What are the chances that this could be a sprite, or one of the  
other new kinds of lighting discharges recently discovered?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: A Carpenter Note - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 13:22:42 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 15:21:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Mortellaro

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 01:56:11 EDT  
>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Mortellaro  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 18:07:08 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 00:58:16 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:15:47 -0500  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>From: Gary Hart <[geehart@frontiernet.net](mailto:geehart@frontiernet.net)>  
>>>>Subject: A Carpenter Note

>>>>Friends,

>>>>I'm posting this message from Mike Farrell in Australia  
>>>>regarding a note he received that was written by John Carpenter.  
>>>>I think this is of great interest to the List and I will add  
>>>>just a comment or two:

>>><snip>

>>>>And still waiting to hear from MUFON on this one!

>>>The silence from MUFON has been deafening. It was suggested to  
>>>me awhile back that the reason MUFON has been silent thus far is  
>>>because it has and is a common practice to share data with NIDS  
>>>in return for the large amounts of cash/donations/grants or  
>>>whatever you want to call it. Supposedly, MUFON has also shared  
>>>data and received money.

>>Dear Kind and gentle List Folk... and EBK,

>>MUFON is conducting an investigation. When they have completed  
>>their investigation, UpDates will be informed of the results.

>>Since MUFON has known about the issues and sat on them for three  
>>years who knows when we will hear anything. It's my  
>>understanding that MUFON really wishes the whole issue would die  
>>down and go away so they could move on to more important stuff.

We don't know that to be so. That is, MUFON having full  
knowledge of the details of this affair since the beginning. And  
if I were an organization such as MUFON, I would wish the whole  
thing to go away. But the new MUFON is not likely to let it just  
die, because something like this has a life of it's own, as we  
both know. If they were to pass in this, I would be forced to  
leave them for the second time in five years, this time never to  
return.

><snip>

>>>The story from John C was that the files were all redacted, i.e.  
>>>all the personal information deleted. I posted an email to this  
>>>List and also sent a copy to NIDS asking two simple questions.  
>>>Did the person receiving the email actually see the files with  
>>>their eyes, and to avoid privacy issues, I asked if the files  
>>>were in fact redacted. So far in the last month and a half NIDS  
>>>has chosen to not confirm the fact the files were redacted.

>>>Again the silence has been deafening.

>>Not to me it ain't. What's deafening is the noise. By

>I notice that in all your commentary about so called "noise" and  
>"filters" you avoided the issue, i.e. that Bigelow/NIDS have  
>thus far refused to confirm that Carpenter sent them redacted  
>files. If the files were in fact redacted, disclosing that they  
>were properly redacted would not hurt anybody's privacy and if  
>anything would help Carpenters claim that he redacted all the  
>files.

The noise I made reference to was intended to point to people  
making judgments before the facts in this case were proven.  
Since NIDS is backed by the power of money, I suspect that they  
are not commenting as a result of recommendations from their  
consiglieri... read: lawyers. Just a guess.

>Tell you what Jim, why don't you email NIDS and ask them the  
>same question... but you will likely not get an answer. Like I  
>said, the silence is deafening.

Because I realize I will not get an answer. Who the hell am I to  
merit one anyway? And with all due respect, Bob, who are any of  
us to ask for an answer? With all the noise made in the first  
few months of this issue coming to light, there was so much  
"noise" from so many sources and on so many venues, that to  
continue from where we sit is (in my opinion) ludicrous. So many  
silly accusations were made that the lawyers are gonna have a  
field day for a long, long time. They may be the only ones  
making money on Carpenter's sale. Lots and lots of money.

I believe that those involved, the partners in this matter, are  
doing their due diligence. If nothing happens in a reasonable  
period of time, I can assure that the noise will begin anew. You  
know that as well as I. So, I am patiently waiting for the  
results. Is all....

Jim

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>What are the chances that this could be a sprite, or one of the  
>other new kinds of lighting discharges recently discovered?

Don't know much about sprites except that they appear to be very brief discharges upward from the tops of clouds. Lightning strikes are very brief (milliseconds to tenths of seconds generally). The anomalous object seen by RJC was, according to his reportm, stationary under the anvil of a T-storm for several minutes at least.

Phil's guess a "bal lightning" is as good as any conventional explanation... except that this object goes far beyond "conventional" ball lightning (for which there is no real explanation but at least there is general admission that it is a real phenomenon). Conventional BL sizes are less than a meter and generall less than 10 cm.

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## Re: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 09:54:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 15:26:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Lehmborg

>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 01:14:19 -0700  
>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

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>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:36:25 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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Honored list folk;

<snip>

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>you want to study primate behavior, how they really act in the  
>wild. What you don't do is put them on a movie set with  
>cameras rolling, frightening klieg lights, studio technicians  
>running all over the place etc. No. You hide, and observe as  
>unobtrusively as possible.

>A scientific probe is not going to land in Washington, DC and  
>sneer at the hors d'ouvres at the lawn party.

>How many times have you heard the question: "Why don't they  
>just land on the White House lawn?"

This touches on the conjectured aliens themselves being the  
bigger architects of the aggregate secrecy. I remarked the  
following to a writer when he tried to discount the ET  
Hypothesis based on the fact that the aliens have not,  
themselves, ended the supposed secrecy.

"Think like an alien. Consider -- you've heard it said that it  
is the aliens themselves that are the biggest engineers of the  
total secrecy (Hopkins, Jacobs, Strieber et al (especially  
me!))? One could write off ET UFO's on the basis of their  
obvious reluctance to show themselves clearly. From the ET point  
of view point, though (as they try to understand what the  
leadership in the tradition bound institutional machines of  
cultural convenience are doing), they can only perceive unending  
denial of their very obvious existence by these cultural  
leaders and their set in (sub-standard) concrete support  
structures. This puts human beings firmly back in the business  
of being the master engineer of the aggregate secrecy if the  
aliens are being respectful of that, even, irrational denial."

They don't land on the white house lawn because the official  
leadership's position is that the ET does not even EXIST to land  
on the white house lawn. If ET did land, the government (the  
establishment) would have more questions to answer than the mere

ET question. Perhaps the ET respects that in good faith. Too bad!

>One could answer that scientific probes are allergic to  
>pate-de-fois, a response no more idiotic than the question  
>itself.

True enough \_somewhere\_ in the universe. The universe of time and space is just that big, and it is a lot more likely that we are nowhere \_near\_ the center of it, remember.

[Lehmborg@snowhill.com](mailto:Lehmborg@snowhill.com)

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

<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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Dear Lawrence of Hatchdom, Lister Twisters and EBK,

Larry, damned good point. I mean that. I just got finished  
reading the good parts, by the by, of L. Gordon Cooper's new  
book, "A Simple Twist of Fate." No, wait, that was a Dylan song.  
I meant, "Leap of Faith." In that book, Gordon reveals having  
seen photos taken of a landed saucer sitting on it's tri gear.  
He told of many more instances, some of his personal sightings  
whilst flying in the 50's. He tells that he did see a flying

saucer in the fullest, most traditional definition of that term. He flew with them for quite a while, or they flew with him.

If indeed the UFO conundrum is real, that is, these suckers are from "out there," and they are abducting folks, etc., then imagine not only the level of technology, but the level of intellect required to keep this conundrum alive and yet dead, simultaneously.

For those who have made the leap of faith, it's a no brainer. For those who have not, it's the leapers what got no brains! In their view, of course.

They are able to keep it a conundrum in the eyes of most of the populace. In the memories of others, it's as real as the boil on one's ass. I never had one there, but I recently had one, uh, somewhere else. Boy was that sucker real!

Your point is, therefor, well taken. They show themselves just enough to be able to observe us but not sufficiently to disturb (most of) us. What a bunch of mensches, eh? I wonder what they would do if we were finally able to capture one of their machines? Maybe play let's make a deal with the local government? Maybe?

Or just let nature take it's course. After a while, the same old same old will preclude anyone remembering to remember what happened. It's what the goobers in goobermint depend on. We can't remember Clinton's cigar. Hiroshima. Bergen Belsen. Mi Ly. We can't remember what's important. And what's not.

Gosh, Larry. I just came. To a conclusion. This UFO thingy is nuttin at all. It's just a mass hysteria. Why? Because from what I just wrote, we ain't worth studying or even lookin at, eh?

Now, that'd be two "eh's" in one post. That oughta be good for one, maybe even two EBK Brownie points.

Well, it oughta!?!?

Jim Mortellaro

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>Just to make others aware. There is a period at the end of the  
>URL which you supplied. Don't include it because it comes up not  
f>ound.

Hahaha... Sorry. It was the end of a sentence. Must use good  
grammar, you know!

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## UFOs & Schools

From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexico1@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexico1@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 15:05:10 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:41:29 -0400  
Subject: UFOs & Schools

Hi, Errol and all the list!

I'm Daniel Muñoz, collaborator and assistant to Jaime Maussan, and alongside with him and all of our staff, are performing now a research regarding all those cases that involve UFO's and schools worldwide.

We think this is a very important topic, 'cause it seems that there could be a real interest in the UFO occupants over our children and young people... Maybe there is sort of special skill in them to understand these cousins from outer Space? Who knows...

That is the reason we are trying to invite to all of you on the List to join us in this very interesting investigation. We would need from you all the possible data (names, cities, number of persons involved, school's name, time, etc.) of every case, in order to classify them carefully and with all the possible precision. And, obviously, all your personal data, in order to quote you properly when this research is finished (if this is possible, due to the amount of cases registered) and when is presented to the public, and to all of you, as it should be done, always through the invaluable help of Errol.

One more thing I would like to ask you is permission to use your info when sent to us, always thinking in the cleanness and rightness of this research. If there are interviews, photos, videos and so on, just E-mail us and we can talk about. This is a research for all and everyone of us, you included.

Of course, if we can collaborate with you in any way, just let us know. We will be more than glad to do it. Meanwhile, I would like to thank you for your cooperation in advance, and wish you a good work and a nice day.

Daniel Muñoz

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## Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 13:12:04 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:44:32 -0400  
Subject: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie

A few weeks ago, Ed Dames appeared on Coast to Coast AM. During this program, Dames alleged that he was contacted by the Coquille, Oregon Police Department to assist them with their investigation into a missing teenage girl.

Dames said that he had determined through remote viewing on 15-July-00 that the subject was deceased - this is two weeks after the girl has been missing and her shoes are found along a road. Tragically, the missing girl's body was found at a later date.

I contacted the Coquille Police Department to inquire about Dames' alleged involvement in this case. I received a response from Michael Reaves of the Coquille Police Department. Mr. Reaves stated in an e-mail, "Our department didn't hire, nor officially request assistance from Dames or his company."

Mr. Reaves further stated that a detective had contacted Dames via e-mail once about the case and that this detective did so only once and did not do so in an official or department sanctioned manner. Mr. Reaves further stated that Dames did contact the detective with the results of his remote viewing and "the results were far from accurate and the investigator didn't bring it up again, until Dames started making public statements about our case."

Ed Dames - caught in yet another long line of lies and endless and inaccurate predictions that never come true. Let's not forget to thank Mike Siegel for providing the soapbox that many of these frauds stand upon...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind." eXposé News  
<http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> UFO Hall o' Shame  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog> (This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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## Cydonian Imperative Update - 9-19-00

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 16:31:23 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:01:55 -0400  
Subject: Cydonian Imperative Update - 9-19-00

9-19-00

Feline Resemblance? "Mirrored" Versions of Mark Kelly's Image

Summary: New graphics based Mark Kelly's rectified image of the "Face" suggest possible "double image" symbology. Contains a few "must-see" illustrations.

Visit:

<http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia>

and select Page 8 from the Journal.

Mac Tonnies  
The Cydonian Imperative

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## Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False Memories

From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymccg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymccg@attcanada.ca)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 19:40:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:04:19 -0400  
Subject: Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False Memories

September 19, 2000

Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False Memories  
By Sandra Blakeslee

<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/09/19/science/19MEMO.html>

Scientists may have found a biological reason to explain why two people who witness the same event will, years later, often have different memories of what happened.

It seems that every time an old memory is pulled into consciousness, the brain takes it apart, updates it and then makes new proteins in the process of putting the memory back into long-term storage. The fact that new proteins are made means that the memory has been transformed permanently to reflect each person's life experiences - not the memory itself.

The finding is based on research involving a specific kind of fear memory in animals, but many experts predict that it may also hold true for other kinds of memories in humans. They also say that the discovery could lead to ways of altering or erasing people's memories.

The research, carried out at the Center for Neural Science at New York University, was described in the Aug. 17 issue of the journal Nature. This is the first good neurobiological explanation of the way memories are updated, said Dr. Daniel Schacter, a Harvard psychology professor and a memory expert. "It's a mistake to think that once you record a memory, it is forever fixed," he said.

Dr. Elizabeth Loftus, a psychologist who studies memory at the University of Washington in Seattle, said: "This is very interesting research. We're on the brink of being able to figure out how you might accomplish something like memory engineering."

It may be possible to erase traumatic memories in people who are plagued by them, she said, and to better understand how false memories are implanted into people's minds when they are given suggestions that they want to believe.

It has been known for at least 100 years that newly formed memories are initially unstable, said Dr. Yadin Dudai, a neurobiologist at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. A bump on the head, an electric shock or certain drugs can disrupt the process that gradually turns short-term memories into long-term memories through the production of new connections and protein synthesis in memory circuits.

In the 1960's, researchers showed that certain drugs could interfere with the recall of memories, he said, but the research did not get very far because the drugs affected the entire brain and could not be traced to cellular mechanisms in memory networks.

Dr. Karim Nader and Dr. Glenn Shafe, research assistant professors at N.Y.U., carried out the new experiments on memory recall in ways that reveal those cellular mechanisms with much

greater precision. In a process called fear conditioning, they simultaneously played a tone and delivered an electric shock to the feet of caged rats. Later, when the rats heard just the tone, they froze; they had learned to be afraid.

Researchers know exactly how and where this fear memory is hardwired in the rat's amygdala, a part of the brain that processes emotions.

If the rat's amygdala is injected with a drug that blocks protein synthesis shortly after fear conditioning, it does not acquire long-term memory of the fear, Dr. Shafe said.

But if the drug is injected six or more hours later, the memory is not blocked; the brain has made new proteins to consolidate and store the memory.

For six hours or so the memory is what scientists term "labile" - open or sensitive to some kind of manipulation. After this period, the memory is firmly in place.

"I was bored with these experiments," Dr. Nader said. "I began thinking, what happens to a memory when you remember it? It would be so cool if it became labile again." He proposed a new experiment: animals would be trained to associate the tone with the electric shock. The researchers would wait a day or more for the fear memory to consolidate. Then they would present the animal with the tone (to retrieve the memory) and a drug that blocks protein synthesis.

"I said the drug would have no effect" on past learning, Dr. Shafe said. If anything, the animal's fear memory should be stronger because the drug could deter the animal from learning that a tone was not necessarily associated with a shock - and that would reinforce the original fear memory. The two scientists bet a cocktail on the outcome. A few weeks later, Dr. Nader won a cosmopolitan.

"My jaw just hit the floor when I saw the result," he said. Instead of freezing at the tone, the rats scarcely reacted. It means memories become labile and open to revision every time they are recalled, Dr. Nader said. And new proteins have to be made before the memories are put back into storage.

Both researchers emphasized that this finding was only a first step in exploring the biology of how the brain consolidates and manipulates memories. It is not known if much older and more established memories are open to editing or if this mechanism is restricted to fear memories alone.

Why evolution would choose a strategy that permits memories to be highly malleable is an interesting question. Memories need to be reliable to guide behavior, but they also need to be open to new information.

In the long run, these findings may be used clinically to erase traumatic memories, Dr. Loftus said. A patient would recall the troubling event and be given a drug or other agent to disrupt the memory from being reconsolidated.

The research also sheds light on false memories, she said. If a recalled memory is open to revision, incorrect as well as correct information can be woven into the fabric of a memory. Once that happens, a person has no way of knowing what is true or not true. Yet people put faith in their memories to guide their decisions, she said.

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## Can You Moo Too?

From: Gary Alevy <[galevy@pipeline.com](mailto:galevy@pipeline.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 20:02:08 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:06:20 -0400  
Subject: Can You Moo Too?

Gentle List Folk,

Here is a genuine scientific factoid, source cited below.

Those following "cattle mutilations" may find the parallels in the genetic map of cows and humans of some interest.

Cattle mutilations began to be reported many years ago. Makes one wonder about the state of knowledge of comparative human and cattle genetics at that time.

There are several hypotheses as to what these mutilations represent list readers will no doubt be aware of claims that they represent alien activity; an alternative hypothesis was proffered by a recent UK documentary shown on American television. The producers of the documentary felt that the mutilations represent a covert US "black operation" which samples cattle in a wide geographic area. The purpose of the operation being the assessment of radiation damage and long term radioactive fallout effects from above ground American nuclear testing which contaminated vast areas of many states with long lived radionuclides i.e. strontium 90 and plutonium which have biological effects. States such as New Mexico and adjacent states as well as others to which radioactive fallout was carried to by the jetstream, New York for example. In the 1950's dairy farms in upstate New York were contaminated with fallout and there were even fallout "rains" in New York City.

Good background books on this issue are:

Under The Cloud: The Decades of Nuclear Testing  
Richard L. Miller  
Paperback - 548 pages (July 1, 1999)  
Two-Sixty Press; ISBN: 1881043053

Has great maps which allow one to examine radioactive fallout contamination in one's own state!

The Plutonium Files : America's Secret Medical Experiments in the Cold War  
by Eileen Welsome  
Hardcover - 580 pages (October 19, 1999)  
Dial Pr; ISBN: 0385314027

If any one has Linda Moulton-Howe's email address pass this press release on to her.

Gary Alevy

Here is the release:

Source: University Of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign  
(<http://www.uiuc.edu/>)

Date: Posted 9/12/2000

Cattle, Human Genomes Contain Many Identical Genes

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. -- The most detailed map ever produced of cattle genes and the first comparison map of cattle and human genomes show that many genes, and even whole chromosomes, are configured in the same way in the two species, scientists report.

"The comparative map has enormous predictive power," said lead researcher Harris Lewin, director of the W.M. Keck Center for Comparative and Functional Genomics at the University of Illinois.

"For the first time, we can move from a point on the human genome to the equivalent point on the cattle genome. That will allow us to use the map of one species to identify genes controlling important traits in the other, such as those influencing lactation, reproduction and resistance to infectious diseases."

The maps appear in the September issue of the journal *Genome Research* by scientists at two universities after a three-year collaboration led by Lewin, a professor of animal sciences, holder of the Gutgsell Endowed Chair and director of the UI Biotechnology Center. Among the major contributors to the research were co-authors Mark R. Band, a postdoctoral research associate; Joshua H. Larson, a graduate student in the UI department of animal sciences; and James E. Womack, the W.P. Luse Endowed Professor at Texas A&M University.

A pullout poster of the comparative map is included in the journal, courtesy of AniGenics Inc., an animal genomics company, and Research Genetics, a major supplier of tools and reagents for genome research and subsidiary of Invitrogen Corp.

The research -- funded by the USDA National Research Initiative -- combined the sequencing of small segments of genes, known as expressed sequence tags, and sophisticated bioinformatics tools developed at the UI with a radiation hybrid cell panel, a unique resource for gene mapping developed by Womack's laboratory.

A total of 1,087 genetic markers were placed on the radiation hybrid map, which includes 768 known genes. About 92 percent of all cattle chromosomal DNA is included on the map. This represents a four-fold increase in the total number of all cattle genes mapped previously, Lewin said.

Among the known genes, 638 (83 percent) could be identified as identical to human genes that also have positional information on human chromosomes, the researchers reported. Knowing the order of the same genes on the chromosomes of humans and cattle permitted the construction of the first "whole-genome comparative map" and revealed large regions of conservation of gene order in the two genomes. An examination of the comparative map revealed up to 149 conserved chromosome segments in humans and cattle, including four whole chromosomes that appear to have the same genes in both species, despite the two species being separated by more than 60 million years of evolution.

Among other firsts in the report were the identification of up to 48 novel genes, predicted mapping of 48 unmapped human genes on the basis of the cattle-map position, and the number of chromosome rearrangements during evolution resulting in the present organization of the cattle and human genomes.

Eventually, Lewin said, the cattle genome will be completely sequenced, ultimately leading to a more detailed picture of the evolutionary events that distinguish the different mammals. "In the end" he said, "we will understand the molecular genetic basis for the major phenotypic differences among the mammals. This will have enormous scientific and practical significance, particularly in the area of food safety, animal health, and the competitiveness of our domestic beef and dairy industries."

Note: This story has been adapted from a news release issued by University Of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign for journalists and other members of the public. If you wish to quote from any part of this story, please credit University Of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign as the original source. You may also wish to include the following link in any citation:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2000/09/000912070337.htm>

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <[clearlight@t-online.de](mailto:clearlight@t-online.de)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:26:39 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:09:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Goldstein

>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:36:25 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:11:05 -0700  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 17:28:37 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>I see nothing ridiculous about a long lived species of aliens  
>>sending scientific probes out which may not return useful data  
>>about other planets for a century or more.

>Hi, Larry!

>I couldn't agree more. A lot of the limitations that science  
>seems to put on the probability of ET life seems to be based on  
>our own limitations in terms of intelligence and general life  
>span. I've always considered most claims of ET contacts and/or  
>sightings were most likely robotic probes. Makes plain sense  
>and, as you suggest, solves a multitude of unanswered questions.

Hi Roger and Larry, the List, and especially EBK,

Just think, If some UFOs were robotic probes and some Earthlings (including CSETI) had limited flashlight communication with them, I hope they had the good sense to be using Morse code. Off in the celestial realms there may be beings doing what NASA does here to ascertain data from remote probes. Morse or any code would aid the process a lot better than random flashes. And, if they flash back the code at us it would be robotic communication, a lot better than the supposed live non-communication between humans and their alleged grey abductors.

There may be several species examining Earth and some may have only advanced to the remote probe stage of interstellar exploration. I'd wager that they are light years ahead of SETI and don't have to decode their signals from far off in space hundreds of years after they are emitted.

I am glad that forms of communication other than radio waves from space are beginning to be analyzed from Earth. In my gut, right or wrong, I have always felt that any civilization more advanced than ours would have moved beyond radio. My gut may be wrong, who knows, there may be alien top 40 rock stations out there.

Josh Goldstein  
The UFO nest

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## Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47Expert@aol.com](mailto:RB47Expert@aol.com)>  
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 21:14:11 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:03:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO'

James,

You are a master of the non-answer. I listed four skeptic factoids about the Rendlesham case and your responses were evasions. You do not provide azimuths to the UFO and the lighthouse to show they were in the same direction in the sky, for example -- you just assert I'm wrong. It's just bald assertion.

My postings:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m12-009.shtml>

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m14-005.shtml>

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m14-025.shtml>

Your response:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m16-008.shtml>

The bottom line is that the lighthouse and the UFO were in different directions and the lighthouse was invisible for almost all of the alleged 2-mile chases of the lighthouse beacon:

### LIGHTHOUSE NOT VISIBLE

1. On the physical impossibility of seeing Orfordness lighthouse's light for about 1.9 miles of the alleged 2.2 mile "chases" of the lighthouse supposedly mistaken as a UFO, your response was a dodge about my supposedly confusing First and Second Night observations. But my postings clearly distinguish the two and clearly state that your position is that both nights involved full 2-mile chases of the Orfordness lighthouse.

In your website "Rendlesham Unravelled" article (<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/rend2.htm>) you claim that "the Orford Ness lighthouse explains most of the light phenomena" seen by Col Halt and company. If "most" of Halt's UFO observations were due to the Orfordness lighthouse that means he must have made his own 2-mile chase of the lighthouse similar to the alleged folly of the first night's group.

In your Aug 25 posting here you state: "So... when Halt and his merry band of men were in the forest, effectively investigating the previous incident and ... in the same place as that deceptive lighthouse beacon, Lt. Bruce Englund spots a small light through the trees... and the rest, as they say, is hysteria."

Do you now agree that Col Halt did not chase a windmill for 2 miles, I mean, a lighthouse?

### UFO & LIGHTHOUSE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

2. You have no response, certainly no numbers, to dispute the fact the UFO and the Orfordness lighthouse were in different directions, separated by at least 20-30 degrees. This is in fact, an understatement, as it only applies to the beginning of the 2-mile chases. At the end the difference in direction would be even greater. If the USAF parties in following the UFO followed the reconstructed path along 122 degs true azimuth, then at the end of that path the Orfordness lighthouse would

be at about 60 degs true azimuth -- or some 60 degrees away from the UFO. If we convert Col Halt's magnetic compass reading at the end, the difference in direction to the UFO and the lighthouse is still about 45 degrees.

I told you in my postings that I measured the approximately 85-degree azimuth to the Orfordness lighthouse from the map on your website -- it applies to the "landing site" (it reduces to about 60 degs as one travels two miles along the 122 heading on Mclean's reconstructed path toward the UFO). You claim you have no idea where I got that figure from, even though I told you (you really need to study your own website more) but you cannot dispute it and have no figure of your own.

#### PIECES FALLING OFF THE UFO

3. Your response to the fact that the Halt tape twice reports that pieces of the UFO were falling off like it was molten material is to deny ever denying it, then change the subject to the "exploding" UFO. But here is what you posted on UpDates on Sept 4:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m04-002.shtml>

>... Halt ... observed, that, "At one point it appeared  
>to throw off glowing particles and then broke into  
>five separate white objects and then disappeared".

>That never happened, as was proven when a copy of  
>Halt's microcassette recording from that night became  
>available.

Here above you make a blanket denial of everything, the "throwing off glowing particles" and the breaking up into 5 white objects. You say flatly it "never happened." And, that's flatly not true, as is proven by the Halt tape, as I've already posted.

So now let's deal with the UFO exploding into 5 white pieces.

The Halt tape transcript on your website reveals(<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/haltpape.htm>):

HALT: We've passed the farmer's house and are crossing the next field and now we have multiple sightings of up to five lights with a similar shape and all but they seem to be steady now rather than a pulsating or glow with a red flash.

Halt is obviously doing a partial retrospective here, by pointing out that previously the UFO had been a "glow with a red flash" but now is a steady grouping of 5 lights. Obviously he inadvertently missed taping the "explosion" or breakup in between which must have been prior to this recorded observation, but he does have the indisputable transformation into 5 evidently white lights, contrary to your claim it "never happened." The tape records everything except the breakup or explosion, but it does have the before and the after so the in-between cannot be denied.

The fact he saw a red light again afterward doesn't negate any of this. His memory years later has "rationalized" some of the multiplicity of events by telescoping multiples into one, which is easier to remember because it is simpler. This is a well-known memory phenomenon and doesn't make him a liar or turn his observations into trash.

Contrary to your Sept 4 posting claiming that "the facts confirm our UFO tales have grown somewhat substantially in the telling," the facts show the reverse -- that the UFO stories in some cases contract rather than grow. Halt for example has apparently collapsed multiple similar events into single events.

#### UFO & LIGHTHOUSE SEEN AT SAME TIME

4. Your response to the fact that Halt and Penniston-Cabansag-Burroughs saw the lighthouse and the UFO at the same time or sequentially and were able to distinguish them is to pretend no skeptic ever denied it. However I quoted skeptic Ian Ridpath denying it -- on your current website (<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/ridpath.txt>) with no annotation or update by you or Ridpath correcting that false claim though you correct or update other matters, contrary to your response.

Brad Sparks

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## Dr. Bruce Maccabee On IRC Chat - 09-22-00

From: **Bobbie Felder** <[jilain@digidezign.com](mailto:jilain@digidezign.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:06:49 -0400  
Subject: Dr. Bruce Maccabee On IRC Chat - 09-22-00

UFO Research List - <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/>

Dr. Maccabee will be the guest speaker for a special question and answer session on the IRC Undernet channel #chariots this coming Friday, September 22, 2000, at 10 PM EDT, 9 PM CDT, 8 PM MDT, 7 PM PDT.

For those who don't already use IRC as a method of real-time communication over the Internet, you can access #chariots by clicking on the link provided on my home page at:

<http://www.jilain.com>

Just remember that on Undernet, a nickname cannot be more than 9 characters, and if a nickname is already in use, you will get a notice to that effect. If that happens, make up another nickname and try again.

We look forward to seeing everyone there for this special program with Dr. Maccabee. He will be answering YOUR questions, so don't blow this chance. Be there!!

Bobbie

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~~~Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers
And things are not what they seem~~~

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Re: ETI Signal From The Pleiades? - Cecchini

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 22:10:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:09:23 -0400
Subject: Re: ETI Signal From The Pleiades? - Cecchini

>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 18:33:13 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: ETI Signal From The Pleiades?

>Below is an article by Jeff Faust that I found in the latest
>issue of Spaceviews which I think will be of special interest to
>readers of this list, particularly the reference to astronomer
>Frank Drake's "hair-raising experience" while doing early radio
>observations of the Pleiades. Anyone know more about this?

You can read more about it in his & Dava Sobel's

Is Anyone Out There?

<http://store.yahoo.com/seti-store/books.html>

From a friend:

>It was more of a thought-provoking incident than a "Wow!"
>signal, as it was terrestrial in origin.

>Besides, the Pleiades are way too young for a
>technical civilization - unless of course there
>was some ETI starship expedition there studying
>the development of very early star systems. :^)

Dr. Drake will also be in Boston in November, if you'd like to
roadtrip and talk to him in person about it.

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Re: A Carpenter Note - Hart

From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 22:31:20 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:12:04 -0400
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Hart

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 18:07:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>MUFON is conducting an investigation. When they have completed
>their investigation, UpDates will be informed of the results.
>Note that in a previous post, it was indicated that Carpenter
>wrote his version of the events surrounding the "What If"
>scenario. It was also indicated (by moi) that this version
>would be published in the MUFON Journal.

>Jim Mortellaro

Jim,

Since no one in MUFON other than the four ethics committee members has actually seen the evidence, the general membership knows next to nothing about the Carpenter case. Even this List has only seen small pieces of the evidence in the form of isolated quotes. If Carpenter is allowed to write an article in the MUFON Journal "explaining" his actions along the lines we have become familiar with, will I be allowed to write an article to be published in the Journal which quotes from several pieces of evidence and shows a scan of Carpenter's business cards?

Considering the serious nature of the charges, this would provide a fair and balanced perspective.

Gary Hart

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NASA's Most Fantastic Proposal

From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcg@attcanada.ca>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 00:33:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:17:00 -0400
Subject: NASA's Most Fantastic Proposal

NASA's Most Fantastic Proposal Self-Replicating Industry on the Moon by 1999.

The classic space exploitation study and P E T I T I O N online.

<http://www.harvest-moon.org/aasm/index.htm>

The Proposal

In 1980, newly elected President Jimmy Carter ordered NASA to prepare a list of potential goals for the space program.

The 386 page book NASA produced is titled: Advanced Automation for Space Missions. (NASA CP-2255)

Costing 11.7 million dollars, the study is a historic document written by the biggest brains at NASA in 1980.

The study made a mind-boggling offer, but it received no press so few people ever heard about it. A Chapter of the National Space Society put the study online in 1998. (links below)

The study proposed a 19 year project to land a 100 ton solar-powered robotic factory on the Moon.

The factory would automatically mine the soil around it, would build a clone of itself in one year, and would keep itself in repair. Each would build a clone the following year, and so on.

The factory population would increase exponentially: population = 2years

In 10 years there would be a thousand clones, in 30 years a billion.

One billion 100-ton factory clones would be less than 1% of 1% of 1% of 1% of the mass of the Moon. They could fit in a single crater on the far side.

At any time, new mechanical designs could be loaded into the factories to produce consumer goods like electric cars, solar cells, appliances, and automated green houses, for delivery to Earth in great numbers.

One billion 100-ton factory clones would produce their own weight of manufactured goods each year: They would produce 100 billion tons of goods annually. At that rate it would take more than 100 years to use-up 1% of 1% of 1% of the Moon.

Industrial pollution would be expelled from Earth, public wealth would be maximized, and the Moon would be almost untouched by it all.

That's a recipe for utopia.

It may sound like fantasy science fiction to you, but that's the technology 1980 NASA offered to develop in 19 years. How many years would it take starting in 2000?

Beyond The Proposal

After the industrial seed was established, we would be able to mass-produce any machines we want for the small cost of designing them. That idea quickly leads to extreme science fiction.

We could design city-sized space stations and have them delivered faster than we could use them. We could live in them, or use them as automated greenhouses.

Ganymede, one of the outer moons of Jupiter, is as massive as Earth and is covered by more than a hundred miles of frozen water.

In one scenario, Ganymede alone would provide enough space-homes for a human population of a thousand trillion wealthy people. They might all be hooked together into a rapid-transit ring orbiting Earth, and might put-off the population crisis for another 1000 years. Then we'd have a super-civilization.

We could even give Mars an ocean and warm it into a second Earth with orbiting mirrors.

After building a self-replicating lunar factory, our imagination is the only limit to what we could accomplish.

Objections

Objection 1: We can't build computers smart enough.

Rebuttal: How smart is plankton?

A plankton cell does the exact same job:
it absorbs minerals and sunlight, and duplicates itself.

Objection 2: Too many scientific breakthroughs are required.

Rebuttal: No scientific breakthroughs are required. We already construct industries on Earth. We only need to replace human muscle with mechanical muscle, so it is a pure engineering challenge.

Objection 3: The needed resources may not be found on the Moon.

Rebuttal: All required resources are present.

Read the study.

Objection 4: It will cost too much.

Rebuttal: To give it 10 times the budget of the Apollo Program would cost less than 1% of the US budget for 10 years. That doesn't seem like too much to spend, considering the payoff.

Objection 5: The moons and planets are too sacred to use that way.

Rebuttal: The use of one outer moon to build space cities would increase life's useable biosphere a million times over. Could dead rocks we can't even see without a telescope be more sacred than expanding the biosphere?

Objection 6: It is against God's will.

Rebuttal: Who says?

God commanded us to be fruitful and multiply, and charged us to keep good stewardship of our planet. Earth is now full of people and sickening with industrial pollution. NASA's proposal is the only way we can continue to obey those commands.

Objection 7: The robots would evolve and exterminate us unless a hero goes back in time and...

Rebuttal: This is not a Hollywood thriller. It is about dumb machines doing a pre-programmed job. They will have no more imagination or ambition than a toaster, and as little chance of spontaneously evolving.

Resources

Read Advanced Automation for Space Missions online.

AASM is well written with many graphs, tables, and figures, and it's not too technical for most people: It was written for Jimmy

Carter and his staff, not Einstein.

The Original Copy

<http://www.islandone.org/MMSG/AASM/>

hosted by Molecular Manufacturing Shortcut Group.

<http://www.islandone.org/MMSG/>

The free Geocities Copy does not use pop-up advertising.

<http://www.geocities.com/moonharvester/>

Buy the study from: National Technical Information Service.

<http://www.ntis.gov/>

--A similar study by Dr. Gerard K. O'Neill at the Space Studies Institute: Alternative Plan for U.S. National Space Program

<http://ssi.org/alt-plan.html>

References

A description of the study is found on one of NASA's web pages. Molecular Nanotechnology in Aerospace: 1999

<http://www.nas.nasa.gov/~globus/papers/NanoSpace1999/paper.html>

Scan that page for "advanced automation for space missions" to find the description.

That was the only page on any NASA web site that had the study's title on it in August 2000. See how many references currently exist on NASA sites.

<http://www.altavista.com/cgi-bin/query?hl=on&q=host%3Agov+and+%22advanced+automation+for+space+missions%22&r=&kl=XX&d0=&d1=&stype=&pg=aq&se:>

The October 1995 issue of Discover Magazine contains an article titled Robot, Build Thyself which includes a brief description of NASA's proposal.

It's in their online archive.

That month's edition was the Special 15th Anniversary Issue titled: Science On The Edge; Seven Ideas That Could Change The World.

"Robot, Build Thyself" was Idea #1.

Knowing that, you will be surprised at how few words were spared on NASA's study. The name of the study isn't even stated, but the year is.

The article focuses instead on a couple of oddball scientists who want to use self-replicating industry in deserts instead of on the Moon. Ignoring the Moon, the author painted the environmental nightmare that would happen if they were used in deserts.

To find the article quickly, Search The Discover Magazine Archive for thyself:

<http://www.discover.com/archive/index.html>

Coincidentally, the NASA Study and Discover Magazine were both born in 1980.

Next time you are at the library, look for a book titled Space, The Next 25 Years. It has a much more detailed description, with some interesting photos.

Apart from the three listed above, official references to AASM's self-replicating lunar factories have not been found.

See 75+ unofficial web references.

<http://www.altavista.com/cgi-bin/query?hl=on&q=%22advanced+automation+for+space+missions%22+and+not+host%3Aislandone+and+not+host%3Ageociti>

Conclusion

NASA spends more than ten million dollars a year striving to simulate a MICROSCOPIC self-replicating factory (nanotechnology) on its fastest supercomputers.

Click this link to visit NASA's nanotech home page.
<http://www.nas.nasa.gov/Groups/SciTech/nano/index.html>

NASA and other computer labs can simulate molecular gears and motors, but as stated bluntly on NASA's nanotechnology home page, nobody knows how to BUILD molecular machines, just how to calculate them.

Would it be easier to build a seed replicator as big as a garage, (AASM) or a million times smaller than a flea? (nanotechnology)

AASM would be far easier to achieve than nanotechnology, yet NASA spends money and promotional energy on a nanotech replicator instead of on the AASM-scale one they proposed first.

For some reason, AASM is so politically incorrect that only one in thousands of people has ever heard of it.

This is the only web site that lobbies for AASM.

If this site ever becomes popular, an official petition will be added to the resources. Until then, consider the survey below to be an unofficial petition.

www.harvest-moon.org

Written by Paul Dennis

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 00:52:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:19:52 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 00:38:21 -0700

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:11:05 -0700
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:36:25 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 04:52:49 -0700
>>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>Larry wrote:

>>I cannot understand how anyone today would posit that to be
>>highly intelligent, a computer must be biological in nature.

>>Every so many months, computers double in power, memory, what
>>have you. That rate of advance cannot go on forever of course,
>>but imagine the automata available to societies thousands or
>>millions of years in advance of Earth!

>>At one time computers were little more than glorified adding
>>machines; huge, inefficient and slow. Perhaps Penrose wrote from
>>that era.

>Unfortunately I somehow mischaracterized what Penrose actually
>said, which is closer to your point: Why couldn't a computer be
>biological in nature? Penrose wrote in 1989, exploring the
>concept of machine consciousness. He backed up his ideas with
>such far ranging topics as chaos theory (still fairly new at the
>time) quantum physics and the physiology of the human brain.

>Roy had written:

>>>How can an object know it is being flashed if there are no
>>>people on board the object to register a signal from a ground
>>>source?

>The word cybernetics, as used today, describes experimental
>techniques of merging the human nervous system with computer
>networks. But, when the term cybernetics was coined in 1948 it
>described information theory, feedback systems, and computer
>control theory. Our best scientific minds have already described
>how an object could "know it was being flashed", the idea of
>machine intelligence being almost as old as the modern era of
>ufology.

>Larry wrote:

>>I find the concept of fully automated probes, extremely
>>intelligent by our standards, to be intriguing. If nothing else,
>>it answers the common objections raised by some, that the
>>lengthy journeys required to study Earth from afar rule out any
>>such devices reaching this planet.

>Roger wrote:

>>I couldn't agree more. A lot of the limitations that science
>>seems to put on the probability of ET life seems to be based on
>>our own limitations in terms of intelligence and general life
>>span. I've always considered most claims of ET contacts and/or
>>sightings were most likely robotic probes. Makes plain sense
>>and, as you suggest, solves a multitude of unanswered questions.

>Agreed, I chimed-in because a lot of the data on UFOs would be
>consistent with these kind of machine controlled devices. I must
>be very out of the loop on some of the latest thinking on the
>subject of ufology, because some of these ideas strike me as
>being very new to the field.

Hello Kurt:

I should add that I didn't intend to rule out organic chemistry
as part of a "cyborg" or artificially intelligent entity. Unless
I am mistaken, it might someday be possible to use organic
chemicals much like those in living creatures to develop
specialized functions otherwise unattainable with standard
electronic type hardware and robotics.

Years ago, I played with a special rubber that expanded on one
axis when an electrical current was sent through it... it was
partially conductive.

Something similar, but a material that contracts instead, would
be analogous to any animal muscle.

A very advanced culture might even capitalize on such technology
to create useful lifelike, uh, constructs which would entirely
blur the line between man and machine!

This is not the "bionic man", a normal human whose damaged
limbs and organs were replaced with high-tech prostheses .. its
just the opposite.

This would be a robot really, stealing pages out of the long
book of biology to make better organic parts!

Again, I'm speculating wildly here.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:05:28 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:22:24 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:26:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:36:25 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:11:05 -0700
>>>Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 17:28:37 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>>I see nothing ridiculous about a long lived species of aliens
>>>sending scientific probes out which may not return useful data
>>>about other planets for a century or more.

>>Hi, Larry!

>>I couldn't agree more. A lot of the limitations that science
>>seems to put on the probability of ET life seems to be based on
>>our own limitations in terms of intelligence and general life
>>span. I've always considered most claims of ET contacts and/or
>>sightings were most likely robotic probes. Makes plain sense
>>and, as you suggest, solves a multitude of unanswered questions.

>Hi Roger and Larry, the List, and especially EBK,

>Just think, If some UFOs were robotic probes and some Earthlings
>(including CSETI) had limited flashlight communication with
>them, I hope they had the good sense to be using Morse code. Off
>in the celestial realms there may be beings doing what NASA does
>here to ascertain data from remote probes. Morse or any code
>would aid the process a lot better than random flashes. And, if
>they flash back the code at us it would be robotic
>communication, a lot better than the supposed live
>non-communication between humans and their alleged grey
>abductors.

>There may be several species examining Earth and some may have
>only advanced to the remote probe stage of interstellar
>exploration. I'd wager that they are light years ahead of SETI
>and don't have to decode their signals from far off in space
>hundreds of years after they are emitted.

>I am glad that forms of communication other than radio waves
>from space are beginning to be analyzed from Earth. In my gut,
>right or wrong, I have always felt that any civilization more
>advanced than ours would have moved beyond radio. My gut may be
>wrong, who knows, there may be alien top 40 rock stations out
>there.

Hello Josh!

Actually, the sort of UFOs/devices or whatever I was suggesting
would not respond at all.

Maybe they might shine a light to see what's flashing at them. Otherwise, having found any sort of "welcoming committee ", I would expect them to depart, as quickly and discreetly as possible.

As for the various codes/languages etc., they have had decades if not centuries to give up a "code book" Apparently, this is just not in the cards, unless one buys into the contactee drivel.

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:15:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:24:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Hatch

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 13:12:04 -0700

>A few weeks ago, Ed Dames appeared on Coast to Coast AM. During
>this program, Dames alleged that he was contacted by the
>Coquille, Oregon Police Department to assist them with their
>investigation into a missing teenage girl.

>Dames said that he had determined through remote viewing on
>15-July-00 that the subject was deceased - this is two weeks
>after the girl has been missing and her shoes are found along a
>road. Tragically, the missing girl's body was found at a later
>date.

>I contacted the Coquille Police Department to inquire about
>Dames' alleged involvement in this case. I received a response
>from Michael Reaves of the Coquille Police Department.
>Mr. Reaves stated in an e-mail, "Our department didn't hire, nor
>officially request assistance from Dames or his company."

>Mr. Reaves further stated that a detective had contacted Dames
>via e-mail once about the case and that this detective did so
>only once and did not do so in an official or department
>sanctioned manner. Mr. Reaves further stated that Dames did
>contact the detective with the results of his remote viewing and
>"the results were far from accurate and the investigator didn't
>bring it up again, until Dames started making public statements
>about our case."

>Ed Dames - caught in yet another long line of lies and endless
>and inaccurate predictions that never come true. Let's not
>forget to thank Mike Siegel for providing the soapbox that many
>of these frauds stand upon...

Hello Royce:

Given the long track record of the Coast to Coast (Bell/Siegel)
soap box, I find this interesting but of course unsurprising.

This is just my personal opinion mind you, but to me, anyone who
appears on that show has by far the burden of proof that they
are somehow not full of BS.

Once in a while somebody interesting does come on, but it really
costs them in a way. How does one maintain credibility, going on
the air nationwide if not worldwide, sandwiched in between
Richard Hoagland and Robert "Ghostwolf" ?

Best

- Larry Hatch

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Project 1947 Roswell Page

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:51:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:54:40 -0400
Subject: Project 1947 Roswell Page

Greetings,

Project 1947, a research project concerned with the 1947 UFO wave, was specifically not designed to look into the Roswell incident. However, we have come across some material that pertains to Roswell. Since we constantly get inquiries asking what if anything we know about the Roswell incident, we have established a Roswell page

<http://www.project1947.com/roswell/index.html>

Comments on both the official search for Roswell records and the Project 1947 records research are discussed here. What records were search, what records were not search, other records that might be of interest or could possibly contain information on Roswell, I have compile a list with comments.

Already we have nearly enough information to do a large follow up article on this subject.

<http://www.project1947.com/roswell/rosearch.htm>

We also have an article from Prof. Charles Moore on radars in New Mexico in 1947 with an assessment of the claims of radar tracking of the Roswell object.

<http://www.project1947.com/roswell/cbmintr.htm>

Comments, corrections, criticisms are, of course, always welcome at:

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Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 11:29:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 13:49:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Salvaille

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 19:24:55 EDT
>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hello Kevin, List,

<snip>

>Serge asked for a single reference in which PTSD [Post-Traumatic
>Stress Disorder] was the result of a fantasy. I supplied four,
>which he rejected, saying that each was the result of men faking
>PTSD. Possibly.

<snip>

I would rather say: convincingly. You make it look like I
rejected your references for subjective motives, which is not
the case at all. The only thing those references had going for
them was their titles, not their content. It would be more
appropriate to rewrite this in the following way:

"I supplied four references which, and I thank Serge for that,
did not involve PTSD as a result of fantasy. They rather
discussed faked PTSD to obtain compensation from government
agencies."

Maybe also:

"He ordered hamburgers, and I came up with whip cream. Sorry."

<snip>

>However, since the syndrome was created based on
>the large number of people claiming horrific combat experiences,
>it would seem that the four references would have answered the
>question.

<snip>

Your choice of words has a tendency to deserve the facts: PTSD
was not created, it was discovered. One creates something that
does not exist, and discovers something that has always been
there but has not been found yet.

PTSD encompasses a series of symptoms which were first
observed on a large number of people who had experienced
horrific combat experiences.

If you still have your doubts, I suggest, Stephen R. Paige (1):

"The recognition by medical authorities of psychological
malfunctioning resulting from trauma can be traced back well
over 200 years (...) It was not until DSMIII (American
Psychiatric Association, 1980) was published, that Posttraumatic
Stress Disorder (PTSD) was clearly delineated as a clinical
syndrome, within the category of anxiety disorders. "

<snip>

>In fact, Donald W. Goodwin and Samuel B. Guze, in
>Psychiatric Diagnosis, wrote, "The decision to award
>compensation was made even more difficult by the almost total
>lack of evidence that 'post-traumatic stress disorder, delayed
>type' exists as a clinical entity."

<snip>

For the benefit of the reader, we will note that "Delayed onset PTSD occurs when symptoms make their appearance six months or longer after the recognizable stressor." (2)

The reality of PTSD delayed type is recognized, among others, by the Industrial Medical Council (IMC) (3), U.S. Government Humanitarian Demining Program (4), and the American Psychiatric Association (5). The later published in 1994 its "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV)" which, incidentally, "has been referred to as the "bible" of psychiatric diagnosis because it provides definitions, symptoms and characteristics for mental disorders that are recognized by clinicians from around the world" (6).

To this date (September 20 2000), The APA still stands behind DSM-IV.

Do you have any clarification for Guze and Goodwin? What does your reference mean exactly? PTSD is not a mental illness? PTSD does not exist? PTSD exists but is not a mental illness? A group of doctors charged to allocate money to people suffering from PTSD got the cold feet and decided to play the read-the-small-print game and to deny PTSD the status of "mental illness" to shave a few dollars?

<snip>

>Peter Brooksmith suggested Janet from 'The Abduction Enigma',
>but Greg Sandow rejected it because it could just be anecdotal.
>Of course one man's anecdote is another man's empiric
>observation.

Anecdotal sleeps in the same bed as bias. Empiric observation implies that the observer will do just that: observe. It also implies that all facts are taken into account.

In view of his late position on PTSD, I cannot credit Peter Brooksmith for any competence in psychology. Can you?

>However, the following reference from the literature should end
>this part of the discussion:

>Kolb, Lawrence C.
>Chapter Title
>Recovery of memory and repressed fantasy in combat-induced
>post-traumatic stress disorder of Vietnam veterans.

>Source
>Pettinati, Helen M. (Ed); et al. (1988). Hypnosis and memory.
>The Guilford clinical and experimental hypnosis series. (pp.
>265-274). New York, NY, USA: Guilford Press. xiii, 301 pp.

>Abstract
>(from the chapter) techniques used/narcosynthesis
>induction/abreaction and the role of the therapist/cases...
>presented herein illustrate the powerful process of repression
>in impairing memory for both intensively charged
>life-threatening incidents in real life and fantasies of
>life-threatening events connected with the emotion of terror
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I thought that my previous posts had established that the titles of references do not always fulfill their promises - as it happens sometimes in the scientific literature. Even abstracts may be misleading (see my example of Loftus & Hoffman, 1989 (7)). What about out-of-context citations? An example:

"I strongly believe that the defenses of this nation--of the entire world--should be mobilized to protect our innocent citizens against these such indignities (...) (It would be far easier to use high-energy lasers to destroy a few ET craft than

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[Journal of Clinical Psychiatry]
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: A Model of the Longitudinal Course and the Role of Risk Factors
Alexander C. McFarlane, M.D.
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To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - KRandle
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 11:29:48 -0400

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 19:24:55 EDT
>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Hello Kevin, List,

<snip>

>Serge asked for a single reference in which PTSD [Post-Traumatic
>Stress Disorder] was the result of a fantasy. I supplied four,
>which he rejected, saying that each was the result of men faking
>PTSD. Possibly.

<snip>

I would rather say: convincingly. You make it look like I

rejected your references for subjective motives, which is not the case at all. The only thing those references had going for them was their titles, not their content. It would be more appropriate to rewrite this in the following way:

"I supplied four references which, and I thank Serge for that, did not involve PTSD as a result of fantasy. They rather discussed faked PTSD to obtain compensation from government agencies."

Maybe also:

"He ordered hamburgers, and I came up with whip cream. Sorry."

<snip>

>However, since the syndrome was created based on
>the large number of people claiming horrific combat experiences,
>it would seem that the four references would have answered the
>question.

<snip>

Your choice of words has a tendency to deserve the facts: PTSD was not created, it was discovered. One creates something that does not exist, and discovers something that has always been there but has not been found yet.

PTSD encompasses a series of symptoms which were first observed on a large number of people who had experienced horrific combat experiences.

If you still have your doubts, I suggest, Stephen R. Paige (1):

"The recognition by medical authorities of psychological malfunctioning resulting from trauma can be traced back well over 200 years (...) It was not until DSMIII (American Psychiatric Association, 1980) was published, that Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was clearly delineated as a clinical syndrome, within the category of anxiety disorders. "

<snip>

>In fact, Donald W. Goodwin and Samuel B. Guze, in
>Psychiatric Diagnosis, wrote, "The decision to award
>compensation was made even more difficult by the almost total
>lack of evidence that 'post-traumatic stress disorder, delayed
>type' exists as a clinical entity."

<snip>

For the benefit of the reader, we will note that "Delayed onset PTSD occurs when symptoms make their appearance six months or longer after the recognizable stressor." (2)

The reality of PTSD delayed type is recognized, among others, by the Industrial Medical Council (IMC) (3), U.S. Government Humanitarian Demining Program (4), and the American Psychiatric Association (5). The later published in 1994 its "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV)" which, incidentally, "has been referred to as the "bible" of psychiatric diagnosis because it provides definitions, symptoms and characteristics for mental disorders that are recognized by clinicians from around the world" (6).

To this date (September 20 2000), The APA still stands behind DSM-IV.

Do you have any clarification for Guze and Goodwin? What does your reference mean exactly? PTSD is not a mental illness? PTSD does not exist? PTSD exists but is not a mental illness? A group of doctors charged to allocate money to people suffering from PTSD got the cold feet and decided to play the read-the-small-print game and to deny PTSD the status of "mental illness" to shave a few dollars?

<snip>

>Peter Brooksmith suggested Janet from 'The Abduction Enigma',
>but Greg Sandow rejected it because it could just be anecdotal.
>Of course one man's anecdote is another man's empiric

>observation.

Anecdotal sleeps in the same bed as bias. Empiric observation implies that the observer will do just that: observe. It also implies that all facts are taken into account.

In view of his late position on PTSD, I cannot credit Peter Brooksmith for any competence in psychology. Can you?

>However, the following reference from the literature should end
>this part of the discussion:

>Kolb, Lawrence C.

>Chapter Title

>Recovery of memory and repressed fantasy in combat-induced
>post-traumatic stress disorder of Vietnam veterans.

>Source

>Pettinati, Helen M. (Ed); et al. (1988). Hypnosis and memory.
>The Guilford clinical and experimental hypnosis series. (pp.
>265-274). New York, NY, USA: Guilford Press. xiii, 301 pp.

>Abstract

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From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:36:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 13:50:33 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:26:39 +0100
>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:09:12 -0400
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Goldstein

Previously, Josh wrote:

>Just think, If some UFOs were robotic probes and some Earthlings
>(including CSETI) had limited flashlight communication with
>them, I hope they had the good sense to be using Morse code.

<snip>

>I am glad that forms of communication other than radio waves
>from space are beginning to be analyzed from Earth. In my gut,
>right or wrong, I have always felt that any civilization more
>advanced than ours would have moved beyond radio. My gut may be
>wrong, who knows, there may be alien top 40 rock stations out
>there.

Hi, Josh!

Without starting a CSETI debate, let me again point out that communication is a two way street. It doesn't matter what form of communication that an advanced race uses to talk to each other, be it thought-beams, laserlight, microwave, sign language, morse code or whatever. What is important is what they decide to use to communicate with US.

Any race advanced enough to travel here or contemplate a visit has GOT to realize that we do not have the means to emulate their technology. Therefore, if they are interested in having a chat, they know they have two choices:

A) Wait until we get smart enough to learn their language (not likely)

or

B) Simply apply our more primitive mode of communication and get on with it

Does this mean that they are beaming RF waves at us from a distance of millions of light years? Of course not! They would no more do that than we would shout in a tribal dialect from the shores of the US hoping that someone in Africa would hear it. We would simply GO there first, then start the conversation in their native language. After a while, the tribe would learn our language, as well.

Ultimately, it doesn't matter if ET's decide to send a probe first or just show up. What is important is to remember that WE are the limiting factor in the whole scheme of things. If ETs want to communicate, they'll have to come here and learn out lingo; short of that, nothing's going to happen.

Roger

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Iridium'S Fall A Mixed Blessing For Astronomers

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Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 11:55:34 -0400
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BY PAUL PARSONS
ASTRONOMY NOW
Posted: September 20, 2000

Motorola intends to deorbit all 66 of the satellites owned by its bankrupt offshoot Iridium LLC, after attempts to find a buyer for the satellite phone company failed. Astronomically, the news is a mixed blessing.

It will certainly be well received by radio observers, who have protested that the transmission frequency of the satellites interferes with the 1612 MHz band, used to study the distribution of OH, the hydroxyl radical. OH is one of the most common interstellar molecules, and enables radio astronomers to investigate the evaporation of comets and the birth and death of stars.

Satellite watchers, however, will be less pleased. The imminent demise of Iridium means an end to the bright spectacle of "Iridium flares". Each satellite has two silver-coated Teflon antennae, angled with respect to its body. The antennae act like giant mirrors, reflecting the Sun's rays down to the ground. An observer in the right place at the right time can see this reflection as the satellite passes over--as a flash, lasting only a few seconds but brighter than Venus.

Work has already begun on deorbiting the satellites. So if you've never seen an Iridium flare before, now is the time to start looking. To find out when the next flare will occur near you, see <http://www.heavens-above.com/>.

The last Iridium satellite should drop from orbit in 2002. But the skies won't be clear for long. Bill Gates' Teledesic network--an armada of 288 communication satellites--is all set to take Iridium's place in 2005.

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Murray

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Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 19:59:26 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Murray

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 14:11:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 00:36:47 -0700

<snip>

>>Roy,

>>If you are asking how intelligently a computing device might
>>behave then you might be interested in "The Emperor's New Mind"
>>by mathematical physicist Roger Penrose. Posing the question,
>>can a computer have a mind, he writes "...is it necessary that
>>the relevant structures be biological in nature (brains), or
>>might minds equally well be associated with pieces of electronic
>>equipment?"

>>He goes on to describe the (Alan) Turing test, proposed in
>>1950, which essentially has a human interrogator trying to
>>decide which of two subjects is a computer and which a human,
>>simply by interacting with them in an impersonal way. If the
>>computer fools the interrogator it might be said to think.

>>Regarding your hypothetical UFO, it wouldn't be too surprising
>>if it behaved intelligently, would it? Even if it didn't get
>>here from there entirely on its own your "unmanned" craft would
>>still have to navigate using some programmed guidance system.
>>Not to say I'm not skeptical, but if it could fly around all by
>>itself its already pretty "smart".

>>To widen the debate... In "UFO-FBI Connection" Bruce Maccabee
>>covers a reported sighting in which a flying disc was seen
>>"...about seventy-five feet above the floor of the canyon and
>>moving up and down as it flew." That sounds like a pretty bumpy
>>ride for the occupants doesn't it? On the other hand, its
>>precisely how you might expect a programmed craft to operate.

>Hello Kurt and Roy

>I cannot understand how anyone today would posit that to be
>highly intelligent, a computer must be biological in nature.

>Every so many months, computers double in power, memory, what
>have you. That rate of advance cannot go on forever of course,
>but imagine the automata available to societies thousands or
>millions of years in advance of Earth!

>At one time computers were little more than glorified adding
>machines; huge, inefficient and slow. Perhaps Penrose wrote from
>that era.

>Later on, it was commonly said that computers would never beat a
>chess-master at chess. That barrier was broken, so the
>nay-sayers simply keep raising the bar. Mine can play music

>while waiting for my next keystroke, and that's considered
>mundane now.

>Frankly, I have no idea what limits there are to such
>technology, and it may well be that self replicating (partly
>biological) memory and processing units will be incorporated in
>the future.

>I find the concept of fully automated probes, extremely
>intelligent by our standards, to be intriguing. If nothing else,
>it answers the common objections raised by some, that the
>lengthy journeys required to study Earth from afar rule out any
>such devices reaching this planet.

>A fleet of such devices, self repairing and perhaps self-
>replicating could study planets at stellar distances, all
>without inconveniencing a single living soul. All of this is
>provided "they" are more patient, or have a longer term outlook
>consistent with longer life-spans.

>Humans usually tend to plan ahead for a few decades at most, the
>term of a mortgage or the useful lifetime of a big dam.

>I see nothing ridiculous about a long lived species of aliens
>sending scientific probes out which may not return useful data
>about other planets for a century or more.

>The time will pass whether they send them or not after all. The
>costs may well be trivial given similar automata doing most of
>the work. Even the tabloid "grey-alien", if any such exist,
>could be an entirely artificial construct.

>Motives? How about simple scientific curiosity? This would
>prohibit significant interference/interaction with the test
>subjects, be they animal, vegetable, mineral or human.

>I have no way to support such speculation, but find it
>intriguing. It might address certain other questions as to the
>nature and behavior of certain UFOs, the ones otherwise hardest
>to explain in prosaic terms.

Howdy Larry!

That little essay of yours is one of the most intelligent and
thoughtful things I've read on this List in a long time! Please
keep up the open mind!

Take care,

Marty

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Time Travel Articles?

From: Mark Hall <capn_black@msn.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 23:36:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:01:40 -0400
Subject: Time Travel Articles?

Hi all,

I wonder if anyone can help me out at all?

At Destination Space, we are collating research for an article on any UFO/alien/contactee incidents that have involved time travel.

Does anyone on the List know of any good cases, or a direction we could go to for information?

Warm regards,

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Arthur Tomlinson Passes On

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Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:13:00 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:09:07 -0400
Subject: Arthur Tomlinson Passes On

I have been informed of some very sad news.

On the evening of Monday September 18th 2000. Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, a well known and respected veteran of British Ufology suffered a massive heart attack and passed away.

I would like to express deepest sympathy to Mr. Tomlinson's family on behalf of myself and many, many others.

Arthur was an extremely ambitious individual who had dedicated most of his life to the investigation of UFOs. Arthur was a firm believer of extraterrestrial intelligence visiting Earth and travelled the length of the country and back many times to educate the public regarding the UFO phenomenon.

Some of you will know Arthur as the Chairman of one of the longest running UFO investigation groups in the country. Arthur's group DIGAP (Direct Investigation Group of Aerial Phenomena) was formed back in 1965.

Those who met him, will remember how friendly and supportive he was to others.

On behalf of all those in MAPIT (Manchester's Association of Paranormal Investigation & Training) we wish Arthur a pleasant journey.

God Speed!

Stephen Mera

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Re: Report: 19th Leeds International UFO Conference

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:46:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:11:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Report: 19th Leeds International UFO Conference

>From: Anthony Chippendale <anthony@ufon.org>
>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>,
>Subject: Report On 19th Leeds International UFO Conference
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 11:37:39 +0100

>Here is my report on last weekend's UFO conference at Leeds
>University in England.

>Anthony Chippendale.
>#####
>19th Leeds International UFO Conference
>15 17 September 2000
>Leeds University, England

<snip>

>Saturday

>Dr. Steven Greer (US)

>Along with Martyn Stubbs & L L Wille, Dr. Steven Greer's
>presentation was one of the best of the whole weekend. Dr. Greer
>is head of CSETI (Centre for Studies of Extraterrestrial
>Intelligence). One of the first things that Dr. Greer said was
>'the only way for humanity to proceed is with peace' and that
>really struck me. That was the essence of his presentation. Did
>you know that since 1950 we have not needed to run cars on
>petrol? A car will run quite happily on plain, ordinary (and to
>a certain extent _free_) tap water! This along with anti-gravity
>and teleportation technology has been suppressed by the
>government. By the 1950s the US government had invested more
>money in anti-gravity research, than they had invested in the
>Manhattan Project. That just shows how much the government knows
>about it.

>Dr. Greer also discussed how in 1993 he briefed the CIA Director
>on UFOs and alien contact and how CSETI are working hard to
>complete 'Project Starlight'; a project to produce a report or
>dossier of hard evidence of aliens, that will be presented to
>governments and military leaders. Their target is to complete
>the project by the end of President Clinton's term in office,
>which ends on 20 January 2001.

>Dr. Greer is a truly remarkable speaker. He put forward his
>views and information in a straight forward, no-nonsense manner;
>however, I am dubious about some of his claims. For example, he
>claims that the 'greys' are being engineered in a lab in New
>Mexico and that he has seen this lab!

<snip>

>Anthony Chippendale,
>The UFO Network (UK),
><http://www.ufonet.org>

What the ****? I've always had second thoughts about Steven
Greer being "our man in Washington". But now I feel queasy if
the above kind of information is propounded by him. These are

the wackiest stories I ever heard out of him. To me he sounds like John Lear 10 years ago.

Is this what Steven Greer really believes? Just what kind of briefings is he having with these high government officials? Did he bring the above information to them? Or could they be doing a "Doty" on him, pumping him for information while feeding him heaps of outrageous disinformation?

Man, there is sure a tremendous strain on the archways of my open mind. I've got to go now and hook up my garden hose to the carburetor on my car.

Josh Goldstein
janitor, the grey lab

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Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Connelly

From: Dwight Connelly <bookdc@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 00:23:19 GMT
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:25:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Connelly

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>To: "02 - UFO UpDates Subscribers";
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Project 1947 Roswell Page
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:54:40 -0400

>From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Project 1947 Roswell Page
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:51:33 -0400

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>what if anything we know about the Roswell incident, we have
>established a Roswell page

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>Comments on both the official search for Roswell records and the
>Project 1947 records research are discussed here. What records
>were search, what records were not search, other records that
>might be of interest or could possibly contain information on
>Roswell, I have compile a list with comments.

>Already we have nearly enough information to do a large follow
>up article on this subject.

><http://www.project1947.com/roswell/rosearch.htm>

>We also have an article from Prof. Charles Moore on radars in
>New Mexico in 1947 with an assessment of the claims of radar
>tracking of the Roswell object.

><http://www.project1947.com/roswell/cbmintro.htm>

>Comments, corrections, criticisms are, of course, always welcome
>at:

>jan@cyberzone.net

>Jan Aldrich
>Project 1947
><http://www.project1947.com/>
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>Canterbury, CT 06331, USA
>(860) 546-9135

Jan,

Is there an article in this for the MUFON Journal?

Dwight

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Re: A Carpenter Note - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:23:35 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:29:11 -0400
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Mortellaro

>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 22:31:20 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Hart

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 18:07:08 EDT
>>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>MUFON is conducting an investigation. When they have completed
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>>wrote his version of the events surrounding the "What If"
>>scenario. It was also indicated (by moi) that this version
>>would be published in the MUFON Journal.

>>Jim Mortellaro

>Jim,

>Since no one in MUFON other than the four ethics committee
>members has actually seen the evidence, the general membership
>knows next to nothing about the Carpenter case. Even this List
>has only seen small pieces of the evidence in the form of
>isolated quotes. If Carpenter is allowed to write an article in
>the MUFON Journal "explaining" his actions along the lines we
>have become familiar with, will I be allowed to write an article
>to be published in the Journal which quotes from several pieces
>of evidence and shows a scan of Carpenter's business cards?

>Considering the serious nature of the charges, this would
>provide a fair and balanced perspective.

>Gary Hart

Gary, Listers and EBK,

I have been told only what I wrote. Allow me to repeat it here
in the event it was not clear before. John Carpenter wanted to
post his side of the story in the MUFON Journal. I was told that
this will happen after MUFON completes it's own internal
investigation. If found to be innocent, I am certain Carpenter
will post his side of the story. If guilty, I do not know what
John will do. If it were me, I would want the opportunity to
post my story. I only know that his request to write his side
was accepted but only after the investigation.

The point I wished to make is that until that investigation
happens, its probably a great idea to stand by and wait for the
results. Anything else is noise, no matter who it comes from at
this point.

Jim

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Re: Time Travel Articles? - Cecchini

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:42:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 21:08:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Time Travel Articles? - Cecchini

>From: Mark Hall <capn_black@msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Time Travel Articles?
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 23:36:08 +0100

>At Destination Space, we are collating research for an article
>on any UFO/alien/contactee incidents that have involved time
>travel.

Betty Andreasson-Luca (Ray Fowler's The Andreasson Affair, et al) claims to have been *shown* the past during her experience.

That's the only one my limited memory can recall at the moment.

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Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 22:09:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 23:33:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Aldrich

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<snip>

>Jan,

>Is there an article in this for the MUFON Journal?

>Dwight

Hi Dwight,

Perhaps, we have some documents that demonstrate how extensive
the GAO and USAF searches were... they were indeed quite large.
However, there are still some likely places to look.

The material at the St. Louis archives is the most interesting.
There are also destruction/transfer certificates on RAAF
records. It is not so much the destruction of records that
seems worrisome, but missing records from such organizations
like AMC.

I now have to agree with Michael Swords and others, AMC, T-3,
Engineering might have 1947 records on UFOs and, of course, if
Roswell records exist, this might be the place.

Regards,

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 23:05:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 23:41:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Gates

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 13:12:04 -0700

>A few weeks ago, Ed Dames appeared on Coast to Coast AM. During
>this program, Dames alleged that he was contacted by the
>Coquille, Oregon Police Department to assist them with their
>investigation into a missing teenage girl.

Its possible that if a K-9 from the Portland PD woofed at
Dames, he could say that he had been contacted.... :)

>Dames said that he had determined through remote viewing on
>15-July-00 that the subject was deceased - this is two weeks
>after the girl has been missing and her shoes are found along a
>road. Tragically, the missing girl's body was found at a later
>date.

>I contacted the Coquille Police Department to inquire about
>Dames' alleged involvement in this case. I received a response
>from Michael Reaves of the Coquille Police Department.
>Mr. Reaves stated in an e-mail, "Our department didn't hire, nor
>officially request assistance from Dames or his company."

>Mr. Reaves further stated that a detective had contacted Dames
>via e-mail once about the case and that this detective did so
>only once and did not do so in an official or department
>sanctioned manner. Mr. Reaves further stated that Dames did
>contact the detective with the results of his remote viewing and
>"the results were far from accurate and the investigator didn't
>bring it up again, until Dames started making public statements
>about our case."

>Ed Dames - caught in yet another long line of lies and endless
>and inaccurate predictions that never come true. Let's not
>forget to thank Mike Siegel for providing the soapbox that many
>of these frauds stand upon...

While I didn't hear that broadcast, one could easily imagine the
following:

The first hour, we have Richard Hoagland with the latest
revelations and pearls from government insiders are are never
wrong, nor have ever told a lie in their life;

2nd hour we have Ed Dames telling us how he rv'ed a dead girl
and was instrumental in assisting the incompetent detectives
with the case;

3rd hour we have Courtney Brown who will update us on the status
of the RV'ed martian coloney living underground in New Mexico
and 4th hour we will have bible theorist Hal Lindsay who
predicted back in the 70s Armageddon would happen no later then
1979, then 80, 84, 88, 92, 98, 99, 2000, 2001; 5th hour will
be.....

People would lap it up as absolute fact, never to be doubted.

And "everybody knows" absolute facts are found on web pages all over the web... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Cecchini

From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 22:31:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 08:48:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Cecchini

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie
>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 13:12:04 -0700

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>and inaccurate predictions that never come true. Let's not
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>of these frauds stand upon...

I remember when he was on a couple of times ago he predicted
that a huge tornado was going to strike Dallas (if I recall
correctly) within a week of the show.

It never happened.

But, then again, I've yet to be impressed by anything any "remote
viewer" has actually ever demonstrated.

RVers/TRVers/CRVers: feel free to go ahead and flame me.

>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:15:13 -0700
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie

>>Hello Royce:

>>Given the long track record of the Coast to Coast (Bell/Siegel)
>>soap box, I find this interesting but of course unsurprising.

>>This is just my personal opinion mind you, but to me, anyone who
>>appears on that show has by far the burden of proof that they
>>are somehow not full of BS.

Not everyone, but most.

Bell, and now Siegel, do attract mainstream "accepted" scientists
from time to time.

...although, I'll be the first to say that I think alot of
"accpeted" scientists *are* indeed "full of BS". e.g. one of
these days I will get through when Michio Kaku is on and -- as
brilliant as the guy is -- rake him through the coals for the
way he presents quantum mechanics.

(if you ever hear a "Ron from Boston" get on, that's most likely
me.)

>>Once in a while somebody interesting does come on, but it really
>>costs them in a way. How does one maintain credibility, going on
>>the air nationwide if not worldwide, sandwiched in between
>>Richard Hoagland and Robert "Ghostwolf" ?

Way true.

I sometimes marvel that Siegel was actually ever a lawyer.

I mean, I know the show has a reputation for "suffering all fools"; i.e. it provides a platform for *everyone*. But I simply cannot fathom how Siegel seems to accept almost everything as true, esp. the BS claims of guys like Hoagland. Where's the skepticism and ability to think logically that he, as a former lawyer, presumably had to once possess? Where the ability to recognize that he's accepting mutually and self-contradictory statements as true?

Speaking of lawyers who demonstrate poor reasoning skills (ooo! this is a Hoaglandesque "Synchronicity!" moment) Peter Gersten was the guest last night.

To make a long story short, Gersten was presenting the story of one Bob Lowrey (I think that was the name), a guy who claims to have some kind of creature in his closet that attacks him in the middle of the night... something like that.

(I kept asking: "Why not call an exterminator...")

Lowrey has a claw, allegedly from the creature, which can be seen on the Coast to Coast site at:

Photo: The Claw Left By Visitors of Gary Lowrey
<http://img.coasttocoastam.com/img/lowrey-claw.jpg>

Anyway, for nearly four hours Gersten wondered why the UFO community kept demonstrating such a lack of interest in this claw and Lowrey's story.

(you see what I'm about to say coming, don't you?)

I tried calling for nearly two hours. I wanted to scream at Gersten:

"What the *HECK* does a one inch long claw have to do with UFOs?!? The only source of 'wonder' around here is that you are wondering why the UFO community isn't interested in this story!"

Alas, I never got through.

Gersten should stick to going after the government. Leave the Chupacabra stuff to the Mexicans.

Hey, it's open lines tonight. I wonder if I'll get through...

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Re: Time Travel Articles? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 21:25:21 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 08:50:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Time Travel Articles? - Tonnies

>From: Mark Hall <capn_black@msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Time Travel Articles?
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 23:36:08 +0100

>At Destination Space, we are collating research for
>an article on any UFO/alien/contactee incidents that have
>involved time travel.

>Does anyone on the List know of any good cases, or a
>direction we could go to for information?

Mark Davenport's "Visitors From Time" is the definitive book on
time-traveling UFOs, in my opinion.

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Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

MTVI: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>

Cydonian Imperative: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

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Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 00:34:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 08:52:45 -0400
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Gates

>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 13:11:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 18:07:08 EDT
>>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 00:58:16 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 20:15:47 -0500
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>From: Gary Hart <geehart@frontiernet.net>
>>>>Subject: A Carpenter Note

>>>>Friends,

>>>>I'm posting this message from Mike Farrell in Australia
>>>>regarding a note he received that was written by John Carpenter.
>>>>I think this is of great interest to the List and I will add
>>>>just a comment or two:

>>><snip>

>>>>And still waiting to hear from MUFON on this one!

>>>The silence from MUFON has been deafening. It was suggested to
>>>me awhile back that the reason MUFON has been silent thus far is
>>>because it has and is a common practice to share data with NIDS
>>>in return for the large amounts of cash/donations/grants or
>>>whatever you want to call it. Supposedly, MUFON has also shared
>>>data and received money.

>>Dear Kind and gentle List Folk... and EBK,

>>MUFON is conducting an investigation. When they have completed
>>their investigation, UpDates will be informed of the results.
>>Note that in a previous post, it was indicated that Carpenter
>>wrote his version of the events surrounding the "What If"
>>scenario. It was also indicated (by moi) that this version
>>would be published in the MUFON Journal.

>>According to this last posting from Robert Gates "Carpenter's
>>version" is that; the reason for the uproar on the Internet is
>>because of people that he "doesn't know" who are trying to
>>discredit his "watchman in the beam of light" video. No mention
>>at all about the sale of the abductee files or the fact that
>>many abductees are outraged about it. I don't think there has
>>been one bloody post written by anyone about his videotape the
>>whole time.

I wasn't the one who posted the "descredit his watchman in the
beam of light video" although I might have been responding to
somebody who did say that.

Cheers ,

Robert

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

From: Kurt Jonach <ewarrior@electricwarrior.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 22:34:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 08:54:53 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 00:52:04 -0700
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hatch

Larry wrote:

>I should add that I didn't intend to rule out organic chemistry
>as part of a "cyborg" or artificially intelligent entity. Unless
>I am mistaken, it might someday be possible to use organic
>chemicals much like those in living creatures to develop
>specialized functions otherwise unattainable with standard
>electronic type hardware and robotics.

>Years ago, I played with a special rubber that expanded on one
>axis when an electrical current was sent through it... it was
>partially conductive.

>Something similar, but a material that contracts instead, would
>be analogous to any animal muscle.

>A very advanced culture might even capitalize on such technology
>to create useful lifelike, uh, constructs which would entirely
>blur the line between man and machine!

>This is not the "bionic man", a normal human whose damaged
>limbs and organs were replaced with high-tech prostheses .. its
>just the opposite.

>This would be a robot really, stealing pages out of the long
>book of biology to make better organic parts!

>Again, I'm speculating wildly here.

Off the cuff, I wouldn't say you were speculating too wildly.

You were correct when you wrote that (Gordon) Moore's law
couldn't go on forever (he expected semiconductor processing
power to double every 18 months). There are practical limits to
the manufacturing process, and costs are staggering. Intel paid
\$5 billion for two plants that fabricate their latest chips.

But, on the horizon is molecular electronics. From what I've
read it might make the kind of things you've speculated about
feasible. Ten years ago critics said moletronics couldn't be
done. Today the biggest problem is molecular wiring.

Kurt Jonach (eWarrior)

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Re: Report: 19th Leeds International UFO

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 01:33:09 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:09:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Report: 19th Leeds International UFO

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:46:23 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Report: 19th Leeds International UFO Conference

>>From: Anthony Chippendale <anthony@ufon.org>
>>To: UFO UpDates <updates@sympatico.ca>,
>>Subject: Report On 19th Leeds International UFO Conference
>>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 11:37:39 +0100

>>Here is my report on last weekend's UFO conference at Leeds
>>University in England.

>>Anthony Chippendale.
>>19th Leeds International UFO Conference
>>15 17 September 2000
>>Leeds University, England

><snip>

>>Saturday

>>Dr. Steven Greer (US)

>>Along with Martyn Stubbs & L L Wille, Dr. Steven Greer's
>>presentation was one of the best of the whole weekend. Dr. Greer
>>is head of CSETI (Centre for Studies of Extraterrestrial
>>Intelligence). One of the first things that Dr. Greer said was
>>'the only way for humanity to proceed is with peace' and that
>>really struck me. That was the essence of his presentation. Did
>>you know that since 1950 we have not needed to run cars on
>>petrol? A car will run quite happily on plain, ordinary (and to
>>a certain extent _free_) tap water! This along with anti-gravity
>>and teleportation technology has been suppressed by the
>>government. By the 1950s the US government had invested more
>>money in anti-gravity research, than they had invested in the
>>Manhattan Project. That just shows how much the government knows
>>about it.

>>Dr. Greer also discussed how in 1993 he briefed the CIA Director
>>on UFOs and alien contact and how CSETI are working hard to
>>complete 'Project Starlight'; a project to produce a report or
>>dossier of hard evidence of aliens, that will be presented to
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>>however, I am dubious about some of his claims. For example, he
>>claims that the 'greys' are being engineered in a lab in New
>>Mexico and that he has seen this lab!

><snip>

>What the ****? I've always had second thoughts about Steven
>Greer being "our man in Washington". But now I feel queasy if
>the above kind of information is propounded by him. These are
>the wackiest stories I ever heard out of him. To me he sounds

>like John Lear 10 years ago.

>Is this what Steven Greer really believes? Just what kind of
>briefings is he having with these high government officials? Did
>he bring the above information to them? Or could they be doing a
>"Doty" on him, pumping him for information while feeding him
>heaps of outrageous disinformation?

>Man, there is sure a tremendous strain on the archways of my
>open mind. I've got to go now and hook up my garden hose to the
>carburetor on my car.

>Josh Goldstein
>janitor, the grey lab

Oh my gosh! Josh!

I first heard of "water for gasoline" when I was a child. The
milkman tried to get a chuckle convincing me (age 6 or so)
that his milk truck ran on water, and that's why it dripped.
Anyone could see that it was just ice melting.

After so much other nonsense from Greer, I suppose I could have
seen something like that coming, but I didn't.

There does seem to be a recognizable progression here however.
First some spokesperson gains a following by making relatively
innocuous claims that differ from the mold. Newsletter
subscriptions, speakers fees etc. finance what becomes a one man
industry of sorts. To keep this all going however, he/she has to
produce greater and greater whoppers.

Eventually, the person loses all credibility with reasonable
observers, and is left with a following of the ignorant, and
that mass of believers who will eat carpet tacks before they
take a bite out of the reality sandwich.

Its happened over and over. I call it BS inflation.

Look at Billy Meier, virtually every contactee in the book and
so on. Can anyone make a list of Richard Hoagland's bizarre
claims? I wonder if Hoagland himself can do that any more.

Enjoy the show!

- Larry Hatch

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The Meier Hoax [was: Adamski Saucer Model Found?]

From: Nathan G. Daniel - Underground Video <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 02:25:15 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:23:11 -0400
Subject: The Meier Hoax [was: Adamski Saucer Model Found?]

>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 14:54:04 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?

>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:39:05 -0700

>>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows@cc.UManitoba.CA>
>>>Subject: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2000 09:51:40 -0500 (CDT)

>>>In my discussions today on IRC, I learned of a series of photos
>>>which (to me) conclusively prove Adamski's saucer photos to be a
>>>hoax. I figured they were, ever since I saw George's books, but
>>>didn't think it would ever be possible to find the original
>>>model.

>>>It seems that a device developed by Townsend Brown to measure
>>>materials' properties in a vacuum contains a piston-like object
>>>that is clearly identical to Adamski's saucer.

>>>The device can be seen at the following:

Friends,

I have never entered an online forum before. Please excuse me if I am doing so now improperly. I couldn't resist making a response when I read Jim Deardorff's statement concerning the authenticity of the Billy Meier case. Readers of the List may wish to consider the following comments and findings.

James Deardorff said:

>There's no need to include Meier in there. Otherwise, you will
>just be asking for a host of e-mails detailing names of
>supporting witnesses and their credibility, photos that can't be
>debunked, false claims made against him, detailed investigations
>of his experiences that cannot be ignored, etc.

Yeah, right...

In 1987, we learned about the Meier case while collecting hundreds of hours of video archives entitled, The UFO Cover Up. The book, Message from the Pleiades, if I remember the title correctly, fascinated me so much I soon I became a Billy Meier supporter. Our company sold several books and videos that contained Meier's material produced by Genesis Publishing. The Meier material was the largest selling series of books and tapes for our small company.

One summer night, I shared UFO concepts with a physicist at Henry Ford's mansion in Pasadena. He explained how much he was interested in the Meier material when Meier's materials were first released. Later, he claimed, he learned the Meier case was a hoax.

I defended Meier's case by parroting the claims of Genesis Publishing who warranted that scientific tests were conducted on Meier's materials and no evidence of a hoax was ever found. I was rapidly insulted a half dozen times for being sucked into a lie and was firmly told that the Meier photos were fake. I kept an open mind and asked to see evidence that proved the Meier photos were hoaxed, but after several requests the scientist never produced a shred of evidence to debunk Meier. I thought I was onto another trail of the UFO Cover Up. The scientist claimed to be connected with Nobel Prize winners, and to be a lecturer at California Institute of Technology. The insults I endured that evening irritated me so much that I made it my mission to prove the Meier case TRUE to skeptics.

Here's what we learned about the Billy Meier materials around 1995:

Recently, Underground Video began an in-depth inquiry into the most publicized UFO case in history. Our investigation first began as a supportive effort to verify the known facts of the Meier case to present the truth of alien-human contact to skeptics.

With the assistance of members from the Hollywood special effects team of the Ultra-Matrix Corporation, we studied the Meier photographs and claims made by Meier's Talmud Jmmanuel, Genesis III Publishing, author Gary Kinder, and Guido Mooseburger of Meier's FIGU cult in Switzerland. After 6 months of intense inquiry, with the assistance of cinematographers, physicists, and computer analysis from Total Research, we found the claims of the representatives of the Meier case to be absolutely untrue. We discovered miniature models and a variety of deceptive methods used to create this hoax.

Underground Video was one of the foremost defenders of the Meier material. We are disappointed to now learn the entire case is a hoax. Representations of any authenticity with regard to this case made by alleged scientific examination has proved to be totally unreliable and misleads the general public into believing a carelessly fabricated lie. The persons who authenticated the Meier case are not credible scientists nor investigators.

Any previous representations of authenticity of the Meier case in the Underground Video catalog should be ignored. Our findings will be presented to the Attorney General of the State of California to see if a consumer fraud case can be instituted against the Meier group in Switzerland. Anyone who has previously purchased any part of the Beamship Trilogy may write Underground Video to be included in a Federal Class Action Suit...

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The above announcement ran with a photograph of one of Meier's beamships in UFO Magazine. The photo was placed at the heading of the announcement with bold words across the corner that read, 'BOGUS!'

Shortly after, we released a video featuring Kal Korff's undercover hidden camera research entitled, The Billy Meier Story: Fact or Fiction. More information on this title can be found at our online catalog:

<http://www.ufocoverup.com>

(Click the link to the online catalog, then click the menu button to The Billy Meier Case. If you want to laugh, click the link on the home page that reads, Dancing Aliens.)

Underground Video contributed three chapters to Mr. Korff's book, Spaceships of the Pleiades: The Billy Meier Story from our own investigation, independent of Mr. Korff's.

Two members of our investigation team were originally Billy Meier supporters. One of the members won an academy award for

cinematic achievement in the motion picture industry.

Unfortunately, we learned the Meier case is a hoax.

To quote Mr. Deardorff:

>There's no need to include Meier in there. Otherwise, you will
>just be asking for a host of e-mails detailing names of
>supporting witnesses and their credibility, photos that can't be
>debunked, false claims made against him, detailed investigations
>of his experiences that cannot be ignored, etc."

Mr. Deardorff, you are grossly mistaken.

Nathan G. Daniel

-- Underground Video

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Faxed Questions To The Croatian Air Force

From: **Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovicc - AGETI** <9a4ag@clarc.org>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 05:36:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:33:38 -0400
Subject: Faxed Questions To The Croatian Air Force

Dear Researchers and List members.

Recently, I have produced big UFO radio show here in Croatia about one case above Pag Island from 1997. During that incident the Unidentified Flying Phenomena has been seen by citizens from Pag and also by police officers. As a radio producer of UFO shows for few years here in Croatia, I have concluded that this time, the special show about Pag incident will be a great opportunity to contact Croatian Air Force and to ask for their official view about that case and UFOs in general. Even more, I have send them a request about COMETA, French UFO study, asking them to take official stand on COMETA. In the text below, I am presenting a FAX message that I sent them on 6 September 2000. After that you will find their official answer:

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Receiver:
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
REPUBLIC CROATIA
Office of Public Relations
01/4551-516

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL STAND OF THE HRZ (CROATIAN AIR FORCE)

Dear Title,

Boris Gnjdicc and I [Giuliano Marinkovicc] are contacting you because "Natporuchnik" [rank under Captain] Franjo Ivicc from the Public Relations unit of the Croatian Air Force has directed us, to your office.

Our radio station Donat-Fm has decided to dedicate a show about Strange Phenomena in the Sky [UFP - Unidentified Flying Phenomena by classification] on the 12 September 2000. This show will be based on the UFP sighted and witnessed above Pag Island on the 13 December 1997, by various citizens of the Island and also by Police officers from the 7th Police Station.

We are hoping with this request, to receive your help and co-operation so we may better present the whole controversy surrounding this case, plus the chronology of events, to our listeners and the general public.

So, we need to know what the official stand of the Croatian Air Force is on the points below:

1. Does the Croatian Air Force have any knowledge, of reports from their Air monitoring/coordinating systems, concerning big formations or/and groups of airplanes (4- 6) on the 13 December from 19:00 hours to 22:00 hours? The Region we are particularly interested in, is the widest area of sea between Pag Island and the city of Zadar. If the Croatian Air Force does not have any knowlegde, concerning a fly over by groups of airplanes, over that particular area, does it then have knowledge of any type of

airplane, object or phenomena monitored at that time and place?

2. What is the official stand of the Croatian Air Force towards the UFO phenomena [Unidentified Flying Objects] and the comments made, on the historical fact, that research of this phenomena has been going on in military departments of many countries from the 1950's, for example the most famous project, is the American Air Force - BLUE BOOK? Does the Croatian Air Force have any knowledge of similar projects which may have been active in the previous administration inside JNA ? [JNA = Yugoslav National Army - Croatia had been until 1990 part of Yugoslavia, after that gained her independence and now has its own army and air force].

3. Does the Croatian Air Force have an official stand on the recently released study by the French Army - COMETA Report - July 1999, which has been signed by French Generals, high ranking officers of the French Army together with scientists. In this study the team concluded that the UFO is a real phenomena and that the best hypothesis to explain it, is the one which refers towards extra-terrestrial craft and their physical impact, on the surroundings and military equipment (radar detections, power cuts, traces on the ground etc)? A large article about this study has been recently published in the American mainstream paper THE BOSTON GLOBE where journalist Leslie Kean writes about military implications of this study. The wider version of this article has been published also in the Irish Independent newspaper, and the same can be found at Internet Web address which is:

<http://www.independent.ie/2000/178/d14c.shtml>

Our wish is to have a telephone guest, possibly from the Croatian Air Force - Public Relations office who is able to respond to and give answers to these questions. The timeline for when our show will be broadcasted is 12 September 2000, approx. 22 hours. We are able to set up a telephone conversation at a time you find convenient, record it and re-broadcast later during our show. If that is unsuitable or is not possible, please inform us, so we could agree on the reception of your official stand via a FAX message (in written form).

Please reply to this request by Monday 11 September 2000 so in that way we can generate the structure of our show in real time. If you are unable answer at this request, then please send us your official answer and reasons why it is not possible.

Please contact us at the following numbers:

Telephone: 023/313-522
023/313-213
Fax: 023/313-904

Ask for Boris Gnjidicc or Giuliano Marinkovicc. If we are not available at the moment, please leave a message or you can try to contact us at the home number of Giuliano Marinkovicc which is 023/430-970)

Best regards:

Giuliano Marinkovicc
Show Editor
Radio station DONAT-FM
Obala Kneza Branimira,12
23000 Zadar
Croatia

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On Monday, 11 September 2000, we received the following FAX message from the Croatian Air Force for our radio station:

11/09 '00 13:21 385 48 61 151 Z HRZ1PZO O0J1I 001

[COAT OF ARMS]
REPUBLIC CROATIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
ZAGREB

HEADQUARTERS OF THE CROATIAN AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENCE

Zagreb, September 11. 2000.
Radio "DONAT-FM"
Zadar

Dear Mr Marinkovicc

We are honoured with your request concerning our participation in your show, on strange phenomena in the sky. Unfortunately it is not possible to insure a personal appearance, of a Public Relations representative of the Croatian Air Force and Air Defence to speak in your show, but we are hoping that this memo will answer all your questions in a satisfactory way.

With a wish to answer your questions constructively, we are stating this: that the role and mission of the Headquarters and formations of Croatian Air Force and Air Defence, have precise definitions and they are constructed from control (monitoring) of the air space above and near state territory of the Republic of Croatia. In that sense, every un-announced flight or appearance of any object in the air space over the Republic of Croatia is the subject of interest and certain actions of the Croatian Air Force units. So, Croatian Air Force interests are based only on those "air" phenomena which can be detected with our systems of monitoring and if the nature of them is representating threat to our air space, there are powers and measures which the Air Force uses for that kind of threat.

Croatian Air Force's job is also composed of: keeping in fight readiness, extinguishing fires, transport of the sick, injured people and re-organization. There is not a single person or body which has been set up with the mission to research sky phenomena on the theory- scientific level.

We understand your curiosity about our knowledge and operational possibilities and the radar system characteristic of formations from Air Monitoring and Coordinations, but there are interests from someone else too, so please accept our decision why we are unable to answer those kind of questions.

In the ten years that we have existed, pilots and flyings crews have not reported encounters or sightings of the sky phenomena [UFO] and if it was to ever happen there is no reason why the general public wouldn't know about it. When it was still the Yugoslav Air Force, there were known cases when fighters-interceptors had been scrambled at objects which had been spotted from ground observers, but later it was concluded, that it was nothing more than clouds or meterological balloons which are released in great numbers daily, into the atmosphere world wide and because of the reflections from the light, sun and altitude it is hard for the ground observers to judge correctly, so those objects get a UFO classification.

We wish you success in your work! Regards,

[STAMP]
REPUBLIC CROATIA
HEADQUATERS OF THE CROATIAN AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENCE
ZAGREB
[COAT OF ARMS]
1 star General
JOSIP VULETICC

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My comments on the FAX from Croatian Air Force:

Boris Gnjidicc and myself have been aware of how hard it was for them to directly answer our three concrete points. Being an ex-Air Force community person myself, who later in his civilian life has conducted UFO investigations with pilots and radio air controllers, I can raise many remarks about the official stand taken in the last part of their FAX. Although there was scrambling of airplanes-interceptors on wrong identified light phenomena, there was also military incidents with something "unusual". These cases are astonishing, from radar detections, to cat and mouse games with something "STRANGE".

Concerning an official answer on the the French COMETA report, the question was obviously ignored but looking at that question from their internal point of view, we understood how hard it was for them to give any concrete answer.

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Re: Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False

From: **Melanie Mecca** <natural.state@erols.com>
Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:04:38 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:36:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False

>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 19:40:14 -0400
>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcbg@attcanada.ca>
>To: UFO UpDates - <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False Memories

<snip>

>"I was bored with these experiments," Dr. Nader said. "I began
>thinking, what happens to a memory when you remember it? It
>would be so cool if it became labile again." He proposed a new
>experiment: animals would be trained to associate the tone with
>the electric shock. The researchers would wait a day or more for
>the fear memory to consolidate. Then they would present the
>animal with the tone (to retrieve the memory) and a drug that
>blocks protein synthesis.

<snip>

He was bored with shocking and injecting rats in old ways, so
thought he should find new ways to torture them. I'm just
flagging this in the hope that it will cause an instant of
reflection about what we do in the name of science. One instant
of rat-empathy during the shock, he'd probably never do it
again.

Melanie Mecca

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'Angel Hair'?

From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymccg@attcanada.ca>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:38:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 10:17:06 -0400
Subject: 'Angel Hair'?

Source: Rusty's Retreat

http://www.homestead.com/rustys_retreat/spiderstuff.html

The pictures are interesting.

September 20, 2000

This is a special page I made so I could show you what I woke up to this morning. First though I must tell you exactly the events as they happened as I remember them.

Last night at about 7:00 PM, I heard a loud "Droning" sound, like a large airplane. I went out to look to see if I could see it, but I could not see it. The droning sound lasted about an hour.

This morning when I got up, my yard was full of these "spider-web"stuff. Don't know exactly how to describe them other than that they looked like spider webs but at the same time they were not your usual "circular" webs.

These as you will see were somewhat different.

I immediately got the camera out and took about a dozen pictures. I had my husband go to town to buy some rubber gloves so we could get some samples.

On his way in, there were a few spots he could see on the way in to town which was 7 miles, but nothing as heavy as what was in my yard.

The first sample he tried to get with the gloves on turned to a goo-like substance as soon as he touched it.

We put the samples on a piece of paper towel and put the gloves in with it in a plastic bag.

I went to town to the One hour photo place and got the photos developed.

I have lived here in Romney, West Virginia for 6 years and I have never seen anything like this. If anyone has seen this also I will be most interested.

I am going to try to find a lab that will analyze this stuff for me.

Please email me if you have ever seen anything like this, or know of a lab that will analyze it.

Below are the photos I took.

[11 Photographs]

If Anyone has any idea of what this stuff is please let me know. Any feedback will be most appreciated.

'Angel Hair'?

Thank you

Rusty <rusty@mountain.net>

[The pictures _are_ interesting. --ebk]

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From: John Hayes <webmaster@ufoinfo.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 10:31:42 -0400
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 38

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<Masinaigan@aol.com>
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UFO ROUNDUP
Volume 5, Number 38
September 21, 2000
Editor: Joseph Trainor

VIRGIN MARY APPEARS AT A MONASTERY IN EGYPT

"Curiosity and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary have brought Christians and Muslims together in the city of Aslut, where she regularly appears at the Coptic Church of St. Mark."

Since August 1, thousands of pilgrims, Christians and Muslims alike, have gone to the monastery, located 12 kilometers (7 miles) south of Aslut, to see the nightly apparitions of the former Miriam bat-Joachim. Aslut is about 600 kilometers (360 miles) south of Cairo.

(Editor's Note: Miriam is also venerated by Muslims as a prophetess and is mentioned often in al-Quran or the Koran.)

"The apparition constitutes a message of peace and hope following the upheavals throughout the region in recent years. The Virgin has managed to bring everyone together in a single heart," said Father Jacob Suleiman of the Aslut bishopric in Upper Egypt."

"With an approximate population of 64 million, Egypt is 20 percent Christian, largely belonging to the Coptic Church while the number of (Roman) Catholics is estimated at 300,000."

Father Suleiman, said "We have had no trouble of any kind" with "the thousands of Christians and Muslims who have come to seek a blessing, some in the hope of being cured of serious illnesses."

The apparitions began on August 1, the start of an annual festival in Upper Egypt honoring the Holy Family. The monastery is located on a hilltop some 12 kilometers from the city of Aslut. "From this date onward, many people have reported seeing spiritual beings resembling white pigeons (doves?--J.Y.) flying around the church belfry and around the dome, along with (anomalous) lights and flashes," added Father Suleiman.

"The (Coptic_ bishopric did not confirm the apparition until August 17 (2000) when an official delegation went to the church and saw the apparition."

"It is a light which forms the image of the Virgin Mary and which hovers between the church's twin spires, giving a blessing with her hands," he added.

"Apparitions of the Virgin Mary have been regularly reported in Egypt since 1968 when she was seen at a church in Zeitoun near Cairo. Then-president Gamal Abdel Basser visited the church to

see it." (See the EFE Spanish news agency report for September 9, 1000. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbiggen Mexico para esas noticias.)

(Editor's Comment: Miriam and her family reportedly lived in Upper Egypt when they were on the dodge from Herod and the kosherites.

Butch: The next time I say let's go someplace like Bolivia, let's go someplace like Bolivia!

Sundance: Next time."

Miriam: I still say you guys would be better off in Egypt.)

CHUPACABRA KILLS DUCKS AND GEESE IN CHILE

After lying low for several weeks, the Chupacabra has struck again in Chile, killing five ducks and three geese at a home in La Florida.

"The Chupacabra went out for the feathery kind (of prey--S.C.) and feasted on five ducks ...in the early morning hours" of Wednesday, September 13, 2000, at a henhouse at Avenida Las Perrices in the barrio Las Catas (neighborhood) in La Florida.

Its arrival in La Florida, is just the latest in a string of Chupacabra sightings in Chile. According to the newspaper, La Cuarta, the Chupacabra has also been seen recently in Capiapi, Szan Vicente de Tagua Tagua, Panquehe, Las Cabras, Roquenua and Peumo."

These communities have reported "the strange creature that leaves no trace of any footprints and is more like a ghost or a creature of the Devil himself."

"The home where the incident occurred is owned by an out-of-town family, but there are two live-in caretakers on the property, Sra, Alicia Becker Quezada and her husband, Francisco Eduardo Vilagros.

"With a timorous voice, Dona Alicia explained that there were three geese in the enclosure which are not known for their silence when something odd is afoot."

"'Imagine~ Geese holler (quite a bit--S.C.) and that night I don't think it was the heavy rain that kept me from hearing their honking. We were most surprised in the morning,' she said, adding that the feathered victims' legs were all pointed upward, were bloodless, and none of them had any signs of violence upon their bodies except for small, curious punctures, all of them situated in the neck and chest.

"The henhouse also has chickens, bantam roosters, cornish hens and a dog," who was found huddled in a corner. "The hens appeared to have escaped because, fluttering like dragonflies, they sheltered themselves among the roof beams."

"Dona Alicia says she still cannot explain what happened. Consulted on the Chupacabra matter, she stated that, judging from what she had seen on TV, the killings appeared to be the work of some kind of creature" that "passed through the wire without leaving a crack."

Francisco Eduardo Vilagros "stated that he was left speechless and couldn't believe his eyes."

The owner of the property came as soon as Vilagros telephoned her. The Carabineros (Chile's national police--J.T.) also examined the crime scene "but found no footprints" or any other trace of an intruder. (See the newspaper La Cuarta for September 14, 2000, "Chupacabra kills three geese and five ducks in La Florida." Otra vez, muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para eso articulo de diario.)

CHUPACABRA SLAYS SEVEN GOATS IN NICARAGUA

Chupacabra struck again last week in Nicaragua, killing seven

goats on a farm in Limon.

On Monday, September 11, 2000, Canal (Channel) 7 TV in Managua aired video footage of the slain seven goats, which local residents said were killed "by a strange animal which many consider to be the Chupacabra."

"The goats presented cuts measuring 2 centimeters (0.8 inches--J.T.) on different parts of the body through which the blood was extracted."

"According to many sources, the Chupacabra is responsible for serial attacks in a number of Central American and Caribbean nations." The attack took place on a farm approximately 164 kilometers (92 miles) from Managua, the national capital. (See the news broadcast for Radioprogramas del Peru for September `1, 1000. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para esas noticias.)

BLACK HELICOPTERS AND UFOs SEEN JUST WEST OF SAN JOSE

Two black helicopters and six daylight disc UFOs were sighted just west of San Jose, California (population 350,000) on Friday, September 15, 2000.

At 2 p.m., eyewitness James W. was having lunch at a Taco Bell and afterward decided to "take my dog to the park/ schoolyard in Sunnyvale. I was there for about 45 minutes. It was a clear sky, sunshine with no clouds."

"While sitting on a bench, I saw a large military gunship helicopter (type unknown to the witness--J.T.) fly low overhead. About eight minutes later, I saw the same helicopter I saw before, or another just like it. They were coming right towards me. This was sometime between 2:30 and 3:45 p.m."

"Then I went to a friend's industrial shop in (nearby) Santa Clara to see if the delivery truck had returned from a pickup. It wasn't there yet, so I drove over to Sam Jose International Airport to kill some time. I was watching the (commercial) jets take off from the west side of the airport. That's when I saw three UFOs" in formation "and three more UFOs moving together a few thousand feet below."

"They were too far away" for James to see them clearly, "but they looked white, and they were all of the same size. They were between the airport and downtown San Jose. They were pretty much above the flight paths of the jets (about 16,000 to 20,000 feet or 4,500 to 6,000 meters--J.T.) and too far away to cause them any problems. The bottom row (of UFOs) was about 4,000 feet (1,200 meters) beneath the top row."

"They departed to the north-northeast. They looked white but not very long. Still too far away for me to clearly make them out."

San Jose is 116 miles (185 kilometers) south- southeast of San Francisco. (Email Form Report)

ANOTHER UFO SIGHTED IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, UK

Early Sunday morning, September 10, 1000, another glowing UFO was sighted in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, UK, the site of three recent UFO sightings.

"Leslie Thomas, 74, of Deanfield Close,, Marlow noticed a cluster of mysterious moving lights from his back garden last week."

"Mr. Thomas was letting his dog out at around 2"40 a.m. last Sunday when he saw the circle of white lights which he first thought were fireworks."

"He explained, 'On Saturday night, some people close by were shooting off a fireworks display. I watched the white lights in the sky, and I thought to myself, God, are they still letting off rockets at this time of the morning!?'"

"Mr. Thomas, who has canaries and finches in his garden, stated, 'As I watched the lights, they started to move slowly northeast until I lost sight of them.'"

"I was waiting for them to vanish but they remained. I just wonder if anyone else saw them."

"I am still trying to figure out what those lights were. There was no sound at all. It was all quite weird, really."

Marlow, South Bucks. is about 35 miles (56 kilometers) west of London. (See This Is Buckinghamshire for September 13, 2000, "Fourth UFO sighting reported." Many thanks to Louise A. Lowry for forwarding this article.)

YOUNG MOTHER SPOTS A HOVERING UFO IN QUEBEC

On Thursday, September 14, 2000, at 4:10 a.m., Mrs. Flaurie B. was asleep in her home in the Magdalen Islands of Quebec, Canada, when she heard her young daughter's voice.

"At 4:10 a.m., my daughter woke up and asked for juice, so I went downstairs to get her some," she reported. Looking out the window, "I watched what I thought was an over-large star. It was bright yellow like a star but much longer. I was about to turn away when I saw red and blue lights start to pulse, and all of a sudden I was filled with fear. I don't know why."

Flaurie described the object as "shaped like a backward check-mark (comma--J.T.) The back had flashing red and blue lights and the base had a bright yellow light. I'm not sure about the height (altitude--J.T.) but it wasn't up very high and its speed was unbelievably fast."

"It seemed to be pretty still for about 10 minutes. There was a light around it, and a bright light on the ground beneath the object. It was as if there was something glowing beneath it."

Flaurie "then went upstairs to bring my daughter her juice," but when she "returned to the window, the object was gone." (Email Form Report)

LARGE DARK SAUCER FLIES OVER A CITY IN TURKEY

On Sunday, September 10, 2000, at 9:41 p.m., Salih Y. and his friends were outdoors in the city of Corum in northern Turkey when one of them saw something dark moving on the southern horizon.

"It was a very large disc. It caused a lot of excitement," Salih reported. It was black and moved relatively fast," heading due north.

The other witnesses estimated that the object was a gigantic disc or saucer, running without lights, and measuring from 75 to 100 meters (247 to 330 feet) in diameter.

"It was flying from south to north over the city," he reported, adding that the his companions described it as "a great black thing" and "a disc shape with no lights."

"It was in view for about 30 seconds."

Corum is located about 200 kilometers (120 miles) northeast of Ankara, the national capital. (Email Form Report)

(Editor's Comment: Looks like the saucer was headed for Sinop, the Turkish port on the Black Sea where the antediluvian civilization was discovered last week. See the following story for more. Perhaps the aliens are rushing to remove any trace of their presence in the ruins before Erich von Daniken can get there.)

PREHISTORIC SUNKEN CITY MAY BE LINKED TO NOAH'S FLOOD

"Famed explorer Robert Ballard has discovered the remains of 7,000-year-old civilization that existed on the Turkish coast of the Black Sea before the region was inundated by a flood that archaeologists say might be the one associated with the biblical story of Noah's Ark."

"The pre-flood civilization resided around a large freshwater lake in a river valley."

"Ballard's expedition, which was launched from Sinop, Turkey nearly two weeks ago, discovered a collapsed 'wattle and daub' building (a mixture of clay, rods and twigs 12 feet by 45 feet (4 meters by 24 meters) and a number of stone tools. The structure was found 12 miles (19 kilometers) from the present-day Turkish coast buried beneath 311 feet (92 meters) of water. The explorers say there might be many more such structures in the area."

"Experts say the discovery will force scholars to rewrite the history of ancient civilizations."

"'These people obviously had to run for it, and as a result left their history behind and intact,' Ballard said via satellite phone from the Northern Horizon research vessel in the Black Sea 'This is a time capsule that carried is back to the period before the flood.'"

"Previous research by a team of scientists at New York's Columbia University found evidence that before 7,000 years ago the Black Sea was a freshwater lake. The area was protected from the Mediterranean Sea by a narrow land bridge. As sea levels rose because of the melting of (Pleistocene Era) glaciers from the last ice age, pressure built on the land bridge. It ruptured and sent the Mediterranean cascading into what might have been a fertile river valley supporting a large population."

"Last year that research was confirmed by another Ballard expedition that found freshwater sea shells along an ancient shoreline beneath the Black Sea. Those shells were dated to 15,000 to 7,000 years ago."

"The next phase of the expedition is to look for other buildings in the ancient river valley where the first one was found. The group expects to find perhaps dozens more."

"As Friedrik Heibert, expedition archaeologist from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia says, 'We are having the first look at an entire new territory and civilization.'" (See USA Today for September 13, 2000, "Evidence possibly tied to biblical flood found in sea," page 4A. (Editor's Note: Sinop is about 250 kilometers (150 miles) north of Corum, where the giant saucer was sighted on Sunday, September 10, 2000.)

TWO MORE CROP CIRCLES FOUND IN SASKATCHEWAN

On Tuesday, September 12, 2000, a farmer combining a wheat field "in a relatively remote area" south of Viscount, Saskatchewan, Canada discovered two large crop circles.

"The two circles were 40 and 43 feet (12 and 13 meters) in diameter, about 100 feet (30 meters) apart. The farmer found them September 12 while combining his field. He reports no tracks when (the circles) were first found and a very neat lay, with plants pressed down fairly hard to the ground but not damaged."

"The circles are located well into the field with nearby roads. Two similar circles were found in Viscount last year and also in Rocanville, Sask. in 1996." (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of Circles Phenomenon Research-Canada for this report.)

CHEMTRAILS SEEN IN OTTAWA

On Saturday, September 9, 2000, in the early afternoon, Catherine G. was "looking out my office window in Ottawa," the capital of Canada, "which overlooks the Ottawa River and Parliament Hill. I was watching a plane high up in the sky. The plane flew across the sky very high, laying down chemtrails."

Catherine added, "The sky was perfectly clear, and it had the kind of (blue) sky people seem to be reporting, and the plane was all over the sky creating chemtrails."

She described them as similar to the billowing, long-lasting contrails seen in other such incidents." (Email Form Report)

NINE SORCERERS ARRESTED IN NORTHERN MEXICO

"A group of people--practitioners of Santeria--were detained by the Escobedo police yesterday (Monday, September 11, 2000) when caught unawares engaging in animal sacrifices in an empty lot."

"The event took place shortly after 10 a.m. in an uninhabited district" of Escobedo, a small city in Coahuila state near Monterrey, "located 800 meters (2,640 feet) from the firehouse of the barrio Bosques de Escobedo (neighborhood)."

"Miguel Angel Lozano Rodriguez, (municipal) secretary of Public Safety and Transportation reported that the detention of the nine individuals came about as a result of calls placed by residents of the two neighborhoods. He added that the complainants stated that several persons would enter into the empty lot to engage in illegal satanic rituals in which animals were being sacrificed and that participants stripped naked, all of this amid screams of terror that pierced the complainants' ears."

"Some 15 days ago, the residents of the Hacienda los Ayala and the Bosques de Escobedo advised us that a group of people were getting together to perform strange or satanic rituals in the uninhabited area. They told us the animals were being sacrificed and that the participants were stripped naked. We caught them as the ritual was in full progress."

Arrested in the raid were Elizabeth Cuellar Alvares, 30; Laurentina Diaz Reyes, 32; Mario Baez Diaz, 51; Rafael Carvajal Martinez, 42; Cinthia Josefina Tello de Lopez, 23; Aracella Alanis Torres, 23; Mario Alberto Lopez Rivera, 29; Juan Gerardo Gonzalez Alvarado, 42; and Florencio Carvajal Martinez, 42.

"They were found standing beside a circle drawn with whitewash and sugar enclosing a triangle where they also had birds, toads, eggs and herbs," which Sra. Cuellar Alvarez reportedly told her "patients" would heal their illnesses. (See the newspaper El Norte of Monterrey, Mexico for September 12, 2000, "Nine detained in ritual." Otra vez, muchas gracias a Scott Corrales para eso articulo de diario.)

(Editor's Comment: What a strange world we live in-- a world where technological marvels like the shuttle Atlantis and the International Space Station coexist with millenia-old sorcery.)

from the UFO Files...

1954: SAUCER FLIES ACROSS THE SAHARA DESERT

On Saturday, September 15, 1954, at around 7 p.m., M. Guitta steered his Renault into a roadside gas (petrol in UK--J.T.) station. It was early evening, and the last glimmers of sunset illuminated Morocco's Atlantic coast. Guitta had been in Rabat all day, and now he wanted to get home to Casablanca before midnight.

After filling the gas tank, Guitta drove back onto the coastal highway. He drove past the spacious, now-deserted beaches of Ech Chiana and Skhirate. The Renault's tires rumbled as he went over the Wadi Charrat bridge. Then he saw the lights of Bouznika passing by on his left.

At 8:15 p.m., Guitta was speeding down that long vacant stretch of highway between Bouznika and the Wadi Mafifik bridge. "Suddenly, he saw in his rear mirror something gray, diving down toward him. He gripped the steering wheel more tightly and ducked instinctively, and a few seconds later, the gray thing passed him on the left at ground level and at terrific speed."

"The passing of the object was followed by a violent gust of cold air, which, despite M. Guitta's effort to hold the wheel steady, carried a strong suction and pulled the car to the left."

Brakes squealed as the Renault skidded across the centerline. The Renault came to a bumpy stop on the highway's sandy

shoulder.

"There was no noise. M. Guitta caught a seconds-long glimpse of the object disappearing on the (southeast) horizon in front of him. It looked like a small gray disk."

Guitta stumbled out of the driver's side door, surprised to find the weird chill still in the air. Then he grimaced at the sight of the Renault's flat tires and got out the jack.

Fifteen minutes later, and 3,200 kilometers (2,000 miles) to the south, a group of emigres (settlers--J.T.) gathered for cocktails in the courtyard of the Residency in Danane, a town in French West Africa (now the northwest corner of the modern Ivory Coast--J.T.) Among the partygoers were the Danane police chief and his wife, Dr. Roux of the local medical station, and Father Meybard of the Lyin Mission,

"A few hundred yards away were Dr. Mariani, head of the Trypanosomiasis Section No. 13, M. Sory Diallo, agent for the , a police assistant, and a Mme. Bois."

"A luminous red object, either circular or elliptical, according to different witnesses, was sighted in the sky over Danane at 8:30 p.m....The object remained motionless until 9:05 p.m., its silhouette shining out against the black but clear evening sky. It then disappeared over the horizon at high speed. The witnesses were not able to judge its altitude, but it seems to have been low, since the object's movements of only a few hundred yards changed the circular silhouette into an ellipse."

"A little later, an identical sighting was made from Soubre, 150 miles (250 kilometers) northwest of Abidjan, where an object arrived at high speed over the horizon, stood still for several minutes over the town, and then disappeared into the zenith, diminishing swiftly in size and brilliance in a cloudless sky. Here, too, the witnesses were numerous and of high standing, including the head administrator of Soubre."

Was the UFO seen over Danane and Subre the same disc that had buzzed M. Guitta's car in Morocco? If it was, and if it traveled from Morocco to the Ivory Coast in only fifteen minutes, then the saucer's flight speed must have been an incredible 8,000 miles per hour (12,800 kilometers per hour)!

(See the book Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery by Aime Michel, S.G. Phillips Inc., New York, N.Y. 1958, pages 60 and 61.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-- UFO Roundup." See you next week.

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Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - McCoy

From: **GT McCoy** <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 07:43:18 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 11:03:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - McCoy

Hello, all I wanna scream too!

>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 22:31:58 -0400
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>>To: <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie
>>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 13:12:04 -0700

>>Ed Dames - caught in yet another long line of lies and endless
>>and inaccurate predictions that never come true. Let's not
>>forget to thank Mike Siegel for providing the soapbox that many
>>of these frauds stand upon...

>I remember when he was on a couple of times ago he predicted
>that a huge tornado was going to strike Dallas (if I recall
>correctly) within a week of the show.

>It never happened.

In old testament times if a Prophet wasn't 100 percent accurate
they were stoned to death. Now it's the audience that has to be
stoned to believe that crap.

>But, then again, I've yet to be impressed by anything any "remote
>viewer" has actually ever demonstrated.

>RVers/TRVers/CRVers: feel free to go ahead and flame me.

Hold it now - I drive a CRV darn fine car!

>>>From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
>>>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:15:13 -0700
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie

>>>Hello Royce:

>>>Given the long track record of the Coast to Coast (Bell/Siegel)
>>>soap box, I find this interesting but of course unsurprising.

>>>This is just my personal opinion mind you, but to me, anyone who
>>>appears on that show has by far the burden of proof that they
>>>are somehow not full of BS.

>Not everyone, but most.

>Bell, and now Siegel, do attract mainstream "accepted" scientists
>from time to time.

>...although, I'll be the first to say that I think alot of
>"accpeted" scientists **are** indeed "full of BS". e.g. one of
>these days I will get through when Michio Kaku is on and -- as
>brilliant as the guy is -- rake him through the coals for the
>way he presents quantum mechanics.

>(if you ever hear a "Ron from Boston" get on, that's most likely
>me.)

>>>Once in a while somebody interesting does come on, but it really
>>>costs them in a way. How does one maintain credibility, going on
>>>the air nationwide if not worldwide, sandwiched in between
>>>Richard Hoagland and Robert "Ghostwolf" ?

Gee. I didn't know you needed credibility to be on that show in
the first place. Obviously not on the top of the list anyway,
certainly below "Idiot" "Egocentric" and "Pathological Liar".

>Way true.

>I sometimes marvel that Siegel was actually ever a lawyer.

>I mean, I know the show has a reputation for "suffering all
>fools"; i.e. it provides a platform for *everyone*. But I
>simply cannot fathom how Siegel seems to accept almost
>everything as true, esp. the BS claims of guys like Hoagland.
>Where's the skepticism and ability to think logically that he,
>as a former lawyer, presumably had to once possess? Where the
>ability to recognize that he's accepting mutually and
>self-contradictory statements as true?

Hey this is the Boomer Generation in its full glory - "Yes I can
have it both ways."-no problem -and:" I'll use it all up and you
can't have any! Me! Mine!" This includes credibility,
standards of personal conduct, and in some cases, personal
hygiene. Just for that 15 minutes (or longer) of fame, when 5
seconds is enough.

>Speaking of lawyers who demonstrate poor reasoning skills (ooo!
>this is a Hoaglandesque "Synchronicity!" moment) Peter Gersten
>was the guest last night.

>To make a long story short, Gersten was presenting the story of
>one Bob Lowrey (I think that was the name), a guy who claims to
>have some kind of creature in his closet that attacks him in the
>middle of the night... something like that.

>(I kept asking: "Why not call an exterminator...")

Perhaps Mr. Lowrey should consider leaving a night light on
to better see that Cougar pelt hanging in the closet.

>Lowrey has a claw, allegedly from the creature, which can be
>seen on the Coast to Coast site at:

>
>Photo: The Claw Left By Visitors of Gary Lowrey
><http://img.coasttocoastam.com/img/lowrey-claw.jpg>

Yep, its a Cougar claw all right. Or at the very least a typical
big cat claw.

>Anyway, for nearly four hours Gersten wondered why the UFO
>community kept demonstrating such a lack of interest in this
>claw and Lowrey's story.

At least it's more interesting than, say getting up at night to
go to the bathroom mistaking the closet where say the Cougar
pelt is, for the hall way and waking up and finding that you've
just had a to the death wrestling match with Grampa Vern's
Cougar pelt-there are relative ways of looking like an Idiot,
might as well make the most of it, the ol' Worhal clock is
ticking.

>(you see what I'm about to say coming, don't you?)

>I tried calling for nearly two hours. I wanted to scream at
>Gersten:

>"What the *HECK* does a one inch long claw have to do with
>UFOs?!? The only source of 'wonder' around here is that you are
>wondering why the UFO community isn't interested in this story!"

>Alas, I never got through.

>Gersten should stick to going after the government. Leave the
>Chupacabra stuff to the Mexicans.

>Hey, it's open lines tonight. I wonder if I'll get through...

Good Luck, its past my bedtime when it's on so the local station runs repeats during the week, I do occasionally listen in so I can yell at the radio. Good for circulation you know.

GT McCoy

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P-47: Philistines in Space

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>
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Greetings List

What I know about art would probably fill a page. However, from what little studies, I've done, it seems unlikely that Medieval or Renaissance art showed UFOs as subjects in paintings.

Please see below.

Medren.txt

The very simplistic interpretation that some Medieval or Renaissance art depicts UFOs demonstrates little understanding of the purpose of art in these times.

The lack of literate people in the Middle Ages meant that there had to be a method for transmitting ideas and especially the religious message which did not wonder off course. How do you do that? You carve the stories in stone. So if you go into a Medieval or early Renaissance church, you will find all types of unusual depictions of various scenes from the Bible. You will also find local pious legends, stories of the saints and the holy patrons of the local area.

One should also note that Medieval people did not think in terms of the historic periods. Periodicity of historic eras which seemed so logical to us today was not important to illiterates of the time. While the vast majority of the population could not read, that does not mean that they were not "educated". The local churches cathedrals, and monasteries were actually tools for teaching as well as places of worship. Inside and outside the church were carvings representing various holy texts, Apocryphal writings or pious legends. Sermons were illustrated by referring to this art, but even more important people were taught the meanings of the depictions so they could repeat the stories by almost by rote. They didn't have to read the Bible, they could "read" the church. Today many of the depictions in local churches are often obscure unless there is an art historian or a local expert to explain a specific painting or sculpture.

So art in Medieval time was a method for transmitting cultural traditions. For rich and powerful people building a church was not only a profoundly religious act, it was also on the currently level of endowing a university. The power of the Church was such that the Art served the Church's purpose. Accurate depictions were not important. The human body or scenes showing where important religious event occurred did not have to look anything like the real thing as long as the idea came across. The Virgin Mary shown as a waif-like ethereal figure suckling Jesus almost from her neck was not a problem for artists or the viewers. The subject not the technique was important. In any case the Virgin was suppose to be ethereal.

However, in places like Italy you have all these ancient monuments and statues around. While many were ground down for lime, there were over and over again people who looked at this art and attempted to imitate the realistic depictions of the human body and nature. There were in fact many small

"renaissances" in which one or a few artists would start along this line, but momentum would not be developed. During the early Renaissance studies were made about the human body moved how the eye perceived nature. So there was developing "scientific" input to artistic endeavours.

However, if the artist wanted to experiment with or demonstrate perspective or the proper portions of the human body, he had to do it within the frame work of the time. The art had to serve the Church. Later, art would serve a broader purpose, but there were always attempts to limit the artist. In the beginning of the Renaissance he had to use a religious subject.

Now several paintings from this period supposedly show UFOs. Hardly, if it is in the painting there is some reason even if very obscure for it to be there. We don't need ufologists to tell us why what look like flying bodies seem to be in paintings, we need art historians. Small depictions in the sky, may not even be items in the sky at all. Painting sometimes incorporated a number of different events on one canvas. Or maybe just a small hint in an empty space which showed the prelude or the outcome of the event depicted as the main subject of the painting. Items in the heavens probably refer to what legend or dogma said was going on in the heavenly realm at the time.

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Walt Andrus' Wife Passes Away

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
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Subject: No Subject
To: dstacy@texas.net

I am very sorry and saddened to have to give you this news but Jeanne Andrus, wife of Walt Andrus, passed away yesterday. On my last visit she was very weak, although she seemed healthy enough to carry on. I was quite surprised to get this bad news here today.

Jeanne's service will be at the First United Methodist Church in Seguin, TX on Saturday, September 23.

Tom Deuley

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Re: Abductee Files/Our Children - Salvaille

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>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children
>Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2000 14:01:27 -0400

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Sep 2000 19:24:55 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Abductee Files/Our Children
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Peter Brooksmith suggested Janet from 'The Abduction Enigma',
>>but Greg Sandow rejected it because it could just be anecdotal.
>>Of course one man's anecdote is another man's empiric
>>observation.

<snip>

>First, many thanks to Kevin for his informative and helpful role
>in this discussion.

<snip>

Do you always accept all you read with such candor, especially
when it comes from someone with initials following his name?

<snip>

>As for my comment, which Kevin notes here, of course Kevin is
>right.

<snip>

No, he's not. Please refer to my response to him in the same
thread. And if you think Kevin is informative, my post should
give you some kind of rush. I suggest you refrain from sending
me a fat check. Please forward it to EBK, he deserves it.

<snip>

>My point had been about the way empirical observations
>reach us. In this case, Peter had read an empirical account
>credited to William P. Cone in "The Abduction Enigma,"
>coauthored by Kevin, Cone, and Russ Estes.

<snip>

An empiric account should have available all the material
related to it.

The reason for this is self-evident. I remember a quite heated
thread not long ago about Kevin Randle's book on abduction
stating that a significant percentage of abductees presented
para-social sexual behaviors such as homosexuality and
hypersexuality.

Based on what? Where was the data? How was it collected? What
was the protocol of the experiment?

Corollary questions would be: why question Randle's work on this specific subject? Why not question him on other topics?

Taboos are in the eye of the beholder. Correct me if I am wrong, but Kevin implied in his "research" that abductees were already screwed up people. Gays and hypersexuals are all screwed up aren't they? (If PhDs imply that, it must be true) It was never discussed that the abduction experiment may have been the etiological factor, e.g. the cause of para-social behavior.

An anecdote is supposed to amuse people. This one was really funny.

Empirical observation?

<snip>

>Since I don't know anything about Cone (the book doesn't even >specify his training, experience, or other credentials), I don't >know how much weight to put on his observations. That's why I >called them "anecdotal." They're a story one reads in print, >perhaps accurate, perhaps not. I'm not criticizing Cone at all >here, or saying that I expect his account to be inaccurate. This >is only a question of how to assess what one finds in books and >other media.

>My point was that -- when important scientific questions are >being discussed -- I'd rather get my information from >peer-reviewed journals, or from books written by people whose >credentials are known. That way, at least, I know that the >writer is known in his or her field, and that his or her >colleagues agree that what the writer says should be listened >to.

<snip>

Does Peter Brookesmith have a PhD in psychology?

If I still have my bearings OK, he is a reputed debunker. It so happens that you like the guy because he expressed a positive opinion of you in one of his books.

And for this, you lend credibility to his work?

<snip>

>This isn't infallible. Nonsense has appeared in peer-reviewed >journals, and occasionally there's even fraud in science. But at >least it's a start. If someone is a credentialed scholar or >scientist, they've served an apprenticeship in their field. >Their work has been watched by others, and if their reports of >what they've seen were inaccurate, or their research was shoddy, >or their citations of others' work were misleading, they >probably wouldn't have advanced to the point where we'd be >reading them.

<snip>

Not necessarily. In my university years (1970s), I used to attend conferences and doctoral thesis presentations. What can be discovered about scholarship is fascinating.

This is a self-contained world where the participants must obey very precise rules relating more to dominance in interpersonal relationships than scientific pertinence. I remember a course on fish biology where I had an argument with this PhD with a world reputation in his field: I finally had to put his own research papers before his eyes to smother his arrogance.

See, this habit of mine is not new ;)

But there are a lot of people, notably scholars who work in the real world who make good use of their knowledge.

This is my experience in Quebec. I do not think this is very different elsewhere in Canada because the university system is relatively independent from the corporate world.

In the U.S., corporations, via grant research, have a great influence on universities and scientific literature. This poses different kinds of problems, like doctors working for tobacco

companies, studies on the great value of aspirin to prevent heart diseases hiding possible negative impacts on strokes. There is also the great amount of money spent on cancer research by scientists who refuse to talk to each other for monetary reasons.

There is some good stuff. There is some not so good stuff. You need to find it. This is why an opinion cannot be based on a few readings alone. One must be able to consult the data, cross-examine it and come up with original conclusions. Not always, all the time and in every case, but this must be done.

There are sharp minds in there. There are also blunt ones.

<snip>

>Compare the situation in ufology.

<snip>

The terrifying part about ufology is that, whoever you are, your ass is on the line. A very, very uncomfortable situation for anybody who cannot backup his assertions with material.

Ufology seems also to be a very conformable place for desiccated debunkers. But this is an entire different story.

<snip>

>I have a certain minor
>standing as a ufologist, but how does anyone know whether to
>believe what I say? If I say I've observed something at Budd
>Hopkins's support groups, how do you know you can trust me? If I
>say I've read something in a book or a psychology journal, how
>many people check to see that what I claim to have read even
>exists?

<snip>

Just put up the data. Abductologists seem very reluctant to do that. This is why they cannot be trusted. You can trust no one who will not come up with his material.

<snip>

>This is why peer review is important, and why ufology, alas, is
>still largely an amateur discipline.

<snip>

In case you haven't noticed, there is a form of peer review in ufology.

People like Friedman, Cashman, Kenny Young, Maccabee, Rudiak, Aldrich and a few others, seldom ask you to believe them on face value but always seem to have some stuff up their sleeves - even if the stuff is a 85% blacked out document. I wouldn't call them amateurs.

You will notice that they are all engaged in the study on historical documents and/or UFO cases in the field.

And they can put up the data.

Regards,

Serge Salvaille

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Re: Walt Andrus' Wife Passes Away - Kaeser

From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 13:58:18 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 14:29:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Walt Andrus' Wife Passes Away - Kaeser

>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 11:14:36 -0500
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Walt Andrus' Wife Passes Away

>From: Tom Deuley <TPDeuley@aol.com>
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 05:30:58 EDT
>Subject: No Subject
>To: dstacy@texas.net

>I am very sorry and saddened to have to give you this news but
>Jeanne Andrus, wife of Walt Andrus, passed away yesterday. On my
>last visit she was very weak, although she seemed healthy enough
>to carry on. I was quite surprised to get this bad news here
>today.

>Jeanne's service will be at the First United Methodist Church in
>Seguin, TX on Saturday, September 23.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Walt and the rest of his family.

Steve

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Re: Time Travel Articles? - Isenberg

From: **Holger Isenberg** <H.Isenberg@ping.de>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 21:33:16 +0200 (MEST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:03:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Time Travel Articles? - Isenberg

>From: Mark Hall <capn_black@msn.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Time Travel Articles?
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 23:36:08 +0100

>At Destination Space, we are collating research for
>an article on any UFO/alien/contactee incidents that have
>involved time travel.

>Does anyone on the List know of any good cases, or a
>direction we could go to for information?

Some people do not want to see this topic in context with UFOs.

For example, a few month ago, a German author was invited personally by a TV-Talkmaster to his show. The Talkmaster knew his book where he wrote in one chapter about time travelling humans in UFOs.

Most interesting was, that the short appearance of the author was cut from the broadcast by someone higher-up than the Talkmaster in the company. The author had said that he did not believe the other guy in this show, who spoke about good aliens helping humans to survive natural catastrophies. This other guy has healed his deadly illness.

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Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Cecchini

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 14:54:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:07:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie - Cecchini

>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Ed Dames - Yet Another Lie
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 07:43:18 -0700

>>RVERS/TRVERS/CRVERS: feel free to go ahead and flame me.

>Hold it now - I drive a CRV darn fine car!

Yeah, but my tricycle gets me to where I need to be even faster...

>>Hey, it's open lines tonight. I wonder if I'll get through...

>Good Luck, its past my bedtime when it's on so the local station
>runs repeats during the week, I do occasionally listen in so I
>can yell at the radio. Good for circulation you know.

I tried and tried for four hours. No luck.

I'm still trying to follow up on the 7/19 call from that guy who claims he was at Wright-Patt in the late 70s when a saucer-shaped object was trucked onto the base. That guy said he would let Siegel put him in contact with MUFON. As far as I know, it hasn't happened. I tried using Siegel's new "FastBlast" to ask the same question but I don't think it he read it on air.

Anyway, you might want to stay up tonight:

("Can I get a 'Holy Synchronicity' from you! Hallelujah!")

9/21/00 - Thu/Fri

Guest: Dick Allgire

Allgire is the Vice-President of the Hawaii Remote Viewers' Guild. For the past three years he has been training and working closely with a former military remote viewer who was part of U.S. Army Special Forces Intelligence.

Related Info: Remote Viewing Drawings
Website: www.hrvq.org

Search for other documents from or mentioning: [ron.cecchini](#)

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

From: Roger Prokic <rprokic@pobox.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 20:35:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:09:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:36:53 -0500
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Without starting a CSETI debate, let me again point out that
>communication is a two way street. It doesn't matter what form of
>communication that an advanced race uses to talk to each other,
>be it thought-beams, laserlight, microwave, sign language, morse
>code or whatever. What is important is what they decide to use
>to communicate with US.

>Any race advanced enough to travel here or contemplate a visit
>has GOT to realize that we do not have the means to emulate
>their technology. Therefore, if they are interested in having a
>chat, they know they have two choices:

>A) Wait until we get smart enough to learn their language (not
>likely)

>or

>B) Simply apply our more primitive mode of communication and get
>on with it

>Does this mean that they are beaming RF waves at us from a
>distance of millions of light years? Of course not! They would
>no more do that than we would shout in a tribal dialect from the
>shores of the US hoping that someone in Africa would hear it. We
>would simply GO there first, then start the conversation in
>their native language. After a while, the tribe would learn our
>language, as well.

>Ultimately, it doesn't matter if ET's decide to send a probe
>first or just show up. What is important is to remember that WE
>are the limiting factor in the whole scheme of things. If ETs
>want to communicate, they'll have to come here and learn out
>lingo; short of that, nothing's going to happen.

I think the likelihood of an ET visitor wanting to chat with us
Earthlings is as likely as you or me trying to chat with some
cannibalistic natives. I wouldn't know why anybody would do this
either. But, it's more likely that surveillance from a safe
distance would occur.

Roger

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Another FOIA Request From Larry Bryant

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 20:33:26 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:19:14 -0400
Subject: Another FOIA Request From Larry Bryant

Dear Listers and EBK,

I received this from Larry Bryant's list and asked him for permission to post it here. I imagine that EBK's people would (or should) be interested in this new FOIA request being made. Larry asked me to remind you that there is another and related petition ("Tear Down this Wall of UFO Secrecy...!"), currently posted on at <http://www.petitionpetition.com>. If I am not mistaken, this has been posted here on UpDates.

Further, this relates to L. Gordon Copper's book which I mentioned in a recent post. I believe it is important to keep the pressure on our government and the military to demonstrate that we are not gonna give up, neither are we gonna give in. There is something to this UFO phenom, the government and/or military and/or secret government knows much more than they are saying, which is to say, not a damned thing. The more we, the citizens, demand, the more they, the government will feel compelled to admit to knowing. My two cents anyway.

Here is the FOIA request in it's entirety.

Jim Mortellaro

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TO: Ms. Kathryn I. Dyer
Information and Privacy Coordinator
U. S. Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

FROM: Larry W. Bryant
3518 Martha Custis Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302

DATE: September 20, 2000

On the enclosed pages 82-86 of his recently published memoirs ("Leap of Faith: An Astronaut's Journey into the Unknown"), USAF Col.(Ret.) L. Gordon Cooper recounts how, as a captain stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., on or about May 3, 1957, he became aware that a metallic, saucer-shaped craft had landed (silently) sometime after 8:00 a.m. on base property. He alleges that the event was filmed by a startled technical film crew on assignment 50 yards away, the craft zooming out of sight when the photographers tried to approach it for a better camera shot.

Cooper writes that, upon learning of the incident, he telephoned appropriate Pentagon officials, who ordered him to have all the film developed (but not printed) and to ship it immediately to the Pentagon. He adds that, before complying, he chose to peek at some of the negatives, which confirmed the existence of the "saucer" as described to him by the film crew.

Cooper notes that he heard nothing more about the whereabouts of the film or the results of any investigation thereof.

Pursuant to the U. S. Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C., Sec. 552(a)), I hereby request that you provide me a copy of the

following records:

- (1) The entire package of actual film (both still-photography and motion-picture negatives) produced by the subject film crew;
- (2) Any and all official U.S. government reports of analysis of the subject film;
- (3) Any and all correspondence (including outgoing and incoming Edwards AFB teletype messages) and records-management documentation pertaining to the acquisition, processing, shipping, analysis, dissemination, storage, security classification, and final disposition of the subject film;
- (4) The entire case files of all your previously processed FOIA requests pertaining to this Cooper-related event.

In addition to searching those records systems you determine may be relevant to this request, you are specifically instructed to search the following systems and offices during the initial processing stages of this request: the Directorate of Operations, the Directorate of Intelligence, the Directorate of Administration, the Directorate of Central Intelligence, the files of the National Photographic Interpretation Center, the records repository of the UFO/E.T.-information control group known as "Majestic-Twelve" (and of all MJ-12 successor organizations), and the CIA-shared records of the now-defunct U.S. Army-operated counterintelligence effort called "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit."

Please be advised that the term "records" includes, but is not limited to, all e-mail communications to or from any individual within your agency, memorandums-for-record, inter-agency communications, sound recordings, tape recordings, video or film recordings, photographs, notes, note-books, indexes, blank-form entries, intra-office/inter-office memoranda, jottings, message slips, document-transmittal "buck slips," letters, telexes, telegrams, facsimile transmissions, conference-agenda sheets, statements, policy briefs, SOP's, briefings' transcripts and graphics ("Vu-Graphs"), manuals, temporary-duty reports, travel-authorization documents, diplomatic correspondence, technical-specification sheets, binders, books, handbooks, business records, personnel records, minutes of meetings, memo-summaries of telephone calls, ledgers, notices, warnings, affidavits, declarations under-penalty-of-perjury, unsworn statements, reports, diaries, and calendars -- regardless of whether they be hand-written, printed, typed, mechanically or electronically recorded, or reproduced on any medium capable of conveying an image (such as paper, computer discs, magnetic tape, or diskettes).

To the extent that your records-search inquiries apply to individuals who are still living and from whom no privacy authorization or waiver has been submitted, this letter constitutes a third-party request under which the public interest in disclosure outweighs any privacy interests these individuals may possess. If you require further elaboration as to specific individuals, please let me know so that I timely may provide such information.

Inasmuch as I submit this request as a free-lance representative of the news media, I respectfully request that you waive all records-search fees incident to your fulfilling this request. My status as a retired federal employee now writing on assignment for various UFO/E.T. research/publication media and Internet public-interest websites qualifies me as a "person primarily engaged in disseminating information" (a category envisioned by the FOIA and set forth by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, per the case of National Security Archive v. DoD, 880 F.2d 1381, 1387 (D.C.Cir. 1989). I possess the knowledge, experience, qualifications, and ability to use and disseminate any information I receive. In fact, my activities in this research field recently have become the subject of various newspaper coverage (including the Washington Post, the Alexandria, Va., JOURNAL, and the Newport News, Va., Daily Press) and radio programs across the nation. My publication credits, which date back some 40 years, include the websites of <http://www.caus.org> and <http://www.ufocity.com>; Alternate Perceptions (a newsstand magazine); Fate (ditto); Fact (ditto); Flying Saucers (ditto); the Mutual UFO Network's monthly Journal; the ORTK Forum (newsletter of the public-interest group

Operation Right to Know); UFO Commentary (a research newsletter); and the UFO Newsclipping Service (its letters-to-editor section).

Furthermore, no question exists that your full, prompt disclosure of the sought-for information would contribute to the public's understanding of government operations or activities; and, hence, said disclosure obviously would help satisfy the public interest. Past/current/future disclosure about the government's knowledge of UFO/E.T.- related activity remains a highly controversial topic, as does the issue of current UFO/E.T. encounters being reported worldwide -- a development that engenders continual public debate and investigation, both governmental and non-governmental. Accordingly, the UFO/E.T. controversy continues to fuel widespread public discussion and inquiry, especially in the United States; and the prospective disclosure of all records concerning the possible cover-up of actual official film footage of a "flying saucer," as well as the contents thereof, clearly meets all requirements for a fee waiver. Alternatively, I am willing to pay reasonable copying costs only. Should this amount exceed \$250 dollars, please notify me first.

If you choose to deny all or part of this request, please cite the specific exemptions you believe justify your refusal to release the information and notify me of your appeal procedures available under the law. Please use "black-out" rather than "white out" techniques for any deletions. The CIA is required by law to respond to this request within 20 working days. Failure to timely respond within this period will result in the filing of a civil action in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Your cooperation in this quest for greater freedom of official UFO/E.T. information would be appreciated. If you wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

LARRY W. BRYANT
Contributing Writer
<http://www.ufocity.com>

Enclosure

cc: Mark S. Zaid, Esq

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After cutting and pasting this thing, I can well imagine the amount of effort which EBK takes in putting UFO UpDates together. This is an enormous task. And I probably screwed it up, too. Errol, my most sincere compliments to you on what to me would be an impossible task. Putting up with us and putting up these posts. It took me a half bottle of Gripple in Bond-age to complete this one little post together. (Hic!) - Excuse me.

Jim Mortellaro

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 18:03:39 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:27:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 02:25:15 -0700
>Subject: The Meier Hoax [was: Adamski Saucer Model Found?]
>From: Nathan G. Daniel - Underground Video <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 14:54:04 -0700
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?

>>>From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?
>>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:39:05 -0700

>I have never entered an online forum before. Please excuse me
>if I am doing so now improperly. I couldn't resist making a
>response when I read Jim Deardorff's statement concerning
>the authenticity of the Billy Meier case. Readers of the List
>may wish to consider the following comments and findings.

>James Deardorff said:

>>There's no need to include Meier in there. Otherwise, you will
>>just be asking for a host of e-mails detailing names of
>>supporting witnesses and their credibility, photos that can't be
>>debunked, false claims made against him, detailed investigations
>>of his experiences that cannot be ignored, etc.

>Yeah, right...

>I defended Meier's case by parroting the claims of Genesis
>Publishing who warranted that scientific tests were conducted on
>Meier's materials and no evidence of a hoax was ever found. I
>was rapidly insulted a half dozen times for being sucked into a
>lie and was firmly told that the Meier photos were fake. I kept
>an open mind and asked to see evidence that proved the Meier
>photos were hoaxed, but after several requests the scientist
>never produced a shred of evidence to debunk Meier. I thought I
>was onto another trail of the UFO Cover Up. The scientist
>claimed to be connected with Nobel Prize winners, and to be a
>lecturer at California Institute of Technology. The insults I
>endured that evening irritated me so much that I made it my
>mission to prove the Meier case TRUE to skeptics.

>Here's what we learned about the Billy Meier materials around
>1995:

>Recently, Underground Video began an in-depth inquiry into the
>most publicized UFO case in history. ...

>With the assistance of members from the Hollywood special
>effects team of the Ultra-Matrix Corporation, we studied the
>Meier photographs and claims made by Meier's Talmud Jmmanuel,
>Genesis III Publishing, author Gary Kinder, and Guido Mooseburger
>of Meier's FIGU cult in Switzerland. After 6 months of intense
>inquiry, with the assistance of cinematographers, physicists,
>and computer analysis from Total Research, we found the claims
>of the representatives of the Meier case to be absolutely

>untrue. ...

Nathan,

I believe we've all heard most of this before, via Kal Korff (TotalResearch) and then others who fell for his claims. Korff's false claims have been thoroughly refuted, with many of his key falsehoods, distortions, irrelevancies and innuendo having been posted on a website of Jeroen Jansen to which my website linked (<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj>). But I see now that my link to this is no longer current. I'll let you know if I find there's a current URL for it.

A thorough refutation of Korff's claims against the Talmud of Jmmanuel is in my website, however. To read it, go to:

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/refutekk.htm>

Korff quite evidently never even read the Talmud of Jmmanuel (TJ) for himself, but relied on what a couple others had said. One of these persons he referred to as a group of scientists and scholars, when it was just one Swiss scientist, Ted Auerbach, with whom I had been in contact for some years. His views, expressed by Korff in his book, are responded to in my refutations.

At one point Korff did refer to Underground Video, saying you had done a significant analysis of the TJ. However the only item of this analysis he mentions is that you had "proven" that the TJ does not contain Aramaic! (Well, it's translation was into German and later English, as the Aramaic text would not have been understandable to readers. So how could it contain Aramaic?) Was he perhaps referring to a conclusion that the TJ contains no Aramaisms? In my refutation I supply several Aramaisms present in the German text, and other items indicating that it derived from an ancient source that did not use punctuation. I'd like to hear from you (privately, I suppose) on any other items regarding the TJ you came up with, or which you'd care to discuss. In my website, I've compared the TJ's verses against those of Matthew, and have found over 600 Matthean verses that various scholars have validly criticized as seeming non-genuine; yet the TJ does not suffer from these criticisms, though in over half of these verses the TJ does have parallel verses (or cognates). This means beyond any doubt that the Gospel of Matthew was formed out of the TJ rather than vice versa. This can be concluded without the original TJ scrolls having survived. From the TJ it's also fairly easy to deduce how and why 19th-century New Testament scholars went astray and decided to assume that Mark, not Matthew, was the first gospel.

I'm aware that various ufologists besides Korff have been debunking the Meier case, but that's largely due to its high degree of strangeness. When you combine that with all the evidential and witness support for it, the strangeness only enhances its genuineness.

I trust you can also understand that the TJ's heresies for Christianity and Judaism have further induced some to try to discredit the Meier case. As much as the typical ufologist may deplore that religion enters into some UFO cases, it has a way of doing it.

>We discovered miniature models and a variety of
>deceptive methods used to create this hoax. ...

The topic of UFO models -- the model first brought to him to photograph and compare with the real thing in his photos, and the one Wendelle had a studio make and then tested out, using Meier's own camera, and another -- was looked into thoroughly by Wendelle Stevens and reported upon in his 1982 book. I believe that Wendelle's crew "discovered" the models, not UV. Meier never denied the existence of these models, and his photos speak for themselves, especially the ones where Semjase posed her beamship on all sides of a tree for Meier to photograph on 9 July, 1975. I now have several of those displayed in the front page of my website, since from them two Forestry experts at Oregon State Univ. easily concluded the tree in question was a mature abies alba (European silver fir). Hence it was no model tree or baby tree. (This much can be concluded from photos that are not 1st or 2nd generation.) I never could get Korff to comment on this; instead, he'd just switch the topic to

something like how Meier's wife divorced him. Yet, she's a key witness to one of the beamship sightings that 4 other adults viewed, in daytime (which Korff ignored). Her affirmative dialogue and comments about it are on a video tape Genesis III has, which also shows the picture one of their kids, who was with them that day and had the earliest view of the beamship while it was nearest, drew of it.

>... The persons who
>authenticated the Meier case are not credible scientists nor
>investigators.

They're a lot more credible than TotalResearch, who never even spoke to Meier on his two clandestine trips to Schmidrueti. Stevens obtained a lot of comprehensive, detailed, signed statements from witnesses who could vouch either for the Meier-case UFOs being genuine or his contact experiences having been genuine. Kinder did similarly, and concluded the case could be no hoax, as you know.

Not too long ago Michael Hesemann recorded the supportive statements of 14 Meier-case witnesses. Their English translations are presented in:

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/witness.htm> .

One of these persons (P.C.) was a witness to Meier's 1964 UFO sightings in India, photos of which Stevens has presented in several of his books. She and others at the ashram where Meier was then staying witnessed both the UFOs and Meier in the company of the alien (Asket) then contacting him. She reported on it a year and a half ago at the 8th International UFO Congress in Laughlin, NV; it's all on video tape.

>Any previous representations of authenticity of the Meier case
>in the Underground Video catalog should be ignored. Our
>findings will be presented to the Attorney General of the State
>of California to see if a consumer fraud case can be instituted
>against the Meier group in Switzerland.

You might want to examine the evidence that TotalResearch ignored (which was an awful lot) before you do this, and learn about his false claims and distortions.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman@psln.com>
Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 19:05:30 -0700
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:46:56 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Gehrman

>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcbg@attcanada.ca>
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:38:03 -0400
>Subject: 'Angel Hair'?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>If Anyone has any idea of what this stuff is please let me know.
>Any feedback will be most appreciated.

<snip>

>[The pictures _are_ interesting. --ebk]

I agree; this is a strange phenomenon. But "angel hair" has been reported under similar circumstances. In 1955, M.K Jessup published a book called 'The UFO Annual'; it contained UFO reports from all across the USA for that year. It is quite a remarkable book but I doubt that listfolk are familiar with it.

One of my favorite reports in the collection is an occurrence that took place Oct. 22nd., 1955, fifteen miles northwest of Columbus Ohio. It was a clear day, and students at Jerome Elementary School were playing outside when they all spotted an object circling high above the school. Most teachers and the principal saw the craft.

It was "cigar shaped" and "dazzling" bright and "motionless". As they all watched, the object took off at "tremendous" speed.

What they witnessed next was a most "beautiful scene".

"The air as high and far around as the teachers could see was filled with the most beautiful soft white looking tufts of cotton slowly floating to the ground."

But that's not all:

"For about forty-five minutes they watched the fibrous material floating downward" and "the substance had long fibers very much like as if someone had taken the strands of 'angel hair' and pushed some bunches toward the middle or end, leaving a trail of fibers attached to it. It was very fine and soft to the touch. It did not stick to our hands, but when we held two ends and pulled, it stretched without tearing.

Where it stretched, it had a shiny appearance. The part we held between our fingers quickly seemed to go to nothing."

The substance turned their hands green but soon washed off. The mysterious downpour covered a three mile area and attached itself to trees and telephone poles and was quite a sight.

There's also a picture in this same book of a "cobwebby substance" which was identified as radioactive, heavily damaged cotton fiber that covered a half-mile square area in Horseheads, NY, on Feb. 23, 1955.

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Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Sanchez-Ocejo

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Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:56:40 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Sanchez-Ocejo

>From: Kelly Peterborough <kellymcg@attcanada.ca>
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:38:03 -0400
>Subject: 'Angel Hair'?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Source: Rusty's Retreat

>http://www.homestead.com/rustys_retreat/spiderstuff.html

>The pictures are interesting.

>_____

>September 20, 2000

>This is a special page I made so I could show you what I woke up
>to this morning. First though I must tell you exactly the events
>as they happened as I remember them.

>Last night at about 7:00 PM, I heard a loud "Droning" sound,
>like a large airplane. I went out to look to see if I could see
>it, but I could not see it. The droning sound lasted about an
>hour.

>This morning when I got up, my yard was full of these
>"spider-web"stuff. Don't know exactly how to describe them other
>than that they looked like spider webs but at the same time they
>were not your usual "circular" webs.

>These as you will see were somewhat different.

>I immediately got the camera out and took about a dozen
>pictures. I had my husband go to town to buy some rubber gloves
>so we could get some samples.

>On his way in, there were a few spots he could see on the way in
>to town which was 7 miles, but nothing as heavy as what was in
>my yard.

>The first sample he tried to get with the gloves on turned to a
>goo-like substance as soon as he touched it.

>We put the samples on a piece of paper towel and put the gloves
>in with it in a plastic bag.

>I went to town to the One hour photo place and got the photos
>developed.

>I have lived here in Romney, West Virginia for 6 years and I
>have never seen anything like this. If anyone has seen this also
>I will be most interested.

>I am going to try to find a lab that will analyze this stuff for
>me.

>Please email me if you have ever seen anything like this, or
>know of a lab that will analyze it.

>Below are the photos I took.

>[11 Photographs]
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>If Anyone has any idea of what this stuff is please let me know.
>Any feedback will be most appreciated.

>Thank you

>Rusty <rusty@mountain.net>
>_____

>[The pictures are interesting. --ebk]

Dear Rusty,

I haven't hearded of 'Angel Hair' for years. It used to be very popular in the 60's and 70's. We translated your note to Spanish and placed it on a few Spanish Lists. Here is one response:

The strange "apparatus" (UFO) made diverse maneuvers in the field and soon it disappeared at great speed. This took place in the winter of 1979 in the countryside of Uriburu, province of Pampas, in Argentina. The following morning, the ones in charge of that rural estate crossed the zone where the "the apparatus "had flow and found what they described like" great amount of spiderwebs". At that time, they did not disclose the experience until later time.

Two months later, we arrived at that zone and find absolutely nothing. Some witnesses declared that they did not say anything before to avoid problems with mass media, but assured us that in that zone, "it was very frequent", specially to see "apparatuses" (UFOs) at night. In our region, it is the only case that we could called "Angel Hair", since we do not have registry of similar events. Lamentably there is no photograph, but as a description, this is a wide open field, apt for cereal farming, with some small natural lagoons.

Source: Quique & Mario from La Pampa, Argentina. placed in CEUFO List (in Spanish).

Very truly yours,

Dr. Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo

Miami UFO Center (Español) <http://ufomiami.nodos.com>
Miami UFO Reporter (English) <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Corridor/1341/index.html>
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Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Maly

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Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:01:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Maly

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Project 1947 Roswell Page
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:51:33 -0400

<snip>

>We also have an article from Prof. Charles Moore on radars in
>New Mexico in 1947 with an assessment of the claims of radar
>tracking of the Roswell object.

Yes, the problem with Roswell is that there are so many urban legends, fictional stories and outright lies that everything is blurred into a mess. This does not invalidate the fact that the government stated they had a flying saucer. The Air Force did not have to make any statement at all, but they choose to and then they retracted that statement. That is what is odd about this whole situation. The military had just come out of WWII and was very good at keeping things quiet.

I don't believe that attacking a intelligence officer with a good service record and character is the answer to this situation.

Another odd thing is that in the Pentagon investigation into this matter in the 90's the government admitted to exercises with strange looking dummies and said this happened in the 1950's, however they say this was because of time compression that people mistaken this to have happened in 1947.

Yes, people are making millions of dollars from the Roswell stories that are around, but with every lie there is always a grain of truth. If there ever was something extra-terrestrial recovered at Roswell, NM we may never know about it in our lifetime. But one day the truth will be exposed and hard science will be the judge of what was recovered in Roswell, NM.

73,

Kevin AOL IM:KevinMaly

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Cydonian Imperative Update: 'Catbox' Revisited

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and select Page 8 from the Journal section.)

NASA's "Enhancement" of the Face on Mars: Deliberate Fraud

by Mac Tonnies

When NASA revealed its first picture of the 'Face on Mars' in April of 1998, we knew it looked bad. How bad we didn't know until Mark Carlotto and others produced proper rectifications that showed that the flat, wavy-looking rendition (now known near-universally as the 'catbox' photo) actually conformed well to the Viking data. The Face, newscasters and condescending headlines to the contrary, was still a face--only now boasting apparent ornamentation on the 'headpiece', anatomically correct 'nostrils' and lip-like structures around the broad, stoic 'mouth'.

NASA's 1998 release is historic not merely for being the first attempt to resolve a potential extraterrestrial artifact on the surface of another world, but in its confusing and substandard format. Mars-watchers know all-too-well that JPL's press releases do their best to make Mars look like a temptingly detailed world, with resolution so fine one can often make out individual boulders. And well they should; funding for continued exploration hinges significantly on the public's interest in space science. (The Mars Observer, the Global Surveyor's failed predecessor, carried a high-resolution camera included largely for PR interests; after all, what good are Martian canyons and volcanoes when the public can't even see them?)

So the 'catbox' stacked anomaly on top of anomaly. Why was the so-called enhancement so bad? Even those peripherally aware of the 'Mars Face' controversy knew that the 'Face' was a large mesa; paradoxically, the 'catbox' made the Face appear utterly flat, like scratchings in a, well, you know. (Only later would NASA reveal its second attempt to get the Face right: geologist T.J. Parker's orthorectification, which warped the Face mesa's centerline to such a degree that the nostril features appeared on the Face's far right. This image has gone on to become NASA's final word on the subject, and publications that feature Parker's Picasso-esque rendition never fail to exclude any disclaimer explaining that the "symmetry" evidenced in Parker's fanciful image is the product of bad computer work.)

NASA sub-contractor Ian Fleming was one of the few that noted the 'catbox's' deceiving format right away. On his website, www.vgl.org, he has produced a duplicate of NASA's 'enhancement'

process on a Mississippian Indian Mound, reducing it to the vague, grainy caricature familiar from NASA's press release. His recent attempts to replicate NASA's 'enhancement' procedure have resulted in the following graphic, which shows the spurious un-face-like image for what it has to be: either gross incompetence on the part of NASA's otherwise capable image processors, or a deliberately substandard image designed to kill interest in an issue that, of NASA's own admission, is scientifically without merit.

[illustration here]

NASA's very first mention of the Face, upon its discovery in 1976, was founded on error when it was publicly dismissed as a "trick of light and shadow"--presumably because the Face failed to register in a second image taken of the Cydonia region "a couple hours later". Later sleuthing revealed that not only did such a disconfirming image not even exist, but the Viking orbiter was in no position to take a second photo "a couple hours later," being on the other side of the planet at that time. Indeed, a second confirming frame, 70A13, was later tracked down by independent researchers Vincent DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar, ruining the "trick of light" explanation.

In my considered opinion the botched 'catbox' image of the Face was a deliberate scam to nullify public interest in an object NASA never considered worth investigating. The evidence for this position, i.e. that the Face couldn't be an artifact, is a matter of record, as is the fact that Dr. Mike Malin, the contractor in charge of the Surveyor's camera, has vented not a little disgust at being "forced" into taking the allegedly disconfirming photo in 1998.

Granted that the 'catbox' was a lie, where do we stand? The public largely swallowed NASA's conclusion that the Face was a false alarm, despite meaningless reassurances that the agency held no official opinion on the Face's origin. NASA has forfeited its chance to engage in research that may ultimately prove the existence of a previous technological civilization on Mars. The ball is, after twenty-five years, back in the court of the independent researchers.

In the words of one NASA employee upon eying JPL's haphazard photograph, "I hope we've scotched this thing for good."

We can only hope he doesn't speak for all of us.

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Dust Bunny Hunt - In Case Anybody Was Wondering

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Subject: Dust Bunny Hunt - In Case Anybody Was Wondering

Hi All,

I just received the following from Nick Balaskas. In case anybody was wondering what ever happened to the dust bunny experiment, here is a portion of Nick's response note to me that relates to it.

>Yo Nick!

>What's up with the dust bunnies?

>John ;)

Hi John.

Got back to Toronto on September 1 after a month long vacation to England, Greece and Turkey. I started work again after the Labour Day weekend on September 5 and expect to be very busy until September 29. I have set aside a lot of time during the first two weeks in October to finish the visual examination and photographic documentation of all the dust samples and I expect to have a full report for you immediately afterwards.

<snip personal note>

Nick.

There it is peeps. As soon as I know, you will know. When I get the results of his examination of the samples; I will post a text copy to the UpDates list, and set up a webpage so that folks can view the photographic documentation that Nick will generate during his investigation.

Probably because we are both astronomers (he a pro, myself an avid amateur) we have been speculating privately that the source of the "glass beads" & other silica oddities that were found in the original study are probably cosmic in origin but not the ET kind of "cosmic."

We suspect that the "thing" that generated the kind of heat and pressures required to turn silica/sand particles into those tiny spherical and spidery glass particles would be the entry of a meteor into our atmosphere. In the event that these tiny glass particles should appear uniformly in the dust samples of both control groups (abductees/non-abductees) it would kind of strengthen our theory that these particles are probably ubiquitous and originate in our own atmosphere. A vaporized 'meteor' would be a good candidate/suspect for the source at that point. It 'could be' anything. It's just that a meteor makes sense and should be considered as a source of these weird blown glass-like particles. But that's just me and Nick shooting the breeze about it.

If the particles should turn up only in the samples submitted by the (self-professed) abductees, then we've got a whole other set of problems to confront. Maybe even a scenario or two that

would make those who detest and debunk the ETH shiver in their boots at the thought of it. <LOL>

Regards to All, and to those who submitted samples, thanx for your patience.

John Velez

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

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EDITORIAL

Reports of people who are said to be highly sensitive to magnetic fields or electromagnetic radiation are published occasionally, but I have yet to hear of any such claims being scientifically tested. A recent report concerns a woman who "said she suffered from piercing head pains, blurred vision and nausea every time she went near a computer". It is claimed that these effects are caused by anything containing a microchip, but more old-fashioned electric and electronic devices do not affect her. She said that her doctor told her that "her brain produced insufficient waves to counteract the modern frequencies emitted by computers". The doctor also said: "It is so rare people often dismiss it as a psychological problem, but it is certainly not."

It would surely be quite simple to put such a claim to the test. All that is needed is to conduct a laboratory experiment in which the woman is exposed to a device containing microchips, another device which looks as if it might contain microchips but doesn't, and a concealed device containing microchips. Similar experiments could be done to test other people who make similar claims. I have never heard of such tests being done; all we ever get is pseudoscientific gobbledegook. I wonder why?

UNDERSTANDING THE PSYCHOSOCIAL HYPOTHESIS

Many critics of the psychosocial hypothesis (PSH) seem to assume that it purports to explain all UFO reports, but this assumption is a serious error which leads to much needless (and meaningless) controversy.

The purpose of the PSH is to strip away the psychological and mythical elements from reports of alleged UFO incidents, so that the verifiable facts of any particular case can be laid bare. What starts as a puzzling sighting, or series of sightings, often accretes false interpretations drawn from the UFO myths which have developed since 1947. When such a sighting receives publicity it attracts hoaxers and fantasists who cause confusion and make it seem, to the credulous, far more mysterious than it really is.

The purpose of the PSH is not to attempt to show that unusual events do not really happen but, by separating fact from imagination and misinterpretation, to discover the truth about them. No complicated or controversial psychological theories need to be employed to do this; common sense is usually sufficient.

It is important to realise that the PSH was developed in response to the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH). If the popular myth of visitations by alien spacecraft did not exist, it would have been taken for granted that UFO reports were generated by sightings of unusual aircraft or natural phenomena,

and that the imperfections of human perception and memory could account for any strange details or inconsistencies in the reports. No one would seriously suggest UFO sightings as evidence of alien visitation unless there were compelling reasons for doing so.

A good example of the difference between the ETH approach and the PSH approach is the Berwyn Mountain case. A few years ago, ETH proponents in Britain were putting about stories about this incident which can briefly be summarised as follows:

On the night of 23 January 1974 a UFO crashed in the Berwyn Mountains in North Wales. There were strange lights seen in the sky and a loud explosion was heard. A local nurse, fearing that there might have been a plane crash, set off up the mountain in her car, but was turned back by soldiers guarding the area, but not before she saw the grounded UFO glowing in the distance. Dead aliens from the saucer were taken by soldiers to Porton Down in Wiltshire. Local people were closely questioned by a team of mysterious strangers who moved into the area shortly after the incident. These and other amazing facts were discovered by intrepid ufologists, despite efforts by the authorities to conceal them.

As Andy Roberts was to discover, the true facts were somewhat different.

(1) Although the incident happened a long time ago there had been no serious investigation, apart from some ufologists talking to people who were, or who claimed to be, witnesses and putting an ETH spin on the stories they were told.

Roberts discovered that the lights in the sky were caused by exceptionally bright bolides which were seen that evening. There were at least four of them.

Records kept by astronomers at Leicester University showed that the timing of one of them coincided with an earth tremor, accompanied by a sound like an explosion, at 8.30 pm. This earth tremor was investigated by the British Geological Survey, which sent a team to the area to question local people about the event. This accounts for the story of the mysterious strangers.

The nurse did indeed go up the mountain but she did not encounter anyone there. The story about the military sealing off part of the mountain probably arose from the fact that witnesses were questioned many years after the incident and probably confused it with an incident in 1982 when an RAF Harrier jet crashed in the area and the crash site was sealed off until the wreckage was cleared up.

The mysterious lights, thought to be a grounded UFO, turned out to be lamps powered by car batteries being used by poachers. There was no independent corroboration of the story of the aliens being taken to Porton Down, and internal inconsistencies in the story added to its lack of credibility.

Of course, in unravelling this case, Andy Roberts did not explicitly employ the PSH, except to suggest that the affair was "a tangle of belief and wishful thinking". The point I am making here is that ETH proponents who looked at the story tended to believe anything which confirmed their beliefs, and showed little interest in discovering the facts and critically analysing testimony to sort out reliable reporting from misinterpretation and fantasy.

Finally, it should be emphasised that the PSH does not purport to explain anything by itself. It is merely employed to consider how UFO reports are so easily fitted into a ready-made mythology. Much is said about the reliability or otherwise of witnesses, but the reliability of ufologists is more important. A devotion to the ETH inevitably leads to wishful thinking and a tendency to twist the facts to fit it. On the other hand, the PSH must not be confused with the extreme sceptical approach, which discards awkward facts in order to produce simple and satisfactorily mundane solutions to mysterious occurrences.

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LITERARY CRITICISM

Phillip H. Wiebe. *Visions of Jesus: Direct Encounters from the New Testament to Today*, Oxford University Press, 1998. £12.99

While portions of this book are of a chiefly theological character, there is much in it which should be of interest to Magonia readers. The core of the study deals with 28 cases of modern "Christic visions", in which people claim to have had a vision or other chiefly visual encounter with a figure they identify as Jesus Christ. These visions have much in common with the range of visionary material we have been studying, and much of Wiebe's commentary could apply to those as well.

He classifies the visions into four main categories:

1) those taking place in dream or trance-like states; 2) waking experiences in which the environment seems to change (what Green and McCreery called metachoric experiences); 3) those in which the figure of Jesus is seen as superimposed on the normal environment; 4) those of a collective character, or which seem to impact on the environment, i.e. produce physical evidence. Such a categorisation may be useful for a wider range of anomalous personal experiences.

Of the four cases of physical evidence mentioned here, three are essentially bounded by the narrative, i.e. the only evidence for it is that the narrator says it exists. Two of these were healings, and one a ground trace identical to those claimed in UFO reports: deep snow disappeared where Jesus stood, and there was a 3-foot diameter circle of burned grass. This suggests very much that we are dealing with a narrative convention in which anomalies in the environment are incorporated into narratives as "stigmata of the supernatural" marking places where theophanies occurred rather than a unique physical phenomenon.

One case of physical evidence involved an alleged film of the materialisation of Jesus in a Pentecostal church in Oakland, California, part of an ongoing series of paranormal events there. Various other people, including Wiebe himself as a teenager, remember seeing the film, but it comes as no surprise to Magonians that it is now reported stolen. Memories of the film differ, and some people who were present when it was shown do not appear to have any memory of it at all. Is there a connection here with the newish Fortean experience, memories of non-existent photographs, like the "Thunderbird" photograph which has been dealt with at length in *Strange Magazine*.

The general run of experiences do not look as though they have a common origin; some seem to relate to dream-like, possibly narcoleptic and epileptiform states, others fall into the hypnogogic/hypnopomic category, some within the context of spiritual crisis and religious conversion, while others have a strange matter-of-fact quality. Of course it has to be borne in mind that what we are really dealing with here are personal memorates of experience, not experience itself, as Wiebe was not present when any of these events took place. In some cases the narratives do appear to be part of an established religious biography, particularly when the narrator is a religious professional of one sort or another.

Wiebe examines a range of explanations for these experiences, supernatural, paranormal, psychological and neurological, not finding any of them truly satisfactory, but suggests that they may be tentatively interpreted as evidence of the transcendental. That conclusion he would admit must be a matter of personal faith, and he hints that such an interpretation would not necessarily contradict a naturalistic explanation at the empirical level.

Peter Rogerson

LETTER

I would like to say some words on a certain often repeated argument that goes: "The results of the Battelle Memorial Institute study showed that the better the sighting, the more likely it is to be unexplainable in terms of known phenomena,

hence true UFOs do exist". This study, commissioned by the USAF in the fifties, found that "excellent" reports contained a higher percentage of "unknowns" than "poor" reports (besides "knowns" and "unknowns", there was a separate category for "insufficient information" reports, so that couldn't be counted). But can we really draw any conclusion from such heterogeneous data, such disputable criteria and so many factors playing their roles?

The usual assumption underlying the argument is: "If there were no true UFOs, the most reliable cases would have the lowest percentage of unexplained" I'll try to show that this is dubious, at best.

The Battelle analysts divided the sightings into reliability groups, based on the quality, completeness and self-consistency of the report and upon the quality and experience of the witness. We can argue about how can this evaluation be accomplished in practice and about its true relevance, but this is not the point that I want to make here.

If we focus on the report side of this concept of reliability, it seems reasonable that the cases considered most reliable are the least likely to have erroneous data or to be incomplete in their descriptions and hence should have the least percentage of unknowns if there were no true UFOs.

But what if we focus on the witness side?

1) We'll assume that the most reliable witnesses are the least prone to experience misperceptions/misinterpretations that could lead them to report UFOs.

2) Let's suppose that most, if not all, UFO cases are explainable, most of them as misperceptions/misinterpretations (for simplicity's sake, we'll set aside delusions, hoaxes...).

3) The key point is that the most reliable witnesses will report the least number of cases due to misperceptions/misinterpretations but those reported will be in the class of those most difficult to explain, since they are not easily fooled by most stimuli, at least under normal conditions.

4) Therefore, after the analysis, the group of cases with the more reliable witnesses will show the larger percentage of unknowns. Note that in any group of less reliable witnesses, besides these difficult cases we'll find many cases of misperceptions/misinterpretations more easily resolvable after analysis, that will count as knowns, so lowering the percentage of unknowns.

5) Finally, this trend will also appear in the overall analysis of cases vs. reliability, since witness reliability is one of the pillars of the general concept of reliability handled in the study. Hence we conclude that the cases considered most reliable should have the higher percentage of unknowns if there were no true UFOs!

Obviously, this is not to say that the Battelle results prove that there are no true UFOs. What I intended to show is that they don't admit a straightforward interpretation as many ufologists think. I hope the examples below will help to clarify all this.

Let's start with a group of so-called "reliable witnesses" and another of average people. Now imagine that individuals from both groups experience the following situations:

a) At night, in a secluded place, members of a sect perform a silent procession, holding torches and wearing black clothes. Casual observers are surprised by strange lights moving in circle near the ground for some minutes.

b) An unusual red light (in fact, Venus) seems to approach the witness's plane and keep pace with it for a while before disappearing at a fantastic speed. Later, the witness will report a wrong date for the event.

c) Witnesses observe a landed "flying saucer" and, afterwards, an ascending green light, all arranged by sophisticated pranksters. Observers in both groups report the three sightings

above as UFOs. Subsequent analysis fails to solve them and they remain as unknowns.

d) A plane brightly illuminated by the sun makes an odd display in the twilight sky.

e) A cloud in the upper atmosphere resulting from a ballistic missile secret test is taken for a mysterious nearby phenomenon by some observers. Again, witnesses in both groups report these sightings as UFOs. But this time, subsequent analysis finds the right explanations.

f) One night, an observer from the "average" group discovers the hovering lights of a phantom airship. A nearby reliable observer recognizes Venus and Jupiter, very close in conjunction.

g) A yellowish disc follows the car of a witness of the "average" group for many miles and, finally, it seems to land behind some trees. Shortly after, a "reliable" observer experiences the same, but when he stops the car to better observe he quickly realises he has been watching the moon. In these two last examples, only observers from the second group (less reliable observers) report seeing UFOs. Analysis comes up later with the correct identifications.

To sum up, the resulting proportion of unknowns in the "reliable witnesses" group is 60% (3 out of 5), while in the "average witnesses" group it is about 43% (3 out of 7)! Hence, if there were no true UFOs, the cases with most reliable witnesses would have the highest percentage unexplained. Manuel Borraz, Barcelona, Spain

STING IN THE TAIL

The Daily Telegraph has long been noted for its eccentric readers' letters. Some years ago there was a lengthy correspondence on the subject of pet flies. Recently there has been one on the sport of wasp hunting, the object being to trace the wasp back to its nest. This involves holding the wasp against a window and tying a length of white cotton round it. The wasp is then released and, slowed down by the cotton, is easily followed. Another correspondent suggested it was better to sprinkle them with flour to make them highly visible. Mr Paul Carr-Griffin of Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogooch, expected that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Wasps would ask the Government to ban the sport. (I am not making this up - Ed.)

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"The blood is the life, but electricity is the life of the blood."
Dr Carter Moffat, 1892

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From: **Bobbie Felder** <jilain@digidezign.com>
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 09:11:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:29:55 -0400
Subject: Dr. Bruce Maccabee On Irc Chat Tonight - 9/22/00

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Just a quick reminder to everyone that Dr. Bruce Maccabee will be the guest speaker for a special question and answer session on the IRC Undernet channel #chariots tonight, Friday, September 22, 2000, at 10 PM EDT, 9 PM CDT, 8 PM MDT, 7 PM PDT.

For those who don't already use IRC as a method of real-time communication over the Internet, you can access #chariots by clicking on the link provided on my home page at:

<http://www.jilain.com>

Just remember that on Undernet, a nickname cannot be more than 9 characters, and if a nickname is already in use, you will get a notice to that effect. If that happens, make up another nickname and try again.

We look forward to seeing everyone there for this special program with Dr. Maccabee. He will be answering YOUR questions, so don't blow this chance. Be there!!

Bobbie

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~~~Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!  
For the soul is dead that slumbers  
And things are not what they seem~~~

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## Re: Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False

From: Sue Strickland <[strick@H2Net.net](mailto:strick@H2Net.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 09:16:38 -0600  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:35:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False

>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 19:40:14 -0400  
>From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymcbg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcbg@attcanada.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False Memories

>September 19, 2000

>Brain-Updating Machinery May Explain False Memories  
>By Sandra Blakeslee

><http://www.nytimes.com/2000/09/19/science/19MEMO.html>

>Scientists may have found a biological reason to explain why two  
>people who witness the same event will, years later, often have  
>different memories of what happened.

>It seems that every time an old memory is pulled into  
>consciousness, the brain takes it apart, updates it and then  
>makes new proteins in the process of putting the memory back  
>into long-term storage. The fact that new proteins are made  
>means that the memory has been transformed permanently to  
>reflect each person's life experiences - not the memory itself.

>The finding is based on research involving a specific kind of  
>fear memory in animals, but many experts predict that it may  
>also hold true for other kinds of memories in humans. They also  
>say that the discovery could lead to ways of altering or erasing  
>people's memories.

>The research, carried out at the Center for Neural Science at  
>New York University, was described in the Aug. 17 issue of the  
>journal Nature. This is the first good neurobiological  
>explanation of the way memories are updated, said Dr. Daniel  
>Schacter, a Harvard psychology professor and a memory expert.  
>"It's a mistake to think that once you record a memory, it is  
>forever fixed," he said.

>Dr. Elizabeth Loftus, a psychologist who studies memory at the  
>University of Washington in Seattle, said: "This is very  
>interesting research. We're on the brink of being able to figure  
>out how you might accomplish something like memory engineering."

>It may be possible to erase traumatic memories in people who are  
>plagued by them, she said, and to better understand how false  
>memories are implanted into people's minds when they are given  
>suggestions that they want to believe.

>It has been known for at least 100 years that newly formed  
>memories are initially unstable, said Dr. Yadin Dudai, a  
>neurobiologist at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot,  
>Israel. A bump on the head, an electric shock or certain drugs  
>can disrupt the process that gradually turns short-term memories  
>into long-term memories through the production of new  
>connections and protein synthesis in memory circuits.

>In the 1960's, researchers showed that certain drugs could  
>interfere with the recall of memories, he said, but the research  
>did not get very far because the drugs affected the entire brain  
>and could not be traced to cellular mechanisms in memory

>networks.

>Dr. Karim Nader and Dr. Glenn Shafe, research assistant  
>professors at N.Y.U., carried out the new experiments on memory  
>recall in ways that reveal those cellular mechanisms with much  
>greater precision. In a process called fear conditioning, they  
>simultaneously played a tone and delivered an electric shock to  
>the feet of caged rats. Later, when the rats heard just the  
>tone, they froze; they had learned to be afraid.

Dear Listers,

This article is most interesting to me, especially since I am an ex-abductee.

I have been concerned that what I remember and relate is factual... as best as I can consciously recall. I have tried to avoid exaggeration, in the form of embellishment of any sort. And, I have often wondered if my memories were "correct" simply because the fear factor was so intense (most of the time) when encounters did occur, and because the memories I have are so very detailed.

For example, if you ask me what I dreamt 2 weeks after the fact, I would not be able to tell you, unless I had written that dream down in a journal the morning after or very shortly thereafter.

I have always wondered why the experiences (which I labeled "dreams" for so long) were so vivid, while other "dreams" went unrecalled or vague. The fear factor along with the accompanying pain reinforced the "dream" experiences.

Through the years, recall is much less traumatic (violent chills, accompanied simultaneously by the hair standing up straight on the back of my neck and on my arms).

That partial relaxation may be due in part to the fact that I have not experienced any long-term "visits" for many years. But, I can safely say that if such should occur again, my reactions will probably be the same. I guess that indicates that I am a "slow learner."

Even my (now) blind dog jumps 3' into the air from a standing position after smelling a snake, whether alive or dead, due to his past encounter with a snake. I guess I shouldn't expect less of myself where ETs are concerned.

Sincerely,

Sue Strickland

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## Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:11:45 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:42:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Balaskas

>From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymcb@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymcb@attcanada.ca)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:38:03 -0400  
>Subject: 'Angel Hair'?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>[http://www.homestead.com/rustys\\_retreat/spiderstuff.html](http://www.homestead.com/rustys_retreat/spiderstuff.html)

<snip>

>This is a special page I made so I could show you what I woke up  
>to this morning. First though I must tell you exactly the events  
>as they happened as I remember them.

<snip>

>If Anyone has any idea of what this stuff is please let me know.  
>Any feedback will be most appreciated.

Hi Rusty,

As you first assumed, I think what you saw were indeed spider webs observed under unusual conditions. With the coming of Fall weather, the morning temperatures can be low enough for dew to condense on cold outdoor surfaces. Fine spider webs which are normally not very noticeable to humans (or bugs), would then stand out in the bright sunlight when they are saturated with the early morning dew. They would also seem to dissolve and disappear when one tried to collect these fine water saturated spider webs.

If this alleged 'Angel Hair' did fall from the sky, then one would expect it to be fairly evenly distributed on the earth. Although I can see a fairly uniform distribution of high density Angel Hair patches on the grass and the bushes, I did not notice any on the branches of the many trees which would suggest that they did not drop from above. Also, one closeup photo of a patch of 'Angel Hair' on the grass looks very much like a spider web which is anchored to several surrounding blades of grass.

Since the size of the blades of grass in your yard suggest that it has been a while since you last cut them, if your neighbours cut their grass more recently, this would explain why some of would have few 'Angel Hair' patches on their yards since it would take time for the spiders to rebuild their webs, if at all.

Never-the-less, the above is only the opinion which I derived from what I observed in your photos. If you have not been able to find someone to examine the 'Angel Hair' samples you have collected, I would be happy to arrange for some appropriate lab to examine them here [York University - Toronto --ebk]. I would suggest that they also look for evidence of fine spider web fibers on the gloves you used to collect your samples (not the paper towels, since their fibers could be mistaken for spider web fibers).

As for the sounds you heard coming form the sky on the night

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before, this is more of a mystery to me, even if there is no direct connection to the 'Angel Hair' you photographed the following morning.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 15:51:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 17:05:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 18:03:39 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:27:08 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

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>The topic of UFO models -- the model first brought to him to  
>photograph and compare with the real thing in his photos, and  
>the one Wendelle had a studio make and hen tested out, using  
>Meier's own camera, and another -- was looked into thoroughly by  
>Wendelle Stevens and reported upon in his 1982 book. I believe  
>that Wendelle's crew "discovered" the models, not UV. Meier  
>never denied the existence of these models, and his photos speak  
>for themselves, especially the ones where Semjase posed her  
>beamship on all sides of a tree for Meier to photograph on 9  
>July, 1975. I now have several of those displayed in the front  
>page of my website, since from them two Forestry experts at  
>Oregon State Univ. easily concluded the tree in question was a  
>mature abies alba (European silver fir). Hence it was no model  
>tree or baby tree. (This much can be concluded from photos that  
>are not 1st or 2nd generation.)

<snip>

Hi, Jim...

With all due respect, the tree in the photo is a model. Unless,  
of course, natural trees are capable of turning 90 to 180  
degrees while still in the ground.

If you look closely at the photos, you will quite plainly see  
that the background changes to a different view while the side of  
the tree facing the camera never changes. This is because the  
model of the ship is attached to the tree. Beyond that, the  
forestry experts are wrong. It isn't even a real tree. My mom  
has one just like it on a shelf at her house. She bought it at a  
TG&Y five and dime about 20 years ago along with a bunch of silk  
plants. It even has the same branch pattern. I'll see if I can  
borrow it and post a picture for the List.

Believe me, you don't need a 1st or 2nd generation photo to tell  
these things are not real. Plants do not spin in the ground and  
spaceships do not need to "hug" a tree.

Use common sense when you look at these photos and you'll see  
what I mean.

Take care,

Roger

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 16:01:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 17:24:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

>From: Roger Prokic <[rprokic@pobox.com](mailto:rprokic@pobox.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 20:35:45 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:09:50 -0400  
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:36:53 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I wrote:

>Without starting a CSETI debate, let me again point out that  
>communication is a two way street. It doesn't matter what form of  
>communication that an advanced race uses to talk to each other,  
>be it thought-beams, laserlight, microwave, sign language, morse  
>code or whatever. What is important is what they decide to use  
>to communicate with US.

Roger replied:

>I think the likelihood of an ET visitor wanting to chat with us  
>Earthlings is as likely as you or me trying to chat with some  
>cannabalistic natives. I wouldn't know why anybody would do this  
>either. But, it's more likely that surveillance from a safe  
>distance would occur.

Roger, Roger!

You may very well be right. Why would anyone out there want to talk to us? However, my point is that if they do, then they're smart enough to know that it's easier for them to adopt our primitive communication techniques than for us to adopt theirs. This may very well mean that they would use RF since that's what we use. Why come all this way and make it harder than necessary. After all, if RF is so primitive, then the technology shouldn't be beyond them.

However, I am going to back out of this thread. I don't want to muddy the waters by starting a CSETI debate when Roy originally asked a completely different question regarding flashing lights and claims by contactees. Sorry for the detour, Roy.

And now, back to your regularly scheduled programming....

Roger and out.

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## Remote Viewers: Target EL-6

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:51:56 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:04:18 -0400  
Subject: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6

Did anyone happen to catch Dick Allgire on Coast to Coast? These guys are amazing... one caller asked if Allgire could see the outcome of the current Presidential election and this guy said he couldn't because there were "too many variables." What? So let's see here, Ed Dames can remote view Satan, can remote view the Hale-Flop companion, these guys claim they could remote view the Kennedy assassination and can remote view alien planets - but can't even give the outcome of an election? Didn't Dames claim Psi-Tech was 100% accurate?

Another thing: Ed Dames can use his astounding remote viewing capabilities to tell cops in Coquille, Oregon that a missing teen they're looking for is dead but can't give them any details regarding the murder suspect? Dames is more than capable of lying about his involvement with the police. That seems to be the only truly astounding capability Dames does actually have - he can lie like no other.

Okay, time for a little experiment here: I am going to designate a target as EL-6. This is your target to remote view. Tell me what it is and you can have it! What say there Dames? This should be far too simple of an exercise for such an advanced remote viewer as yourself. This should be no problem for guys that can see distant alien worlds near the hubble telescope...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind." eXposé News  
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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:57:06 -0700  
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Has anybody seen Meier's beamship film where the ship disappears and then instantly reappears? If you'll notice that the wind is blowing and there is a tree limb or some kind of plant limb to the left of the frame. When the ship disappears the limb instantly stops moving as the ship reappears. This is blatant stop motion photography. The Meier case is dead and anyone that believes in it is needs some serious help...

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## UFO Images From The UK

From: Dan Geib <[DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com](mailto:DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 19:03:52 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:08:46 -0400  
Subject: UFO Images From The UK

Hello

I recently received some images from someone in the UK. The UFO appears to be very similar to the Haines Vancouver Island case. I do not vouch for authenticity, just wanted to share what I have received. Too large to impose directly thru the mail, so if interested go to the "Want to see a UFO?" Section at UFO Folklore!

<http://www.gtm.net/~geibdan/framemst.html>

They are under the Year 2000 section and the link is called UFOs from the UK

There you have it

Enjoy,

Dan

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## Re: Walt Andrus' Wife Passes Away

From: Daniel Muñoz <[Ovnimexico1@aol.com](mailto:Ovnimexico1@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 19:06:54 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:17:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Walt Andrus' Wife Passes Away

From Mexico, Jaime Maussan and I would like to transmit our  
condolences to Walter.

Our best thoughts and wishes are with you, and our prayers with  
Jeanne, Walt. Finally she will know the truth...

Sincerely,

Daniel Muñoz

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With all due respect in turn, when one views a tree from different angles and sees different limbs sticking out of its left & right sides, a rational person doesn't then conclude it's a model tree. Just because Korff in his book claims it was a model that was rotated for some of its views, doesn't mean that we have to fall for it when an ordinary examination refutes his claim.

(I guess it's OK with the rest of the List to discuss a bit of nitty gritty here, if one can discuss pelicans and lighthouses!)

That tree had a significant gap of limbs on one side near its top, sufficient to show up over a range of a good 180 degrees change in view. Look at photo #65, which shows the different background of snow-spotted hills (it's the 4th photo from the left in the array of 7 photos of it in my website's main page), and compare it with several of the others that don't, say with the 2nd photo on the left (I believe that's Meier's #66). That upper gap of limbs on the left in #65 has a different detailed profile from that of #66, while on the right, not quite as far up the tree, there's a prominent limb sticking out with prominent off-shoots, not present in #66 or the others. Also, the rest of the tree's outline is all different in its finer detail when the altered background is present.

I think it's that large upper gap that has fooled you, if it's not Korff that's done it. Close your eyes until everything's blurry and you can barely see the gap, then your conclusion could be forthcoming. But open them and look closely, and you'll see that the details all differ. Thus it was no model, rotated. (The devil is in the details.)

Notice the tree's trunk in photo #66. It shows a couple gnarled protrusions indicating limbs had once grown out there, and subsequently got broken off or pruned off with the bark growing over. This is clearer from the enlargement shown on p. 64 of Lee

& Brit Elders' Vol. II pictorial album. Thus it was no model.

If it had been a model tree, the bare trunk, which extends up some 20% of the tree's height in the photo, would have been obscured by the meadow grass that itself extends up some 3 feet by mid July. Hence, it was no model.

And you might glance at the 1st photo on the left in the website's series of 7; it's #57. It shows branches of a tree on the right that's up fairly close to the camera. It's blurry, as expected, in comparison with the more distant abies-alba tree with its posing beamship. Hence it was no model tree with a model UFO close to the camera. (Stevens found that the focus of Meier's camera had been stuck on a setting just one notch short of the infinity setting. Korff accepted this much.)

Jim Deardorff

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj>

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## UFO Scotland Changes URL

From: Dave Ledger <[dledger@igclick.net](mailto:dledger@igclick.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 00:22:14 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:23:20 -0400  
Subject: UFO Scotland Changes URL

Dear Errol & List members,

Just a quick note to inform you all that the UFO Scotland website at the address:

<http://wkweb5.cableinet.co.uk/dledger>

is no longer online and the new address for the UFO Scotland database and substantial UFO video collection, can be found at:

<http://www.ufoscotland.co.uk>

If any members have any current links to the old site, it would be appreciated if you could ammend them to the new address.

Many thanks in advance and best wishes to everyone,

From your friend,

Dave Ledger (UFO Scotland)

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## Limited X-PPAC Media Update - Background Only -

From: Steven G. Bassett <[ExPPAC@aol.com](mailto:ExPPAC@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 19:29:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:29:38 -0400  
Subject: Limited X-PPAC Media Update - Background Only -

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X-PPAC Update - September 22, 2000

Politics of Disclosure Town Hall Meeting

X-PPAC, in cooperation with numerous cosponsors, is in the process of setting up the first campaign related Town Hall Meeting in history where national candidates would engage in unscripted Q&A addressing the Politics of UFOs/Dislosure. National media coverage is assured.

A formal announcement along with coast to coast advance media saturation awaits only the fixing of a date which will be sometime during the first two weeks of October.

Negotiations have taken place with seven presidential campaigns and three California Senate campaign. All aspects of production and financing have been addressed.

You may follow the fast-paced development of this project at this webpage:

<http://www.x-ppac.org/TownHall.html>

Donations

A major election is underway. National and international developments addressing the politics of disclosure have taken place. Now is the time for those who care about the process and outcome of history to step to the plate.

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## Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked?

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 17:30:57 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:03:07 -0400  
Subject: Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked?

Did anyone catch Coast to Coast last night when Siegel said that someone had hacked into Ghostfraud and Hoaxland's website for their 'conference'? Siegel said someone had posted something else and I'm interested in knowing what was put up - the site is now fixed.

Any help is appreciated, thanks!

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."  
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>  
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>  
(This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS  
you demanded it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of  
the Month!)

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 18:39:53 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:04:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:57:06 -0700

>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 15:51:36 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 18:03:39 -0700  
>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:27:08 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>Has anybody seen Meier's beamship film where the ship disappears  
>and then instantly reappears? If you'll notice that the wind is  
>blowing and there is a tree limb or some kind of plant limb to  
>the left of the frame. When the ship disappears the limb  
>instantly stops moving as the ship reappears. This is blatant  
>stop motion photography. The Meier case is dead and anyone that  
>believes in it is needs some serious help...

>Regards,

>Royce J. Myers III

Royce,

Yes, that's the Berg-Rumlikon sequence of 12 June, 1975. Have you ever read witnesses' accounts of the "Oz" effect? Suddenly no animal or bird sounds, no wind. This film shows this UFO phenomenon in operation. Meier described it to his interviewers while the film was being replayed and video-taped, back around 1980(?) or so. It commenced when the beamship suddenly disappeared and ceased when it reappeared a half minute or so later. Of course, he didn't call it the Oz effect -- I don't think Jenny had described it and named it that until later -- and Meier wasn't then reading a lot of UFO books.

This "film" is a video of a copy of 7 segments of original film Meier took on 7 occasions that were spliced together, which Meier had loaned out to a studio in Munich. He received what he thought was the same film back only after prodding them for several months. It was Stevens who later discovered it was only a copy, and not the original Meier had sent them. Meier found that they had cut out sections here and there and respliced it. But according to Meier, this particular sequence had not been cut and spliced by them (or by him).

Perhaps someone can point out the date of the first book reference to the Oz effect that he knows of.

Jim D.

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:33:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:06:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 16:21:53 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:19:01 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 15:51:36 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously I wrote:

>>With all due respect, the tree in the photo is a model. Unless,  
>>of course, natural trees are capable of turning 90 to 180  
>>degrees while still in the ground.  
>>If you look closely at the photos, you will quite plainly see  
>>that the background changes to a different view while the side of  
>>the tree facing the camera never changes. This is because the  
>>model of the ship is attached to the tree. Beyond that, the  
>>forestry experts are wrong.

Jim replied:

>I think it's that large upper gap that has fooled you, if it's  
>not Korff that's done it. Close your eyes until everything's  
>blurry and you can barely see the gap, then your conclusion  
>could be forthcoming. But open them and look closely, and you'll  
>see that the details all differ. Thus it was no model, rotated.  
>(The devil is in the details.)

Hi Jim.

I have looked at the photos and stand by my observations. The tree turns. If you want to interpret the details a different way, so be it. I do not see the things you do.

Moving on, Jim wrote:

>And you might glance at the 1st photo on the left in the  
>website's series of 7; it's #57. It shows branches of a tree on  
>the right that's up fairly close to the camera. It's blurry, as  
>expected, in comparison with the more distant abies-alba tree  
>with its posing beamship. Hence it was no model tree with a  
>model UFO close to the camera. (Stevens found that the focus of  
>Meier's camera had been stuck on a setting just one notch short  
>of the infinity setting. Korff accepted this much.)

I could care less about Korff. He means nothing to me. The simple truth is that optical mechanics dictates that you can't have it both ways.

On the one hand, you maintain that the camera is defective and unable to focus to infinity. This sort of defect means that the camera will, instead, focus closer than usual, even if the aperture is wide open. If the aperture were closed down (as necessary when shooting in sunlight), then it will focus even closer!

However, the branches close to the camera are out of focus. This

would be impossible if the camera suffered from the malady you suggest. They would be razor sharp and the background would be out of focus. As you have pointed out, the opposite is true.

More to the point, even if a camera were unable to focus to infinity wide open, the inherent depth of field gained by closing down the aperture (as necessary when shooting in the sunlight) will always overcome the infinity focus shortfall. The reason is that depth of field increases at the rear of the lens as well as the front when you close down the aperture (this is known as back-focus gain).

What does this all mean? It means that there was nothing wrong with the camera at all. (Actually, if I wanted to shoot a model up close, a camera that had the defect you describe would be ideal, but not necessary.)

As I said earlier, you can't have it both ways. You can't claim that the camera won't focus to infinity and NOT focus up close either! It has to be one or the other.

The photo is a fake.

Roger

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 03:40:30 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:08:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Hale

>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 20:35:45 -0400  
>From: Roger Prokic <[rprokic@pobox.com](mailto:rprokic@pobox.com)>  
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans  
>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>I think the likelihood of an ET visitor wanting to chat with us  
>Earthlings is as likely as you or me trying to chat with some  
>cannibalistic natives. I wouldn't know why anybody would do this  
>either. But, it's more likely that surveillance from a safe  
>distance would occur.

>Roger

Hi Roger and all,

A quick question concerning the actions displayed by UFOs  
referred to in my mail and in reference to the above statement.

REF: Alagash Incident:

After the guys flashed the UFO, whilst in their boat, and the  
object flashed back' how do we make out what the next part of  
the experience was, when they were apparently taken on board for  
some kind of examination by beings?

Roy..

[www.thelosthaven.co.uk](http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk)

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## Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Rutherford

From: **Retha Rutherford** <[rusty@mountain.net](mailto:rusty@mountain.net)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 22:38:51 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:12:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Rutherford

[Non-subscriber Post]

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman@psln.com](mailto:egehrman@psln.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: 'Angel Hair'?  
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 19:05:30 -0700

>>From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymccg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymccg@attcanada.ca)>  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 09:38:03 -0400  
>>Subject: 'Angel Hair'?  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>If Anyone has any idea of what this stuff is please let me know.  
>>Any feedback will be most appreciated.

><snip>

>>[The pictures \_are\_ interesting. --ebk]

>I agree; this is a strange phenomenon. But "angel hair" has been  
>reported under similar circumstances. In 1955, M.K Jessup  
>published a book called 'The UFO Annual'; it contained UFO  
>reports from all across the USA for that year. It is quite a  
>remarkable book but I doubt that listfolk are familiar with it.

>One of my favorite reports in the collection is an occurrence  
>that took place Oct. 22nd., 1955, fifteen miles northwest of  
>Columbus Ohio. It was a clear day, and students at Jerome  
>Elementary School were playing outside when they all spotted an  
>object circling high above the school. Most teachers and the  
>principal saw the craft.

>It was "cigar shaped" and "dazzling" bright and "motionless". As  
>they all watched, the object took off at "tremendous" speed.

>What they witnessed next was a most "beautiful scene".

>"The air as high and far around as the teachers could see was  
>filled with the most beautiful soft white looking tufts of  
>cotton slowly floating to the ground."

<snip>

Hello

Strange that you mentioned the story because I just received an  
email from someone who lives about 15 miles away from me who  
saw a cigar-shaped object at the same time I heard the Droning  
sound.

About a third of all the feedback I am getting tells me that  
this stuff is UFO related.

Rusty

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## Re: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6 - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 23:33:58 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:26:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6 - Gates

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:51:56 -0700

>Did anyone happen to catch Dick Allgire on Coast to Coast? These  
>guys are amazing... one caller asked if Allgire could see the  
>outcome of the current Presidential election and this guy said  
>he couldn't because there were "too many variables." What? So  
>let's see here, Ed Dames can remote view Satan, can remote view

So was Satan a Democrat, Republican, or Independent? Inquiring  
minds are waiting breathlessly for the revelations from the  
RV'ers.

>the Hale-Flop companion, these guys claim they could remote view  
>the Kennedy assassination and can remote view alien planets - but  
>can't even give the outcome of an election? Didn't Dames claim  
>Psi-Tech was 100% accurate?

Wasn't it Dames who claimed to have RV'ed a underground Martian  
colony in New Mexico? Perhaps it was Brown.

<snip>

>Okay, time for a little experiment here: I am going to designate  
>a target as EL-6. This is your target to remote view. Tell me  
>what it is and you can have it! What say there Dames? This  
>should be far too simple of an exercise for such an advanced  
>remote viewer as yourself. This should be no problem for guys  
>that can see distant alien worlds near the hubble telescope...

What you should have done is have somebody you know in the Dept  
call Dames up and tell him they are working on a puzzling case  
and the only thing left at the scene is/was a piece of paper  
with Mars EL - 6 or whatever on it.

Two things. If Dames is the 100 percent accurate RV'er that it  
is claimed, he would no fairly soon their was no scene with a  
piece of paper with Target EL - 6 on it. You merely wait a month  
until Dames is crowing all of Hoax-to-Hoax (sorry Coast to  
Coast) how he helped RV this crime scene with a mysterious piece  
of paper etc etc. Who knows, you never know what he may come up  
with :)

cheers,

Robert

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## Gere To Star In Movie On Mothman Prophecies

From: **Stig Agermose** <[stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk](mailto:stig.agermose@post.cybercity.dk)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 06:09:11 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:29:14 -0400  
Subject: Gere To Star In Movie On Mothman Prophecies

Source: Sci Fi Wire, a news service of the Sci Fi Channel. URL:

<http://www.scifi.com/scifiwire/art-main.html?2000-09/22/11.00.film>

Stig

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Updated 3:47pm ET on 22-September-2000

9:00am ET, 22-September-00

Gere Drawn To Mothman

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Richard Gere will star in Mothman Prophecies, an SF movie to be directed by Mark Pellington (Arlington Road), according to The Hollywood Reporter. The Lakeshore Entertainment project is slated to begin production in January.

Mothman tells the story of a newspaper reporter (Gere) who leaves his job after his wife dies to find out about a series of strange events in a small town. He discovers that the events might point to an alien visitation, the trade paper reported.

The movie is based on John Keel's account of his investigation of UFO reports around Point Pleasant, W.Va., during the late 1960s, the trade paper reported. Richard Hatem wrote the original screenplay; Becky Johnston wrote the most current draft.

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## Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 00:38:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:32:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page - Aldrich

>From: Kevin Maly <[kevin\\_maly@bigfoot.com](mailto:kevin_maly@bigfoot.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 20:08:56 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Project 1947 Roswell Page

>>From: Jan Aldrich <[jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Project 1947 Roswell Page  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:51:33 -0400

<snip>

>>We also have an article from Prof. Charles Moore on radars in  
>>New Mexico in 1947 with an assessment of the claims of radar  
>>tracking of the Roswell object.

>Yes, the problem with Roswell is that there are so many urban  
>legends, fictional stories and outright lies that everything is  
>blurred into a mess. This does not invalidate the fact that the  
>\_government\_ stated they had a flying saucer.

What exactly is a flying saucer in the context of 8 July 1947  
journalism? That the newspapers said RAAF captured a flying  
disc, did not mean they had an ET spaceship... as pointed out in  
my article "flying disc" and "flying saucer" had not taken on  
any particular meaning at that time.

Flying discs, were taken to be spots in front of the eyes, the  
Navy's flying flapjack, balloons, and any of a score of other  
things. During the 1947 wave dozens of "flying discs" were  
brought in to newspaper offices, police stations, etc. In Idaho,  
New York, California, Texas, Florida, Missouri, Pennsylvania,  
Connecticut, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Louisiana,  
etc., newspapers announced that people had found flying saucers  
or flying discs. These all turned out to be ordinary things,  
airplane parts, models, hoax items, kites, weather balloons,  
etc., but the names flying saucers or flying discs were applied  
to all of them.

>The Air Force did  
>not have to make any statement at all, but they choose to and  
>then they retracted that statement. That is what is odd about  
>this whole situation. The military had just come out of WWII and  
>was very good at keeping things quiet.

>I don't believe that attacking a intelligence officer with a  
>good service record and character is the answer to this  
>situation.

>Another odd thing is that in the Pentagon investigation into  
>this matter in the 90's the government admitted to exercises  
>with strange looking dummies and said this happened in the  
>1950's, however they say this was because of time>compression  
>that people mistaken this to have happened in 1947.

I don't think anyone, but a few members of the Air Force and  
press ever took this last one seriously. However, the USAF and  
other agencies now can answer the hundreds of FOIAs with this  
report. Anyone who has seen the color videos of thses tests

would have to laugh at this answer, dummies in traffic orange falling from the sky certainly don't fit the bill.

>Yes, people are making millions of dollars from the Roswell >stories that are around, but with every lie there is always a >grain of truth. If there ever was something extra-terrestrial >recovered at Roswell, NM we may never know about it in our >lifetime. But one day the truth will be exposed and hard science >will be the judge of what was recovered in Roswell, NM.

>73,

>Kevin AOL IM:KevinMaly

The whole point of posting this material was because a good deal was unavailable on the web, was new and/or came from Project 1947 research.

The idea of Project 1947 was to research the 1947 wave and report back on what was found, good, bad or indifferent. A lot of Roswell material is collected here for the first time. The two main authenticated official documents are here in one place on the web, the FBI cable and the RAAF history.

More, especially on records research, will be posted later.

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## Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Lemire

From: **Todd Lemire** <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 01:47:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:34:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Lemire

>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 13:44:29 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 19 Sep 2000 09:39:02 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:28:12 -0400  
>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>>Subject: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>My analysis of the photo taken by Canadian Air Force pilot RJ  
>>>Childerhose in 1955 is now available at  
>>>[brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html](http://brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html).

>>What are the chances that this could be a sprite, or one of the  
>>other new kinds of lighting discharges recently discovered?

>Don't know much about sprites except that they appear to be very  
>brief discharges upward from the tops of clouds. Lightning  
>strikes are very brief (milliseconds to tenths of seconds  
>generally). The anomalous object seen by RJC was, according to  
>his reportm, stationary under the anvil of a T-storm for several  
>minutes at least.

>Phil's guess a "bal lightning" is as good as any conventional  
>explanation... except that this object goes far beyond  
>"conventional" ball lightning (for which there is no real  
>explanation but at least there is general admission that it is a  
>real phenomenon). Conventional BL sizes are less than a meter  
>and generall less than 10 cm.

An interesting link worth visiting along the lines of this is  
the research done by Andrei Ol'khovатов concerning 'geophysical  
meteors' located at:

<http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Cockpit/3240/gr1997.htm>

Very well worth the read.

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

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## Re: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 01:29:41 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:36:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:51:56 -0700

>Did anyone happen to catch Dick Allgire on Coast to Coast? These  
>guys are amazing... one caller asked if Allgire could see the  
>outcome of the current Presidential election and this guy said  
>he couldn't because there were "too many variables." What? So  
>let's see here, Ed Dames can remote view Satan, can remote view  
>the Hale-Flop companion, these guys claim they could remote view  
>the Kennedy assassination and can remote view alien planets - but  
>can't even give the outcome of an election? Didn't Dames claim  
>Psi-Tech was 100% accurate?

>Another thing: Ed Dames can use his astounding remote viewing  
>capabilities to tell cops in Coquille, Oregon that a missing  
>teen they're looking for is dead but can't give them any details  
>regarding the murder suspect? Dames is more than capable of  
>lying about his involvement with the police. That seems to be  
>the only truly astounding capability Dames does actually have -  
>he can lie like no other.

>Okay, time for a little experiment here: I am going to designate  
>a target as EL-6. This is your target to remote view. Tell me  
>what it is and you can have it! What say there Dames? This  
>should be far too simple of an exercise for such an advanced  
>remote viewer as yourself. This should be no problem for guys  
>that can see distant alien worlds near the hubble telescope...

>Regards,

>Royce J. Myers III eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip  
>On Your Open Mind." eXposé News  
><http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3> UFO Hall o' Shame  
><http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog> (This may turn into just  
>UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded it...again!  
>Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

Dear Royce:

Ed Dames is probably not on this List, so let me give it a stab!

[eerie music softly rises...]

I see a white box... big box standing up on end. No, its not a  
box, its a, a a refrigerator!

Wait, there more. Inside the box there's some, ah, milk and  
stale veggies .. and lots of... ah... soda pop? No its not  
sodas, its .. its beer!

Yes! That's it, a fridge full of beer.

The EL comes from Electric (appliance) and the 6 comes from  
six-packs!

OK Royce! Am I good or what? No fair changing the target to to a

tree or something that won't keep the beer cold.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

PS: Your turn! Try to remote view EL-12.

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From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 02:36:21 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:41:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Hatch

>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 18:03:39 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims [was: The Meier Hoax]

>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 02:25:15 -0700  
>>Subject: The Meier Hoax [was: Adamski Saucer Model Found?]  
>>From: Nathan G. Daniel - Underground Video <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 14:54:04 -0700  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?

>>>>From: GT McCoy <[gtmccoy@harborside.com](mailto:gtmccoy@harborside.com)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?  
>>>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:39:05 -0700

>>I have never entered an online forum before. Please excuse me  
>>if I am doing so now improperly. I couldn't resist making a  
>>response when I read Jim Deardorff's statement concerning  
>>the authenticity of the Billy Meier case. Readers of the List  
>>may wish to consider the following comments and findings.

>>James Deardorff said:

>>>There's no need to include Meier in there. Otherwise, you will  
>>>just be asking for a host of e-mails detailing names of  
>>>supporting witnesses and their credibility, photos that can't be  
>>>debunked, false claims made against him, detailed investigations  
>>>of his experiences that cannot be ignored, etc.

<snip>

>>With the assistance of members from the Hollywood special  
>>effects team of the Ultra-Matrix Corporation, we studied the  
>>Meier photographs and claims made by Meier's Talmud Jmmanuel,  
>>Genesis III Publishing, author Gary Kinder, and Guido Mooseburger  
>>of Meier's FIGU cult in Switzerland. After 6 months of intense  
>>inquiry, with the assistance of cinematographers, physicists,  
>>and computer analysis from Total Research, we found the claims  
>>of the representatives of the Meier case to be absolutely  
>>untrue. ... [ Nathan Daniel ]

>Nathan,

>I believe we've all heard most of this before, via Kal Korff  
>(TotalResearch) and then others who fell for his claims. Korff's  
>>false claims have been thoroughly refuted, with many of his key  
>>falsehoods, distortions, irrelevancies and innuendo having been  
>posted on a website of Jeroen Jansen to which my website linked  
>(<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj> ). But I see now that my link  
>to this is no longer current. I'll let you know if I find  
>there's a current URL for it.

>A thorough refutation of Korff's claims against the Talmud of  
>Jmmanuel is in my website, however. To read it, go to:

><http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/refutekk.htm>

<snip>

>.. Meier never denied the existence of these models, and his  
>photos speak for themselves, especially the ones where Semjase  
>posed her beamship on all sides of a tree for Meier to  
>photograph on 9 July, 1975.

<snip>

Please pardon this intrusion, I wasn't really up to speed on  
"Semjase". I found this website on a quick browse:

<http://www.figu.ch/us/plej/semjase.htm>

.. a page that answers the question " Who is Semjase? " with the  
following. (There's a nice line drawing too) Please forgive the  
length of this quotation:

"Semjase is a 350 years old (1996) woman. She is the  
daughter of JHWH Ptaah, commander of the Pleiadian /  
Plejaran space fleet. JHWH (pronounced: ish-wish) is a  
rank and means - translated into terrestrial languages -  
"king of wisdom". (An JHWH possesses the highest degree  
of spiritual knowledge and wisdom among the peoples of  
the Plejadian/Plejaran federation.) "

Note: Yahweh was the ancient Hebrew name for God,  
usually spelled something like YHWH since written Hebrew  
consists of consonants only, dropping the implied vowels.

More on Semjase from the same web page:

"Semjase carries the rank of an ELO-JSCHRJSCH, a "demi-  
queen of wisdom". (According to Pleiadian/Plejaran  
understanding the rank JHWH alias "king" has nothing to do  
with a hierarchy; it stands for a spiritual and  
consciousness- related level of evolution. Semjase,  
granddaughter of Sfath, with whom Billy [Meier] had his  
first contact, has a brother called Yucatan. "

Semjase was once married for only 7 years. About 220 years  
ago her husband lost his life when - on a foreign galaxy  
research expedition - his spaceship had a control damage  
and crashed into a sun."

I think that's enough for now. (see website link above)

Here's my question:

Jim: Minor inaccuracies aside, do you think that this is a fair  
description of Semjase?

Do you think this is the same Semjase that posed her space-ships  
on or about 9 July, 1975, so Billy Meier could take some  
pictures?

Just curious.

- Larry Hatch

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From: Nathan G. Daniel <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 02:39:58 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:44:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:57:06 -0700

>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 15:51:36 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 18:03:39 -0700  
>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:27:08 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>><snip>

>Has anybody seen Meier's beamship film where the ship disappears  
>and then instantly reappears? If you'll notice that the wind is  
>blowing and there is a tree limb or some kind of plant limb to  
>the left of the frame. When the ship disappears the limb  
>instantly stops moving as the ship reappears. This is blatant  
>stop motion photography. The Meier case is dead and anyone that  
>believes in it is needs some serious help...

>Regards,

>Royce J. Myers III

Yes, I agree, anyone who believes in the Meier case does need serious help.

With regard to the Meier beamship film you spoke about: According to Genesis Publishing, a Japanese television station produced that segment of film. You'll also notice that they laid a time code over Meier's 8mm film. The time code gives the untrained viewer the impression that since there is no visible break in the time code, there is no cut, edit, or camera start and stop. But that is not the case. This is one of the carefully fabricated lies the producer's of the Meier material led the public into believing--forced perspective shots that are taught in film school. Beneath the time code is the actual JUMP CUT filmmakers try to avoid. You described it very accurately, Royce.

A miniature tree with a miniature beamship can be plainly seen when you examine the un-cropped photos from this series. Hell!!!--the leaves in the foreground are so large it indicates that the photographer's camera lens was close to the ground, shooting upward, at an angle, toward the side of a hill, with a tiny tree and miniature beamship stuck in its body in midground. These photos were purposely made to create the illusion of a large object--to purposely deceive the general public into buying Meier's fraudulent materials.

In a way, I feel sorry for Mr. Deardorff. He is seriously delusional. He explains hoaxed issues with the skill of an defense attorney--spinning and weaving something out of nothing

and then asking us to examine it. What about this and what about that, he says, generating data from out of the blue, when there's no foundation for the conclusions he reaches...Sounds like an OJ Simpson defense team member. The Talmud of Jmmmanuel--foeey! The foundation for determining the authenticity of that phony book is first of all, having the alleged original Aramaic version to examine. Without the original manuscript, any conclusions of authenticity are ridiculous, reckless and unprofessional.

Deardorff blames Kal Korff for uncovering Meier's fraud, instead of having outrage against Meier for duping the public. Suddenly, the investigator has become the Villain and is accused of creating a hoax. (Oh, God... Save me.) Deardorff should then blame many more people for debunking Meier including Stanton Friedman and Walt Andrus, you, Royce, and myself.

Give me a break!

Nathan G. Daniel

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## Re: UFO Images From The UK - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 03:08:07 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 12:11:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Images From The UK - Hatch

>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 19:03:52 -0700  
>From: Dan Geib <[DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com](mailto:DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: UFO Images From The UK

>Hello

>I recently received some images from someone in the UK. The UFO  
>appears to be very similar to the Haines Vancouver Island case.  
>I do not vouch for authenticity, just wanted to share what I  
>have received. Too large to impose directly thru the mail, so if  
>interested go to the "Want to see a UFO?" Section at UFO  
>Folklore!

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

>They are under the Year 2000 section and the link is called  
>UFOs from the UK

<snip>

Hello Dan:

Maybe its just me, but I couldn't find the image.

I got lost in some sort of lookup routine etc.

Could you simply drag down a link from the actual page itself?  
Its easy in Netscape, I don't know what browser you are using.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: A Carpenter Note - Hart

From: Gary Hart <[geehart@frontiernet.net](mailto:geehart@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 10:37:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 12:16:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note - Hart

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 20:23:35 EDT  
>Subject: Re: A Carpenter Note  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>If guilty, I do not know what John will do. If it were me, I  
>would want the opportunity to post my story. I only  
>know that his request to write his side  
>was accepted but only after the investigation.

>Jim

Jim, this is an interesting piece of information. John will be allowed to post a response to the charges even if found guilty? Hm-m-m. Again, this will be without the membership being made aware of the evidence itself? Hm-m-m. Sounds rather odd to me. The acceptance of John's request seems to pre-suppose an outcome.

Gary

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>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 16:21:53 -0700  
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:19:01 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

<snip>

>Hi Jim.

>I have looked at the photos and stand by my observations. The  
>tree turns. If you want to interpret the details a different  
>way, so be it. I do not see the things you do.

>Moving on, Jim wrote:

>>And you might glance at the 1st photo on the left in the  
>>website's series of 7; it's #57. It shows branches of a tree on  
>>the right that's up fairly close to the camera. It's blurry, as  
>>expected, in comparison with the more distant abies-alba tree  
>>with its posing beamship. Hence it was no model tree with a  
>>model UFO close to the camera. (Stevens found that the focus of  
>>Meier's camera had been stuck on a setting just one notch short  
>>of the infinity setting. Korff accepted this much.)

>I could care less about Korff. He means nothing to me. The  
>simple truth is that optical mechanics dictates that you can't  
>have it both ways.

>On the one hand, you maintain that the camera is defective and  
>unable to focus to infinity. This sort of defect means that the  
>camera will, instead, focus closer than usual, even if the  
>aperture is wide open. If the aperture were closed down (as  
>necessary when shooting in sunlight), then it will focus even  
>closer!

>However, the branches close to the camera are out of focus. This  
>would be impossible if the camera suffered from the malady you  
>suggest. They would be razor sharp and the background would be  
>out of focus. As you have pointed out, the opposite is true.

>More to the point, even if a camera were unable to focus to  
>infinity wide open, the inherent depth of field gained by  
>closing down the aperture (as necessary when shooting in the  
>sunlight) will always overcome the infinity focus shortfall. The  
>reason is that depth of field increases at the rear of the lens  
>as well as the front when you close down the aperture (this is  
>known as back-focus gain).

>What does this all mean? It means that there was nothing wrong  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 17:05:17 -0400  
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>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 08:59:25 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:33:37 -0500  
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>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:19:01 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

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>- Larry Hatch

Dear Doctor Hatch,

Relative to bricks, chimneys and remote viewing car keys... Now  
I ain't no X-Spurt or nuttin... but I do got me a pinion or two,  
so please allow me to verbalize these.

First, one cannot have bricks missing from one's chimney if  
one's chimney is made of wood. Doctor Deary's chimney,  
therefore, doesn't count in this case.

Second, I can tell you from first hand experience, that you  
cannot remote view car keys. I tried. I can remote view my  
mommy. I can remote view Pia (boy oh boy is that a kick) and I  
can remote view the whereabouts of my 1979 Mazda RX-7, the one  
with the Weber DCOE45's and three rotors. That one is easy to  
remote view. It's now in various pieces on turn five at Watkins  
Glen. Yep, turn five. I lost a suspension part, probably a real  
important one, cause the car went out of control.

I woke up in the ambulance thinking the attendant with the full  
beard was Pia Zafora. Anyway, that car is now part of the crash  
barriers all over the track. But they kept most of it right  
there at turn five, as a lesson to others with about as much  
talent at racing GTP cars as I had.....

I have only one last thing to say. When the frost is on the  
pumpkin, that's the time for Meier dunkin. Lehmborg, eat your  
heart out.

Jim

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>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 02:36:21 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

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>>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 02:25:15 -0700  
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>>>From: Nathan G. Daniel - Underground Video <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
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>>>>>Subject: Re: Adamski Saucer Model Found?  
>>>>>Date: Fri, 15 Sep 2000 08:39:05 -0700

>>>>>I have never entered an online forum before. Please excuse me  
>>>>>if I am doing so now improperly. I couldn't resist making a  
>>>>>response when I read Jim Deardorff's statement concerning  
>>>>>the authenticity of the Billy Meier case. Readers of the List  
>>>>>may wish to consider the following comments and findings.

>>>>>James Deardorff said:

>>>>>>There's no need to include Meier in there. Otherwise, you will  
>>>>>>just be asking for a host of e-mails detailing names of  
>>>>>>supporting witnesses and their credibility, photos that can't be  
>>>>>>debunked, false claims made against him, detailed investigations  
>>>>>>of his experiences that cannot be ignored, etc.

><snip>

>>>>>>With the assistance of members from the Hollywood special  
>>>>>>effects team of the Ultra-Matrix Corporation, we studied the  
>>>>>>Meier photographs and claims made by Meier's Talmud Jmmanuel,  
>>>>>>Genesis III Publishing, author Gary Kinder, and Guido Mooseburger  
>>>>>>of Meier's FIGU cult in Switzerland. After 6 months of intense  
>>>>>>inquiry, with the assistance of cinematographers, physicists,  
>>>>>>and computer analysis from Total Research, we found the claims  
>>>>>>of the representatives of the Meier case to be absolutely  
>>>>>>untrue. ... [ Nathan Daniel ]

>>Nathan,

>>I believe we've all heard most of this before, via Kal Korff  
>>(TotalResearch) and then others who fell for his claims. Korff's  
>>>false claims have been thoroughly refuted, with many of his key  
>>>falsehoods, distortions, irrelevancies and innuendo having been  
>>posted on a website of Jeroen Jansen to which my website linked  
>>( <http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj> ). But I see now that my link

>>to this is no longer current. I'll let you know if I find  
>>there's a current URL for it.

>>A thorough refutation of Korff's claims against the Talmud of  
>>Jmmanuel is in my website, however. To read it, go to:  
>><http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj/refutekk.htm>  
>>.. Meier never denied the existence of these models, and his  
>>photos speak for themselves, especially the ones where Semjase  
>>posed her beamship on all sides of a tree for Meier to  
>>photograph on 9 July, 1975.

><snip>

>Please pardon this intrusion, I wasn't really up to speed on  
>"Semjase". I found this website on a quick browse:

> <http://www.figu.ch/us/plej/semjase.htm>

>.. a page that answers the question " Who is Semjase? " with the  
>following. (There's a nice line drawing too) Please forgive the  
>length of this quotation:

>"Semjase is a 350 years old (1996) woman. She is the  
> daughter of JHWH Ptaah, commander of the Pleiadian /  
> Plejarian space fleet. JHWH (pronounced: ish-wish) is a  
> rank and means - translated into terrestrial languages -  
> "king of wisdom". (An JHWH possesses the highest degree  
> of spiritual knowledge and wisdom among the peoples of  
> the Plejadian/Plejarian federation.) "

>Note: Yahweh was the ancient Hebrew name for God,  
>usually spelled something like YHWH since written Hebrew  
>consists of consonants only, dropping the implied vowels.

>More on Semjase from the same web page:

>"Semjase carries the rank of an ELO-JSCHRJSCH, a "demi-  
> queen of wisdom". (According to Pleiadian/Plejarian  
> understanding the rank JHWH alias "king" has nothing to do  
> with a hierarchy; it stands for a spiritual and  
> consciousness-related level of evolution. Semjase,  
> granddaughter of Sfath, with whom Billy [Meier] had his  
> first contact, has a brother called Yucatan. "  
>  
> Semjase was once married for only 7 years. About 220 years  
> ago her husband lost his life when - on a foreign galaxy  
> research expedition - his spaceship had a control damage  
> and crashed into a sun."

>I think that's enough for now. (see website link above)  
>Here's my question:

>Jim: Minor inaccuracies aside, do you think that this is a fair  
>description of Semjase?

Hi Larry,

Yes. It comes from the website of the FIGU group in Switzerland  
that Meier heads. Thanks for posting it, for those who had not  
heard of the name Semjase. However, I would make one  
qualification -- much of this is what Billy Meier was told by  
Semjase. We have no evidence of its necessary truth, other than  
that Semjase did tell Meier a lot of things that were true.  
E.g., if she had told him she was 100 years old, or 500 years  
old, instead of 350, we wouldn't know the difference but that  
would have been what was accepted. And as to their names, Meier  
was told that the Pleadians/Plejarians have their own, different  
names than the "stage names" they chose for us to know them by.

Meier was never permitted to photograph Semjase, so he did the  
next best thing, and had a police-station artist sketch a  
picture of her under his guidance. It's been widely available  
for years, though I don't right now know whereabouts on the web.

>Do you think this is the same Semjase that posed her space-ships  
>on or about 9 July, 1975, so Billy Meier could take some  
>pictures? ...

>- Larry Hatch

Very definitely the same, according to Meier.

Jim D.

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>Previously I wrote:

>>>With all due respect, the tree in the photo is a model. Unless,  
>>>of course, natural trees are capable of turning 90 to 180  
>>>degrees while still in the ground.  
>>>If you look closely at the photos, you will quite plainly see  
>>>that the background changes to a different view while the side of  
>>>the tree facing the camera never changes. This is because the  
>>>model of the ship is attached to the tree. Beyond that, the  
>>>forestry experts are wrong.

>Jim replied:

>>I think it's that large upper gap that has fooled you, if it's  
>>not Korff that's done it. Close your eyes until everything's  
>>blurry and you can barely see the gap, then your conclusion  
>>could be forthcoming. But open them and look closely, and you'll  
>>see that the details all differ. Thus it was no model, rotated.  
>>(The devil is in the details.)

>Hi Jim.

>I have looked at the photos and stand by my observations. The  
>tree turns. If you want to interpret the details a different  
>way, so be it. I do not see the things you do.

Well, Roger, anyone can see for themselves that although the large gap in branches in the upper part of the tree is still visible from all views, its framing outline of small branches and twigs is different from the different viewing angles. The photos still speak for themselves.

>Moving on, Jim wrote:

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How dare you steal my line! That's what I'm saying. You can't have a model UFO with a model tree up close to the camera, at a comparable distance as the branches of the close-up tree on the right, without the model UFO and model tree being similarly out of focus. You can't use a camera whose focus setting was stuck one notch short of infinity to take a sharp picture of a nearby small model UFO and model tree, on a cloudy day.

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>necessary when shooting in sunlight), then it will focus even  
>closer!

This was an old Olympus 35 ECR camera. It didn't have any automatic focus adjustment. Its manual focus was stuck real close to infinity. That means it could take sharp picture of objects at intermediate and rather large distances, though not of sharpest quality for the treelines of distant hills. Is this understood?

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>would be impossible if the camera suffered from the malady you  
>suggest. They would be razor sharp and the background would be  
>out of focus. As you have pointed out, the opposite is true.

You still have it totally backwards, Roger (as did Korff at times in his book). When an old camera's focus is set close to the infinity setting, it can take sharp pictures at intermediate to fairly large distances, but only blurry pictures of close-up objects. Perhaps you failed to realize that there are a lot of "notches" between infinity and shortest range on such a camera. One stop short of infinity could be centered for a sharp focus of around 20 meters, one more notch could be for 10 meters, the next could take it in to 6m, the next to 4m, the next to 3m, the next to 2.5m, etc. You'd need the focus adjusted to around the latter setting in order to obtain a clear picture of model objects at a distance of around 8-10 feet.

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>closing down the aperture (as necessary when shooting in the  
>sunlight) will always overcome the infinity focus shortfall. The  
>reason is that depth of field increases at the rear of the lens  
>as well as the front when you close down the aperture (this is  
>known as back-focus gain).

It was a cloudy, overcast day then. No sunlight.

Perhaps if someone else were to bring all this to Roger's attention, he could be made to realize that his arguments don't hold water.

It could be pointed out that there were two persons besides Meier who witnessed that the tree was a genuine, large tree, before it disappeared (the "high strangeness" in this incident). They are listed in Stevens' 1982 book as Margarite Rufer and Jacob Bertschinger. When they went to visit the site after the photos were developed, they found the tree to be dead. On a later visit with Meier, Bertschinger and Meier found the tree was missing entirely with no evidence of ever having existed. However, they did notice that in the precise area where the tree had been, the grass was 20-30 cm higher than the other grass around.

Jim D.

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>>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>Has anybody seen Meier's beamship film where the ship disappears  
>>and then instantly reappears? If you'll notice that the wind is  
>>blowing and there is a tree limb or some kind of plant limb to  
>>the left of the frame. When the ship disappears the limb  
>>instantly stops moving as the ship reappears. This is blatant  
>>stop motion photography. The Meier case is dead and anyone that  
>>believes in it is needs some serious help...  
>>Regards,

>>Royce J. Myers III

>Yes, I agree, anyone who believes in the Meier case does need  
>serious help.

>With regard to the Meier beamship film you spoke about:  
>According to Genesis Publishing, a Japanese television station  
>produced that segment of film. You'll also notice that they laid  
>a time code over Meier's 8mm film. The time code gives the  
>untrained viewer the impression that since there is no visible  
>break in the time code, there is no cut, edit, or camera start  
>and stop. But that is not the case. This is one of the carefully  
>fabricated lies the producer's of the Meier material led the  
>public into believing--forced perspective shots that are taught  
>in film school.  
>...

Nathan,

I guess they forgot to edit out Meier's own remark on the tape  
that the film had been cut and spliced (at the hands of the  
studio in Munich). So the viewer who listens to the tape while  
viewing it will not gain the false impression you have supplied  
above. However, the improper cuts that were made are relatively  
few.

>Beneath the time code is the actual JUMP CUT  
>A miniature tree with a miniature beamship can be plainly seen  
>when you examine the un-cropped photos from this series.

It's the uncropped photos I've looked at, Nathan. They don't show anything like that. They show what I have on my website.

>Hell!!!--the leaves in the foreground are so large it indicates  
>that the photographer's camera lens was close to the ground,  
>shooting upward, at an angle, toward the side of a hill, with a  
>tiny tree and miniature beamship stuck in its body in midground.

Evidently you're speaking of the Fuchsbuel photograph series, now, and not the 8mm movie film. But where's your evidence? What photo No. do you have in mind? What leaves? Did you mean fir needles or pine needles rather than leaves?

>These photos were purposely made to create the illusion of a  
>large object--to purposely deceive the general public into  
>buying Meier's fraudulent materials.

Please note that genuine photos of a large object alongside a large tree also generate the impression that it is a large object alongside a large tree.

>In a way, I feel sorry for Mr. Deardorff. He is seriously  
>delusional. He explains hoaxed issues with the skill of an  
>defense attorney--spinning and weaving something out of nothing  
>and then asking us to examine it. What about this and what about  
>that, he says, generating data from out of the blue, when  
>there's no foundation for the conclusions he reaches...Sounds  
>like an OJ Simpson defense team member.

I should have been a lawyer, eh?

>The Talmud of  
>Jmmanuel--foeey! The foundation for determining the  
>authenticity of that phony book is first of all, having the  
>alleged original Aramaic version to examine.

Have you no specific refutation at all to make of my refutations to Korff's false claims? Do you not wish to explain Korff's strange claim in his book that UV, which you head, "discovered evidence proving that the \_Talmud Jmmanuel\_ does not contain Aramaic!"? Is that all you proved, that a document translated into German does not contain Aramaic text? I've given over 600 detailed reasons indicating the TJ was the source for the Gospel of Matthew. Can you not even attempt to refute 10% of them? "Foey" doesn't cut it.

>Without the  
>original manuscript, any conclusions of authenticity are  
>ridiculous, reckless and unprofessional....

I wonder why, then, that New Testament scholars have long been trying to assess the genuineness of various sections of the Gospels without having any original manuscript of them (their autographs) on hand, but only going by 3rd-5th century transcriptions of transcriptions of transcriptions... of them? They've made their livings doing this, along with teaching or preaching. No, it's fair game to assess genuineness when the originals are no longer existent. We use source criticism, redaction criticism, form criticism... in doing it. Most of all, open-minded common sense is needed.

>Deardorff should then  
>blame many more people for debunking Meier including Stanton  
>Friedman and Walt Andrus, you, Royce, and myself.

>Give me a break!

>Nathan G. Daniel  
>Underground Video

Hey, your turn to give me a break. I've never said that Korff was the only debunker of Meier. One of the earliest was Bill Moore, with whom Korff as a youngster associated.

Jim D.

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Zeigermann

From: Ralf Zeigermann <[kag15@dial.pipex.com](mailto:kag15@dial.pipex.com)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 22:25:40 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 17:48:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Zeigermann

>From: Jim Mortellaro <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 15:15:30 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>Second, I can tell you from first hand experience, that you  
>cannot remote view car keys. I tried. I can remote view my  
>mommy. I can remote view Pia (boy oh boy is that a kick) and I  
>can remote view the whereabouts of my 1979 Mazda RX-7, the one  
>with the Weber DCOE45's and three rotors. That one is easy to  
>remote view. It's now in various pieces on turn five at Watkins  
>Glen. Yep, turn five. I lost a suspension part, probably a real  
>important one, cause the car went out of control.

<snip>

Yeah, but what if those Webers are DCOE 40's, fitted to a bored  
out 1600cc Ford engine which has found its place in a  
Caterham 7?

Remote viewing won't work, because those cars are low flying.

Yours pondering,

Ralf

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## Jeff Rense Weekly E-News 9-23-00

From: **Rense E-News** <[e-news@the-i.net](mailto:e-news@the-i.net)>  
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Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 19:27:26 -0400  
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I do thank you.

Jocelyn

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Quotes, quotes and more quotes were received this week almost 60kb! (Average size of this entire newsletter is 15kb. So obviously, they'll be spread out to a few newsletters. Your active participation with us is SO MUCH APPRECIATED and, if your quotes are not in this newsletter they will be in a later edition.

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From: IGOR MIKHAILUSENKO

Real poets, writers, dramatists and translators will go on working whatever happens ! Such work is part and parcel of their nature. Without it they would die ! I wish them determination and strength of will. I hope that they will express their opposition to much of the modern smash and grab, pornographic and sensual trash seen on every-day TV programmes and on films coming mainly from the USA.

From "TALKING WITH WALTER MAY" in "FIVE POEMS SEEN BY THE ENGLISH QUEEN " by Igor Mikhailusenko

Peace is not a firebird from a fairy tale to be chased by its tail on the rocks, but an ardent and persistently active attitude towards life. Any reasonable effort is valuable for achieving this great aim of mankind, for peace spells happiness.

I am a Human...  
One of many, many.../ For  
the survival of us all I bear  
responsibility...

"FIVE POEMS SEEN BY THE ENGLISH QUEEN" by Igor Mikhailusenk

From: Fred Coley

"There is nothing as terrible as active ignorance." Goethe

From: Gene McParland

What following is my collection of saying and quotations that I have been semi-collecting over the year. It's my depository of wonderful information and advise for living life.

I'll start off with a quote of my own; hey I'm full of some good advise also:

We should probably spend less time learning these quotes, and more time just living them. -Gene McParland-

There are two ways to live your life.  
One is as though nothing is a miracle,  
the other is as though everything is a miracle.  
~ Albert Einstein ~

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.  
- Margaret Mead -

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly. St. Frances De Sales, French bishop, author (b. 1859)

"What we need is more people who specialize in the impossible."  
Theodore Roethke

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds." - Albert Einstein

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt

"There is no such thing as a negative occurrence...it's all just useful information." -Rinaldo S. Brutoco

"Follow your bliss." -Joseph Campbell

The difference between a goal and a dream  
is the written word. -Gene Donohue

Beer is living proof that God loves us and  
wants to see us happy. ---Benjamin Franklin

"The work of the poet comes to meet the spiritual need of the society in which he lives, and for this reason his work means more to him than his personal fate, whether he is aware of this or not."  
~C.G. Jung, Modern Man In Search Of A Soul

Better to be thought of as a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt. -Abraham Lincoln

Lead us not into temptation. Just tell us where it is; we'll find it. -Sam Levenson

"The reason why rivers and seas receive the homage of a hundred mountain streams is that they keep below them. Thus, they are able to reign over all the mountain streams. So the sage, wishing to be above men, puts himself below them. Thus, though his place be above men, they do not feel his weight, though his place be before them, they do not count it an injury " ~Lao Tse

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up" ~ Pablo Picasso

"Faith is the bird that sings when the dawn is still dark." -Rabindranath Tagore

"This we know. The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man does not weave the web of life, he is a merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself." -Attributed to Chief Seattle

"It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are." -e.e. Cummings

"Awe enables us to perceive in the world intimations of the Divine, to sense in small things the beginning of infinite significance, to sense the ultimate in common and the simple; to feel in the rush of the passing the stillness of the eternal."  
-Abraham Joshua Heschel

"Fear is the darkroom where negatives are developed."  
-Author Unknown

"The only place where your dream becomes impossible is in your own thinking." -Robert H. Schuller {American Minister & Author}

"My religion is very simple -- my religion is kindness."  
-Dalai Lama

"Persistent people begin their success where others end in failure." -Edward Eggleston {American Writer & Historian}

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- \* Pictures Of Nessie? Underwater Nessie-Cam Reveals Strange Shape
- \* New Mexico A Staging Ground For NWO Troops?
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TEXT by: W. C. VETSCH  
FREE BOOK ONLINE

"For years there have been basically two sets of books kept on the Planet Earth. The set for the elite were called text books" and they contained the Truth. The set of books for ordinary people were known [to the elite] as X-Text which means bad text or text filled with disinformation..."

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Dr. Joseph Chappilone, MD: Terminal Madness Of The End Time
- MON 9-25  
Bill Northern: Talking To Horses
- TUE 9-26  
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Dr. Lorraine Day, MD: How To Raise Healthy Children!

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 18:05:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 19:29:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:34:53 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 17:21:43 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:33:37 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, Jim wrote:

>How dare you steal my line! That's what I'm saying. You can't  
>have a model UFO with a model tree up close to the camera, at a  
>comparable distance as the branches of the close-up tree on the  
>right, without the model UFO and model tree being similarly out  
>of focus. You can't use a camera whose focus setting was stuck  
>one notch short of infinity to take a sharp picture of a nearby  
>small model UFO and model tree, on a cloudy day.

Jim,

Who says the model and the branches would have to be the same distance from the camera? The branches could be within a foot of the camera and the model could be, say, five to ten feet from the camera and still get the effect seen in the shot. You make no point by including the out of focus branches as some kind of "proof". They mean nothing, Jim.

Moving on, I wrote:

>  
>>On the one hand, you maintain that the camera is defective and  
>>unable to focus to infinity. This sort of defect means that the  
>>camera will, instead, focus closer than usual, even if the  
>>aperture is wide open. If the aperture were closed down (as  
>>necessary when shooting in sunlight), then it will focus even  
>>closer!

Jim replied:

>This was an old Olympus 35 ECR camera. It didn't have any  
>automatic focus adjustment. Its manual focus was stuck real  
>close to infinity. That means it could take sharp picture of  
>objects at intermediate and rather large distances, though not  
>of sharpest quality for the treelines of distant hills. Is this  
>understood?

Not by you, apparently. What has auto-focus got to do with anything, Jim? In fact, it's obvious that you have literally no understanding of photography or optical mechanics. So, I will try to make this as simple as possible so that you will understand.

There is something called "depth of field" that comes into play when taking pictures. When you focus on an object, you don't just focus on a single point in space. You focus on a area that begins a certain distance from the camera and ends at another distance from the camera. This area is called field of focus. How MUCH of that field you can achieve is called "depth of

field". If the aperture on a lens is wide open, then you have very shallow depth of field. On the other hand, the further down the aperture closes, the more that depth of field expands both toward the camera and away. Hence the depth of field gets deeper and more things come into focus even if you NEVER readjusted the focus of the lens. Got it?

Now, when shooting in daylight hours, even on a cloudy day, the aperture will close down enough to bring almost everything into focus regardless of what the focus is set at. And this is the real point, here. Early pin hole cameras had no focus of any kind. This is because they had enough depth of field to bring everything into focus. However, they were limited to daylight shots or shots with long exposures. The element of focus was added for convenience so that shots at wider apertures (no pinhole) could be obtained. However, the mechanics of depth of field still apply. Focus or not, if you close down the lens (as necessary during daylight shots) then you will gain depth of field and things in both the distance and foreground will come into clarity regardless of WHERE the focus setting on the lens is at.

Which brings up a curious point:

You keep using the term "stuck one notch short of infinity". What in the world does that even mean? There is no such term. In fact, if the focus were "stuck close to infinity", then even a wide open lens would still have enough aperture to include the distant treelines and hills in the field of focus. Remember, focus doesn't just "stop" at a given point in space. Therefore your statement that it would not be be "sharpest quality for the treelines of distant hills" really makes no sense of any kind.

But really, it doesn't matter:

1) If you meant that the camera wasn't focused to infinity, daylight aperture settings would bring things back into focus anyway.

2) If you meant that the camera was focused just short of infinity, daylight aperture settings would still bring things back into focus.

2) If you meant that the mounting was defective and the lens was not seating as close to the camera as possible (the REAL meaning of not focusing to infinity) then that means that the camera would be even BETTER at focusing up close and the branches you keep pointing out would therefore be sharp and the background would be out of focus. More to the point, such a camera would be IDEAL for shooting models up close.

No matter how you slice it, the pictures don't back up you assertions. The camera seems to be in correct working order as the distant hills seem in focus (contrary to your assertions). They look like shots of a model that was about ten feet from the camera (well within moderate depth of field settings, even for a lens focused short of infinity) with other branches closer to the camera (outside the depth of field and, therefore, in soft focus).

What's so mysterious about that?

I suggest you read as many books about photography as you do about bogus religions.

Roger

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## John Carpenter Does it Again - 2

From: Gary Hart <[geehart@frontiernet.net](mailto:geehart@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:47:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 10:07:04 -0400  
Subject: John Carpenter Does it Again - 2

>>Mike Farrell recently wrote:

>>How many times can we say "shame on you, Mr. Carpenter??!"  
>>And shame on Constance Clear for jumping on Carpenter's  
>>bandwagon without knowing the facts of this case.

This in reference to:

>>Email from JOHN CARPENTER (to one of his friends):

>>>There is a good point to be made about "good evidence" not  
>>>being allowed and researchers being discredited. Constance  
>>>Clear, MSW, also believes this is one reason I am under  
>>>attack by people I have never met or heard of before.

>>>John

List Members,

I made a phone call to Constance Clear, MSW, LCSW (as with John, a state-licensed position) and discovered the following:

She was aware of the discussion of John's unethical activities and did not appreciate being dragged into the controversy since she had not made any statement such as John attributes to her.

Constance was aware of the video he mentions but has not seen it. Seems that John is just making things up to suit his own needs and provably so. I contacted Ms. Clear suspecting this was the case.

Gary Hart

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 16:38:32 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 10:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers

>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 18:39:53 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
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>>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
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>>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 18:03:39 -0700  
>>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:27:08 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>Has anybody seen Meier's beamship film where the ship disappears  
>>and then instantly reappears? If you'll notice that the wind is  
>>blowing and there is a tree limb or some kind of plant limb to  
>>the left of the frame. When the ship disappears the limb  
>>instantly stops moving as the ship reappears. This is blatant  
>>stop motion photography. The Meier case is dead and anyone that  
>>believes in it is needs some serious help...

>Royce,

>Yes, that's the Berg-Rumlikon sequence of 12 June, 1975. Have  
>you ever read witnesses' accounts of the "Oz" effect? Suddenly  
>no animal or bird sounds, no wind. This film shows this UFO  
>phenomenon in operation. Meier described it to his interviewers  
>while the film was being replayed and video-taped, back around  
>1980(?) or so. It commenced when the beamship suddenly  
>disappeared and ceased when it reappeared a half minute or so  
>later. Of course, he didn't call it the Oz effect -- I don't  
>think Jenny had described it and named it that until later --  
>and Meier wasn't then reading a lot of UFO books.

>This "film" is a video of a copy of 7 segments of original film  
>Meier took on 7 occasions that were spliced together, which  
>Meier had loaned out to a studio in Munich. He received what he  
>thought was the same film back only after prodding them for  
>several months. It was Stevens who later discovered it was only  
>a copy, and not the original Meier had sent them. Meier found  
>that they had cut out sections here and there and respliced it.  
>But according to Meier, this particular sequence had not been  
>cut and spliced by them (or by him).

>Perhaps someone can point out the date of the first book  
>reference to the Oz effect that he knows of.

Actually, the piece is in the Genesis 3 video on the Meier case.  
The narrator clearly states that the ship is disappearing and  
then reappearing. It isn't a cut and splice technique, it is -  
what I said it was earlier - blatant stop motion. Nobody can



defend that piece of footage as anything other than that.

Meier filmed his little model, stopped the film, took it out of the frame, began filming for a second more, stopped it again, placed his model back in the frame and began filming. The branch in the frame proves this without question. Branches being blown by the wind do not just automatically stop moving in an instant. I have much of the Meier material from my early and naive days in ufology. While I was at first interested in the case, the more and more I looked at the more I became convinced it was, and is, nothing but a hoax.

As for the coffee table sized book, I had that until recently and was not at all impressed by it. Genesis 3 may have some good UFO video from Mexico, but I'm extremely leary of any material they produce...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
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## Remote Viewing/Guessing Target EL-6

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 16:50:09 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 10:12:40 -0400  
Subject: Remote Viewing/Guessing Target EL-6

Here are the remote viewing/remote b.s.ing results so far for target EL-6:

1. \$10.00 (Check the want ads under 'Help Wanted.')
2. A fridge full of beer. (Yes, I do have a fridge with beer in it, good beer in fact - but this is not what the target is.)
3. A copy of the cartoon movie 'The Road to El Dorado'  
(Mmmmm...no.)

Ian Punnett apparently did not care for my article on Dames and came to the defense of Coast to Coast AM saying, "Nobody affiliated with the show that I know of takes fraud lightly. Personally, I have been a part of many conversations where either a previous guest or a topic has been avoided because the producers were convinced that somebody was intentionally misleading people."

"Beyond that, Coast to Coast AM puts a premium on a guest or a caller's belief in the truth and allows the listener to make up his or her own mind. The host is not there to disseminate some "objective" truth but rather to facilitate the narrative truth of whoever is telling their story."

I have to give Ian Punnett some credit, at least it only took four or five e-mails to him to finally get a response. And Ian is half-critical of some of his guests.

One more thing, the target designator is not a clue of some sort. It is simply a designator used to facilitate the focus of those attempting to view the object. The letters and number used in it have no secret meaning. Keep the viewing session results - and guesses - coming in.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or your remote viewing sketch books...  
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>  
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>  
(This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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## Re: Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked? - Killeen

From: Patrick Killeen <[p.killeen@sympatico.ca](mailto:p.killeen@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 21:11:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:31:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked? - Killeen

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked?  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 17:30:57 -0700

>Did anyone catch Coast to Coast last night when Siegel said that  
>someone had hacked into Ghostfraud and Hoaxland's website for  
>their 'conference'? Siegel said someone had posted something  
>else and I'm interested in knowing what was put up - the site is  
>now fixed.

>Any help is appreciated, thanks!

99% of all intrusions appear on this site:

<http://www.attrition.org/mirror/attrition/index.html>

If it's not there, it probably didn't happen!

Glad to see that theatre isn't dead in the double naughts!

Patrick

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## Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 21:13:13 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:33:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Young

>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 01:47:26 -0400  
>From: Todd Lemire <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

>An interesting link worth visiting along the lines of this is  
>the research done by Andrei Ol'khovатов concerning 'geophysical  
>meteors' located at:

><http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Cockpit/3240/gr1997.htm>

Dear Todd, List:

Interesting, indeed. Is anyone aware of a "crater" or other evidence of impact or outgassing on the ground for this event? If there isn't such evidence, the incident would seem not to be associated with a "geophysical meteor".

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 19:28:04 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:37:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 18:05:32 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:34:53 -0700  
>>Fwd Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 17:21:43 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 20:33:37 -0500  
>>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Previously, Jim wrote:

>>How dare you steal my line! That's what I'm saying. You can't  
>>have a model UFO with a model tree up close to the camera, at a  
>>comparable distance as the branches of the close-up tree on the  
>>right, without the model UFO and model tree being similarly out  
>>of focus. You can't use a camera whose focus setting was stuck  
>>one notch short of infinity to take a sharp picture of a nearby  
>>small model UFO and model tree, on a cloudy day.

>Jim,

>Who says the model and the branches would have to be the same distance  
>from the camera? The branches could be within a foot of the camera and  
>the model could be, say, five to ten feet from the camera and still get  
>the effect seen in the shot. You make no point by including the out of  
>focus branches as some kind of "proof". They mean nothing, Jim.

Roger,

There's no need to dismiss important evidence just because it  
doesn't point in the desired direction. You can count several  
years of growth on the lower limb of that out-of-focus tree on  
the lower right of photo #57, and can estimate its length as  
extending a foot or two out from the thicker mass of branches.  
But a horizontal branch only 1.5 feet from the camera would  
extend all across the frame (and be much more blurry), the  
camera's angular field of view being only around 45 degrees. It  
would have to be some ten times farther away to show up as a  
limb that occupies only a small fraction of the photograph's  
width.

And so it is not surprising that being some 10 feet away on a  
cloudy day, that close-by tree is somewhat blurry.

I hope it's clear that that blurry tree and its mass of limbs  
was on the order of ten feet away, not 1 foot. Draw a picture,  
if you need to, and insert a 1 foot limb 1 foot away from the  
camera, etc.

>Moving on, I wrote:

>>>On the one hand, you maintain that the camera is defective and  
>>>unable to focus to infinity. This sort of defect means that the

>>>camera will, instead, focus closer than usual, even if the  
>>>aperture is wide open. If the aperture were closed down (as  
>>>necessary when shooting in sunlight), then it will focus even  
>>>closer!

>Jim replied:

>>This was an old Olympus 35 ECR camera. It didn't have any  
>>automatic focus adjustment. Its manual focus was stuck real  
>>close to infinity. That means it could take sharp picture of  
>>objects at intermediate and rather large distances, though not  
>>of sharpest quality for the treelines of distant hills. Is this  
>>understood?

>Not by you, apparently. What has auto-focus got to do with  
>anything, Jim? In fact, it's obvious that you have literally no  
>understanding of photography or optical mechanics. So, I will  
>try to make this as simple as possible so that you will  
>understand.

>There is something called "depth of field" that comes into play  
>when taking pictures. When you focus on an object, you don't  
>just focus on a single point in space. You focus on a area that  
>begins a certain distance from the camera and ends at another  
>distance from the camera. This area is called field of focus.  
>How MUCH of that field you can achieve is called "depth of  
>field".

Sigh. We all know that, Roger.

>If the aperture on a lens is wide open, then you have  
>very shallow depth of field. On the other hand, the further down  
>the aperture closes, the more that depth of field expands both  
>toward the camera and away. Hence the depth of field gets deeper  
>and more things come into focus even if you NEVER readjusted the  
>focus of the lens. Got it?

>Now, when shooting in daylight hours, even on a cloudy day, the  
>aperture will close down enough to bring almost everything into  
>focus regardless of what the focus is set at.

Now you have the aperture closing down by itself! This camera  
had no built in light meter with aperture adjust, and Meier  
didn't use one. Meier was once quizzed about the aperture, and  
as I recall he said he never bothered to vary the aperture,  
whose setting was quite appropriate for sunny days, though  
usually somewhat smoggy days.

But even if you don't trust what he said, what you say simply  
isn't true for the camera in question. The depth of field  
typically isn't great enough to bring an object 6 or 8 feet from  
the camera into sharp focus when the focus is centered on a  
distance of 100 feet, say. Instead, the depth of field then  
would more typically range from 20 feet to 1000 ft. That blurry  
tree demonstrates this, which is why it shouldn't be dismissed.  
It was no one foot away! We're talking an order of magnitude,  
here, Roger; there's a big difference between something 1 foot  
away from a camera and 10 feet away.

>And this is the  
>real point, here. Early pin hole cameras had no focus of any  
>kind. This is because they had enough depth of field to bring  
>everything into focus. However, they were limited to daylight  
>shots or shots with long exposures. The element of focus was  
>added for convenience so that shots at wider apertures (no  
>pinhole) could be obtained. However, the mechanics of depth of  
>field still apply. Focus or not, if you close down the lens (as  
>necessary during daylight shots) then you will gain depth of  
>field and things in both the distance and foreground will come  
>into clarity regardless of WHERE the focus setting on the lens  
>is at.

Yes, we all know that, Roger, and that Meier's camera was not a  
pinhole camera.

>Which brings up a curious point:

>  
>You keep using the term "stuck one notch short of infinity".  
>What in the world does that even mean? There is no such term.

It was Stevens' description, and means just what anyone should

think. The focus adjustment arrow did not point at the infinity line, or did not lie in the infinity notch, but pointed along one marked line (which denoted a distance), or lay along one notch, to the left of the infinity setting. It was stuck there, and could not be moved. (Whether that line was marked by a distance, like 50 or 100 meters, or not, I don't know.)

>In  
>fact, if the focus were "stuck close to infinity", then even a  
>wide open lens would still have enough aperture to include the  
>distant treelines and hills in the field of focus.

Yes, it gets the distant hills pretty well, though not as sharply in focus as if the infinity setting had been used. This is clear from other of Meier's photos that show individual tree tops in the far distance.

>Remember,  
>focus doesn't just "stop" at a given point in space.

Roger, we've all known that. But do you know what "field of view" means? What do you think the camera would see if you put a 1.5 foot square piece of cardboard in front of the camera, just one foot away? Would it be just a little square occupying only a small fraction of the frame? Or would it not block all the view. Now, how much farther would you need to back it off before it occupied only 3% or 5% of the area of the photograph? Think about it, please?

Jim D.

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

From: **Nathan G. Daniel** <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 02:55:50 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:45:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 12:38:04 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Nathan G. Daniel <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 02:39:58 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Nathan,

>I guess they forgot to edit out Meier's own remark on the tape  
>that the film had been cut and spliced (at the hands of the  
>studio in Munich). So the viewer who listens to the tape while  
>viewing it will not gain the false impression you have supplied  
>above. However, the improper cuts that were made are relatively  
>few.

>>Beneath the time code is the actual JUMP CUT  
>>A miniature tree with a miniature beamship can be plainly seen  
>>when you examine the un-cropped photos from this series.

>It's the uncropped photos I've looked at, Nathan. They don't  
>show anything like that. They show what I have on my website.

>>Hell!!!--the leaves in the foreground are so large it indicates  
>>that the photographer's camera lens was close to the ground,  
>>shooting upward, at an angle, toward the side of a hill, with a  
>>tiny tree and miniature beamship stuck in its body in midground.

>Evidently you're speaking of the Fuchsbuel photograph series,  
>now, and not the 8mm movie film. But where's your evidence?  
>What photo No. do you have in mind? What leaves? Did you mean  
>fir needles or pine needles rather than leaves?

>>These photos were purposely made to create the illusion of a  
>>large object--to purposely deceive the general public into  
>>buying Meier's fraudulent materials.

>Please note that genuine photos of a large object alongside a  
>large tree also generate the impression that it is a large  
>object alongside a large tree.

>>In a way, I feel sorry for Mr. Deardorff. He is seriously  
>>delusional. He explains hoaxed issues with the skill of an  
>>defense attorney--spinning and weaving something out of nothing  
>>and then asking us to examine it. What about this and what about  
>>that, he says, generating data from out of the blue, when  
>>there's no foundation for the conclusions he reaches...Sounds  
>>like an OJ Simpson defense team member.

>I should have been a lawyer, eh?

>>The Talmud of  
>>Jmmannuel--foeey! The foundation for determining the  
>>authenticity of that phony book is first of all, having the  
>>alleged original Aramaic version to examine.

>Have you no specific refutation at all to make of my refutations  
>to Korff's false claims? Do you not wish to explain Korff's  
>strange claim in his book that UV, which you head, "discovered  
>evidence proving that the \_Talmud Jmmanuel\_ does not contain  
>Aramaic!"? Is that all you proved, that a document translated  
>into German does not contain Aramaic text? I've given over 600  
>detailed reasons indicating the TJ was the source for the Gospel  
>of Matthew. Can you not even attempt to refute 10% of them?  
>"Foey" doesn't cut it.

>>Without the  
>>original manuscript, any conclusions of authenticity are  
>>ridiculous, reckless and unprofessional....

>I wonder why, then, that New Testament scholars have long been  
>trying to assess the genuineness of various sections of the  
>Gospels without having any original manuscript of them (their  
>autographs) on hand, but only going by 3rd-5th century  
>transcriptions of transcriptions of transcriptions... of them?  
>They've made their livings doing this, along with teaching or  
>preaching. No, it's fair game to assess genuineness when the  
>originals are no longer existent. We use source criticism,  
>redaction criticism, form criticism... in doing it. Most of all,  
>open-minded common sense is needed.

>>Deardorff should then  
>>blame many more people for debunking Meier including Stanton  
>>Friedman and Walt Andrus, you, Royce, and myself.

>>Give me a break!

>>Nathan G. Daniel  
>>Underground Video

>Hey, your turn to give me a break. I've never said that Korff  
>was the only debunker of Meier. One of the earliest was Bill  
>Moore, with whom Korff as a youngster associated.

>Jim D.

>The Meier Case is like a piece of Swiss Cheese: it's full of  
>holes and it smells!

It's time to end this delusion, Jim. Apparently, you have so  
much invested in the Meier dribble you will never admit you are  
wrong. The preponderance of evidence proves the Meier case is a  
fraud. I hope your continual defense of Meier has not suckered  
more consumers into spending money for the Meier fraud Material.

But for your highly educated mind, let's take it a step further.

You and Meier put up one million dollars, and a source I know  
will put up matching funds. The funds must be placed in an  
escrow account. A panel of neutral recognized, leading  
scientists and photographic experts will be selected. All of the  
Meier materials will be submitted, examined, and tried-- The  
Billy Meier Case On Trial: Fact or Fiction? A panel will finally  
settle the controversy.

If you don't have the million, have Meier put up the copyright  
to all of his materials, as well as his farm. If you lose no one  
will ever see the materials again because we'll have a great  
winter bonfire and new vacation land in Switzerland.

Nathan G. Daniel

Looking forward to roasting marshmallows.

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## Re: UFO Images From The UK - Geib

From: Dan Geib <[DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com](mailto:DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 10:35:47 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:52:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Images From The UK - Geib

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 03:08:07 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Images From The UK

>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 19:03:52 -0700  
>>From: Dan Geib <[DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com](mailto:DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: UFO Images From The UK

>>Hello

>>I recently received some images from someone in the UK. The UFO  
>>appears to be very similar to the Haines Vancouver Island case.  
>>I do not vouch for authenticity, just wanted to share what I  
>>have received. Too large to impose directly thru the mail, so if  
>>interested go to the "Want to see a UFO?" Section at UFO  
>>Folklore!

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

>>They are under the Year 2000 section and the link is called  
>>UFOs from the UK

><snip>

>Maybe its just me, but I couldn't find the image.

>I got lost in some sort of lookup routine etc.

>Could you simply drag down a link from the actual page itself?  
>Its easy in Netscape, I don't know what browser you are using.

Larry,

Sorry for the difficulty in navigation the direct URL is:

<http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/ufo/ufopic.htm>

Dan

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### Fox News Article On Mars Face

From: **Lan Fleming** <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 08:57:14 -0600  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:57:22 -0400  
Subject: Fox News Article On Mars Face

On September 8, Fox News posted an article on the "Mars Face" on its website at:

[http://foxnews.com/science/090800/mars\\_face.sml](http://foxnews.com/science/090800/mars_face.sml)

I'm kind of surprised that this hasn't been mentioned on the List by anyone else yet, since it's a rare event when this sort of thing gets any coverage at all in the mainstream news media. While the article was liberally sprinkled with the usual stock phrases about "believers" and so forth, the reporter who wrote the article did seem to try to be "fair and balanced," as Fox News likes to advertise itself.

The reporter, Patrick Riley, titled his article "After 25 Years, Martian 'Face' Still Raises Questions," but whoever posted the article tacked on an additional, and incredibly idiotic, title: "Little Green Men Looking At Us." Now that the article is old news, it has been retitled, with equal idiocy as: "Conspiracy Theory."

What apparently caused the subject to come to the attention of the Fox News reporter was the furor over Mark Kelly's enhancement of the Face, which shows what would have to be a clearly artificial representation of a humanoid face if it is accurate.

(BTW: I think for the most part, it probably is accurate, as I explained in a web page article I wrote on the subject in August:

<http://www.vgl.org/webfiles/mars/face/newface.htm>

That web page got more than 6,000 visitors in a single day, thanks to mentions made to it by George Filer in his news letter and by Sightings.com.)

Fox News has one of those "unscientific" polls attached to the article so that people can register their opinion as to whether its artificial ("made by aliens," is the actual flippant wording), natural, or "not enough data to decide." Despite the front-loaded bias of the Fox News editors in the article's title and disagreement over the validity of the Kelly enhancement expressed by Mark Carlotto in the article, the "made by aliens" vote has consistently exceeded the "natural" vote by a margin of 8% (38 to 30) for more than a week.

The poll may be unscientific, but it was enough to upset the devotees of CSICOP, who issued a "Media Alert" on their web site about the Fox News article:

<http://www.csicop.org/list/listarchive/msg00106.html>

The "Alert" cites the (to them) alarming poll standings, which at the time showed "aliens" beating "natural" by a margin of 5%.

CSICOP complains that the news media is giving "credibility and coverage to maverick theories" merely by publishing an article that is hardly an unqualified endorsement of the artificiality theory. It's not any kind of endorsement. The beliefs of CSICOP

apparently have so little basis in their vaunted "rationality" that they fear the free dissemination of information by the news media is enough to sway public opinion to entertain ideas that their dogma does not allow.

The Fox News article and the response to their poll (which I'll bet was quite a surprise to the Fox News editors) make it clear that the controversy over Cydonia and NASA's mishandling of it is not going to go away any time soon, despite all the lies and phony enhancements from JPL's spin doctors. It will remain until NASA decides to address the issue openly and honestly. The only way for them to do that is by acquiring images of greater scientific value (not images taken off-nadir under hazy conditions like the first MGS Face image). And no more Catbox enhancements, please. With the exception of CSICOP, most people aren't going to fall for that trick a second time.

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## Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Ledger

From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca) (>>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:24:28 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:09:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Ledger

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 21:13:13 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 01:47:26 -0400  
>>From: Todd Lemire <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

>>An interesting link worth visiting along the lines of this is  
>>the research done by Andrei Ol'khovtov concerning 'geophysical  
>>meteors' located at:

>><http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Cockpit/3240/gr1997.htm>

>Dear Todd, List:

>Interesting, indeed. Is anyone aware of a "crater" or other  
>evidence of impact or outgassing on the ground for this event?  
>If there isn't such evidence, the incident would seem not to be  
>associated with a "geophysical meteor".

Hi Bob,

To consider a meteor here is just muddying the waters. The length of the sighting, and/or the time to take a photograph precludes a meteor from the getgo. Please don't make the mistake of thinking that because it was in Canada it was therefore in the remote arctic. Also with a meteor of this size, where's the trail, the outgassing and all of the other telltales of a meteor?

Ball lightning perhaps, but why give the naysayers another feeble explanation for the sighting by even proposing a meteor?

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:19:51 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:11:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Young

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 19:28:04 -0700  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 18:05:32 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Roger,

>There's no need to dismiss important evidence just because it  
>doesn't point in the desired direction. You can count several  
>years of growth on the lower limb of that out-of-focus tree on  
>the lower right of photo #57

Jim, List:

How does one estimate a year's worth of tree growth? Could be a good technique to keep in mind when estimating the date of other photos. Would appreciate the info.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Fox News Article On Mars Face - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:25:14 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:12:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Fox News Article On Mars Face - Young

>Fox News has one of those "unscientific" polls attached to the  
>article so that people can register their opinion as to whether  
>its artificial ("made by aliens," is the actual flippant  
>wording), natural, or "not enough data to decide." Despite the  
>front-loaded bias of the Fox News editors in the article's title  
>and disagreement over the validity of the Kelly enhancement  
>expressed by Mark Carlotto in the article, the "made by aliens"  
>vote has consistently exceeded the "natural" vote by a margin of  
>8% (38 to 30) for more than a week.

>The poll may be unscientific, but it was enough to upset the  
>devotees of CSICOP, who issued a "Media Alert" on their web site  
>about the Fox News article:

Lan, List:

Are you suggesting that this sort of "survey" which simply asks  
for anybody interested enough in the article to respond is  
"scientific"?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

Devotee of the Fox Network

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 13:26:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:15:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 19:28:04 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:37:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 18:05:32 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously I wrote:

>>Who says the model and the branches would have to be the same distance  
>>from the camera? The branches could be within a foot of the camera and  
>>the model could be, say, five to ten feet from the camera and still get  
>>the effect seen in the shot. You make no point by including the out of  
>>focus branches as some kind of "proof". They mean nothing, Jim.

Jim replied:

>There's no need to dismiss important evidence just because it  
>doesn't point in the desired direction.

That's good advice, Jim. You should practice what you preach.

Moving on, Jim guesses at the following:

>You can count several  
>years of growth on the lower limb of that out-of-focus tree on  
>the lower right of photo #57, and can estimate its length as  
>extending a foot or two out from the thicker mass of branches.

Ahhhh. So now we're required to estimate something that we don't know. The simple truth is that you really don't know how big the branch is or how far from the camera it really was.

Let's continue.

I wrote:

>>Now, when shooting in daylight hours, even on a cloudy day, the  
>>aperture will close down enough to bring almost everything into  
>>focus regardless of what the focus is set at.

Jim replied:

>Now you have the aperture closing down by itself! This camera  
>had no built in light meter with aperture adjust, and Meier  
>didn't use one. Meier was once quizzed about the aperture, and  
>as I recall he said he never bothered to vary the aperture,  
>whose setting was quite appropriate for sunny days, though  
>usually somewhat smoggy days.

>But even if you don't trust what he said, what you say simply  
>isn't true for the camera in question. The depth of field  
>typically isn't great enough to bring an object 6 or 8 feet from  
>the camera into sharp focus when the focus is centered on a  
>distance of 100 feet, say. Instead, the depth of field then  
>would more typically range from 20 feet to 1000 ft.

First off, this is wrong. A closed down aperture appropriate for "sunny days" or even "smoggy days" will, indeed, provide plenty of depth of field and WILL cover a range from about 6 feet to infinity regardless of where the focus is set within that range.

Second, I never said the aperture was automatic and closed down by itself. This is a childish diversion to the larger question at hand. More importantly, you just made my entire point by showing that the aperture was "appropriate for sunny days". This means that the aperture was closed down, Jim. How it got there is academic. The depth of field generated by this setting is all that matters; not where the lens was focused at.

In an effort to educate Jim about this, I wrote:

>>And this is the  
>>real point, here. Early pin hole cameras had no focus of any  
>>kind. This is because they had enough depth of field to bring  
>>everything into focus. However, they were limited to daylight  
>>shots or shots with long exposures. The element of focus was  
>>added for convenience so that shots at wider apertures (no  
>>pinhole) could be obtained. However, the mechanics of depth of  
>>field still apply. Focus or not, if you close down the lens (as  
>>necessary during daylight shots) then you will gain depth of  
>>field and things in both the distance and foreground will come  
>>into clarity regardless of WHERE the focus setting on the lens  
>>is at.

Obviously missing the point, Jim replied:

>Yes, we all know that, Roger, and that Meier's camera was not a  
>pinhole camera.

Another childish diversion. Where in God's green acre did I ever say that Meier's camera was a pinhole camera? What I clearly said is that if the aperture is closed down enough (and you have confirmed that it was) then most everything will come into focus regardless of where the focus was set. Therefore, your position regarding the camera's near infinity setting on the lens means nothing. You ask us to make assumptions regarding the branch in the foreground (as if that were important) yet you ignore proven laws of optics.

This is illustrated by the following where I wrote:

>>Remember,  
>>focus doesn't just "stop" at a given point in space.

Jim replied:

>Roger, we've all known that.

However he brushes this aside and goes off in another direction:

>But do you know what "field of  
>view" means? What do you think the camera would see if you put a  
>1.5 foot square piece of cardboard in front of the camera, just  
>one foot away? Would it be just a little square occupying only a  
>small fraction of the frame? Or would it not block all the view.  
>Now, how much farther would you need to back it off before it  
>occupied only 3% or 5% of the area of the photograph? Think  
>about it, please?

First things first, Jim.

I am not here to debate the size of Meier's models. It is enough that I know that they were models. How far away they would have to be is academic since the camera had enough inherent depth of field to pull off the shot as long as the model was just big enough to stay within the field of view as well as the area of focus provided by the aperture setting (which, as you pointed out, was closed down for daylight shots).

You are at an extreme disadvantage here, Jim. Just about all I do is effects shots, most of which use foreground miniatures. I am well aware of what "field of view" means as well as "depth of field" and "infinity" and all the other terms you sling around so carelessly.

So far, here's how things stack up:

- 1) You don't now how big the limbs in the foreground really are.
- 2) You don't know what aperture Meire's camera was set at.
- 3) However, you DO know that it was "appropriate for sunny days" which means that it would be closed down. Such a setting would increase the depth of field and overcome any focus issues.
- 4) Despite this fact you maintain that, even though Meier's camera was focused at "near infinity", it was unable to focus on distant hills and trees.
- 5) You then contradict yourself by stating, "the depth of field [on Meier's camera] would more typically range from 20 feet to 1000 ft." I've got news for you, Jim. 1000 feet IS infinity on every camera lens I have ever seen. Therefore, the hills and trees would also be in focus. This is not my opinion, but fact.
- 5) You also maintain that, because Meier's camera was focused at "near infinity", it was unable to focus on anything close to the camera despite the increased depth of field provided by an aperture "appropriate for sunny days".

Tell me, Jim. Could Meier's camera focus on ANYTHING?

This is all a waste of time. However, I will play your game once more. You mentioned "field of view" as if it had some significance to you. As this term applies specifically to the view allowed by a given focal length, tell me: What was the focal length of the lens used by Meier to produce all his photos?

I ask this because earlier your wrote:

>what you say simply  
>isn't true for the camera in question. The depth of field  
>typically isn't great enough to bring an object 6 or 8 feet from  
>the camera into sharp focus when the focus is centered on a  
>distance of 100 feet, say. Instead, the depth of field then  
>would more typically range from 20 feet to 1000 ft.

I assume you MUST know the focal length of the lens used if you feel the above data is correct. Just what lens shares the depth of field characteristics you describe? Tell me and I will look up the stats on the depth of field charts that I use every day in my work and we can put this baby to bed.

Beyond that, it would seem that Meier had a very unique camera; one that ignored the laws of optics and couldn't focus anything other than UFO's.

Roger

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <[nufon@currantbun.com](mailto:nufon@currantbun.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:46:57 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:17:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Randles

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 16:38:32 -0700

<snip>

>Perhaps someone can point out the date of the first book  
>reference to the Oz effect that he knows of.

<snip>

Hi,

The term I use is 'Oz Factor' and it is simply a means to describe a set of symptoms consistently described by witnesses that include time losing meaning, all ambient sounds disappearing and a shift in consciousness that seems to lock the witness and experience in a one-to-one that is temporarily dislocated from normal, mundane reality.

Heres how I define it in 'The Little Giant Encyclopedia of UFOs' (Sterling, New York, 2000)

'Oz Factor: Set of symptoms described by close encounter witnesses that suggest they have entered an altered state of consciousness. Includes distortion to the passage of time and apparent disappearance of ambient sounds, such as bird songs. Often a prelude to a CE 4, but also found in psychic experiences of a not strictly UFO nature, such as the NDE (near death experience).'

It has cropped up in cases from day one and often been referred to (or parts of these symptoms have been). I do so in my first book (UFOs: A British Viewpoint - 1979).

I first used the term to suggest a combination of effects in articles in 1981 and first wrote about it in a book in 1983 ('UFO Reality').

I should add that there has been a debate on the UFOIN list lately as to whether this term (that I only ever came up with to help myself assess data BTW) helps or hinders. There is some feeling that it is a misleading concept because it implies a discrete phenomenon when it only really relates to known psychological responses.

My argument is that I use it not to define any explanation behind its occurrence but merely to recognise the suggestions of an ASC and the combined effects that are consistently reported. It is clearly a clue to our understanding - as is its cross occurrence in other paranormal phenomena. It may be psychological. It may be physical (eg triggered by energy fields effecting the mind). It may be a consequence of distortions in space-time reality itself. It may even be all three.

The appearance of the Oz Factor in a case simply sends up a flag for me to indicate a potentially less significant case often has hidden depths. That - over the years - has proven its real value

to me.

Hope this helps.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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## CPR-Canada News: Update #1 - Viscount, Saskatchewan

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:36:59 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:22:24 -0400  
Subject: CPR-Canada News: Update #1 - Viscount, Saskatchewan

CPR-CANADA NEWS  
The E-News Service of Circles Phenomenon Research Canada

<http://www.egroups.com/group/cprcanadanews>  
<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada>

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UPDATE #1 - VISCOUNT, SASKATCHEWAN CROP CIRCLES

Following is a field report on the Viscount, Saskatchewan crop formation (September 12) from Dennis Eklund, Saskatchewan director for CPR-Canada.

Additional ground images from Dennis have also been added to the report on the web site:

<http://www.geocities.com/cpr-canada/viscount00.html>

Paul Anderson

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Mortellaro

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <[Jsmortell@aol.com](mailto:Jsmortell@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:37:58 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:24:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Mortellaro

>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 16:01:08 -0500  
>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Roger Prokic <[rprokic@pobox.com](mailto:rprokic@pobox.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 20:35:45 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:09:50 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Evans

>>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:36:53 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Previously, I wrote:

>>Without starting a CSETI debate, let me again point out that  
>>communication is a two way street. It doesn't matter what form of  
>>communication that an advanced race uses to talk to each other,  
>>be it thought-beams, laserlight, microwave, sign language, morse  
>>code or whatever. What is important is what they decide to use  
>>to communicate with US.

>Roger replied:

>>I think the likelihood of an ET visitor wanting to chat with us  
>>Earthlings is as likely as you or me trying to chat with some  
>>cannibalistic natives. I wouldn't know why anybody would do this  
>>either. But, it's more likely that surveillance from a safe  
>>distance would occur.

>Roger, Roger!

>You may very well be right. Why would anyone out there want to  
>talk to us? However, my point is that if they do, then they're  
>smart enough to know that it's easier for them to adopt our  
>primitive communication techniques than for us to adopt theirs.  
>This may very well mean that they would use RF since that's  
>what we use. Why come all this way and make it harder than  
>necessary. After all, if RF is so primitive, then the technology  
>shouldn't be beyond them.

>However, I am going to back out of this thread. I don't want to  
>muddy the waters by starting a CSETI debate when Roy originally  
>asked a completely different question regarding flashing lights  
>and claims by contactees. Sorry for the detour, Roy.

>And now, back to your regularly scheduled programming....

>Roger and out.

Roger, Roger, Col., Major, EBK,

Sounds a little like a standard MASH greeting, don't it?

Anyway, here's another two cents worth. No one is more  
fascinated by what's out there, coming in here, on the RF  
spectrum, than me. I've been quietly listening on my own on the

spectrum from the highest to the lowest of frequencies for 50 years. Sometime, as with UpDates, I cannot resist answering a CQ and jumping right in to chew the rag with someone out there in the void. In college, we bounced signals off the moon at what then was the highest frequency anyone could imagine amateurs or even professionals using.

1296 MHz. Course, they was Megacycles in them days.  
(sigh)

Anyway, I wanted you to know that my love of communications exists to this day. And in the face of my criticism of CETI to which I insist on maintaining, I am doing my own little CETI on the side. It's a wonder what you can do with computers these days. They make fantastic receivers. Did you know that?

Here comes the "but." But I for one (and this is my personal opinion only), I am really totally unconcerned with listening to people out there who still use RF. What I do is out of curiosity and love of the art of communications. But what I am interested in is communicating with those who've past RF up a long, long time ago. Entities who can travel long distances, defy the paradigms of our world, make contact with some of us. I want to be in CONTROL of myself. What better way of maintaining control of me than by finding out what makes "them" tick... communicating with "them" is more important to me than waiting a hundred years to get an answer back from our "CQ" on the Hydrogen band.

So, Roger, when you wrote ...

>This may very well mean that they would use RF since that's  
>what we use. Why come all this way and make it harder than  
>necessary. After all, if RF is so primitive, then the technology  
>shouldn't be beyond them.

Perhaps some of us have not gotten the point. If they did want to communicate with us, they would use RF or some other form of communications familiar to us.

Since they do not, they liely do not wish to communicate with most of us. That's my point. And as usual, I take the loong way around.

Roger, Roger?

Jim

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## Re: UFO Images From The UK - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:43:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:27:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Images From The UK - Hatch

>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 10:35:47 -0700  
>From: Dan Geib <[DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com](mailto:DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: UFO Images From The UK

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhat@jps.net](mailto:larryhat@jps.net)>  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 03:08:07 -0700  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Images From The UK

>>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 19:03:52 -0700  
>>>From: Dan Geib <[DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com](mailto:DanGeib@ArtGomperz.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: UFO Images From The UK

>>>Hello

>>>I recently received some images from someone in the UK. The UFO  
>>>appears to be very similar to the Haines Vancouver Island case.  
>>>I do not vouch for authenticity, just wanted to share what I  
>>>have received. Too large to impose directly thru the mail, so if  
>>>interested go to the "Want to see a UFO?" Section at UFO  
>>>Folklore!

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

>>>They are under the Year 2000 section and the link is called  
>>>UFOs from the UK

>><snip>

>>Maybe its just me, but I couldn't find the image.

>>I got lost in some sort of lookup routine etc.

>>Could you simply drag down a link from the actual page itself?  
>>Its easy in Netscape, I don't know what browser you are using.

>Larry,

>Sorry for the difficulty in navigation the direct URL is:

><http://www.qtm.net/~geibdan/ufo/ufopic.htm>

>Dan

Hello Dan:

Your new link went to the photos right away.

The original (wide field/small object) could be an airplane fuselage to my eyes, but the blowup certainly suggests some sort of frisbee disk, i.e. a cross section of the rim would be rounded instead of a sharp edge.

The upper central portion (dark) suggests a shallow dome unlike a standard frisbee, and the object appears shiny or metallic.

Its a pity this cannot be authenticated or else refuted somehow.

Re: UFO Images From The UK - Hatch

Without some verification it could be just another photo-prank,  
like so many others thrown out to get a reaction.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <[bdc@fc.net](mailto:bdc@fc.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:28:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

>From: Nathan G. Daniel <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 02:55:50 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 12:38:04 -0700  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Hey, your turn to give me a break. I've never said that Korff  
>>was the only debunker of Meier. One of the earliest was Bill  
>>Moore, with whom Korff as a youngster associated.

>>Jim D.

>It's time to end this delusion, Jim. Apparently, you have so  
>much invested in the Meier dribble you will never admit you are  
>wrong. The preponderance of evidence proves the Meier case is a  
>fraud. I hope your continual defense of Meier has not suckered  
>more consumers into spending money for the Meier fraud Material.

>But for your highly educated mind, let's take it a step further.

>You and Meier put up one million dollars, and a source I know  
>will put up matching funds. The funds must be placed in an  
>escrow account. A panel of neutral recognized, leading  
>scientists and photographic experts will be selected. All of the  
>Meier materials will be submitted, examined, and tried-- The  
>Billy Meier Case On Trial: Fact or Fiction? A panel will finally  
>settle the controversy.

>Nathan G. Daniel

Let me get this straight: "A panel of \_neutral\_ recognized,  
leading scientists"? Uh huh. Sorry Nathan, when it comes to the  
UFO phenomenon you've just stipulated a non-existent species.

"Leading scientists" aren't neutral when it comes to UFOs, it  
tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine  
what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if  
by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

Such a panel would settle nothing. Well, except for shifting a  
million bucks here or there, and making certain parties feel  
better.

You were just joshin us, right?

-Brian Cuthbertson

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From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:00:20 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:30:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked? - Myers

>From: Patrick Killeen <[p.killeen@sympatico.ca](mailto:p.killeen@sympatico.ca)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 21:11:41 -0400  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked?

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>>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Ghostwolf/Hoagland Website Hacked?  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 17:30:57 -0700

>>Did anyone catch Coast to Coast last night when Siegel said that  
>>someone had hacked into Ghostfraud and Hoaxland's website for  
>>their 'conference'? Siegel said someone had posted something  
>>else and I'm interested in knowing what was put up - the site is  
>>now fixed.

>>Any help is appreciated, thanks!

>99% of all intrusions appear on this site:

><http://www.attrition.org/mirror/attrition/index.html>

>If it's not there, it probably didn't happen!

>Glad to see that theatre isn't dead in the double naughts!

>Patrick

Patrick,

I checked out the site and Ghostfraud and Hoaxland's conference page isn't listed at all. Was it a publicity stunt? I wouldn't put it or anything else as shameless past those creeps.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or your silly publicity stunts...  
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>  
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>  
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From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 14:46:19 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:35:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 16:38:32 -0700

>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 18:39:53 -0700  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
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>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:57:06 -0700

>>>>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 15:51:36 -0500  
>>>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>>>>>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2000 18:03:39 -0700  
>>>>>Fwd Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 13:27:08 -0400  
>>>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>>Has anybody seen Meier's beamship film where the ship disappears  
>>>and then instantly reappears? If you'll notice that the wind is  
>>>blowing and there is a tree limb or some kind of plant limb to  
>>>the left of the frame. When the ship disappears the limb  
>>>instantly stops moving as the ship reappears. This is blatant  
>>>stop motion photography. The Meier case is dead and anyone that  
>>>believes in it is needs some serious help...

>  
>>Royce,

>>Yes, that's the Berg-Rumlikon sequence of 12 June, 1975. Have  
>>you ever read witnesses' accounts of the "Oz" effect? Suddenly  
>>no animal or bird sounds, no wind. This film shows this UFO  
>>phenomenon in operation. Meier described it to his interviewers  
>>while the film was being replayed and video-taped, back around  
>>1980(?) or so. It commenced when the beamship suddenly  
>>disappeared and ceased when it reappeared a half minute or so  
>>later. Of course, he didn't call it the Oz effect -- I don't  
>>think Jenny had described it and named it that until later --  
>>and Meier wasn't then reading a lot of UFO books.

>>This "film" is a video of a copy of 7 segments of original film  
>>Meier took on 7 occasions that were spliced together, which  
>>Meier had loaned out to a studio in Munich. He received what he  
>>thought was the same film back only after prodding them for  
>>several months. It was Stevens who later discovered it was only  
>>a copy, and not the original Meier had sent them. Meier found  
>>that they had cut out sections here and there and respliced it.  
>>But according to Meier, this particular sequence had not been  
>>cut and spliced by them (or by him).

>>Perhaps someone can point out the date of the first book  
>>reference to the Oz effect that he knows of.

>Actually, the piece is in the Genesis 3 video on the Meier case.

Yes, that's where those of us who have seen it got it from.

>The narrator clearly states that the ship is disappearing and  
>then reappearing. It isn't a cut and splice technique, it is -  
>what I said it was earlier - blatant stop motion. Nobody can  
>defend that piece of footage as anything other than that.

This is a statement of belief that aliens shouldn't be able to do anything we can't begin to understand.

>Meier filmed his little model, stopped the film, took it out of  
>the frame, began filming for a second more, stopped it again,  
>placed his model back in the frame and began filming.

This is your assumption. Let's keep in mind it's an assumption, because those investigators who have spent many hours and days with Meier found him to be totally honest, and no hoaxer. Perhaps some 8mm movie-film experts (Malcolm FTL movie camera) will let us know if during both film stoppage and restart there's any slow-down in frame exposure rate for a few frames that would lead to overexposure and a need for subsequent cut and splice.

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>in the frame proves this without question. Branches being blown  
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I don't "like" that any more than you do. But that's another assumption. I believe that some witnesses' reports of the Oz effect have said it came on suddenly. It's really foolish to assume that a piece of way-way advanced technology that can suddenly disappear from sight, can zoom through the air at Mach XX without creating a sonic boom, and whose aliens in some cases can pass through solid walls, etc., cannot also generate the Oz effect.

Jim D.

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## Re: Time Travel Articles? - Hall

From: Mark Hall <[capn\\_black@msn.com](mailto:capn_black@msn.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 23:16:53 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 19:34:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Time Travel Articles? - Hall

Hi,

Many thanks for the advice that some of you have given me for our coming time travel related UFO article that is coming shortly.

Cheers,

Mark Hall (Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom) Editor The UFO Enigma On Destination: Space - [www.destinationspace.net](http://www.destinationspace.net)

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As new material, you wrote:

>The Meier Case is like a piece of Swiss Cheese: it's full of  
>holes and it smells!

>It's time to end this delusion, Jim. Apparently, you have so  
>much invested in the Meier dribble you will never admit you are  
>wrong. The preponderance of evidence proves the Meier case is a  
>fraud. I hope your continual defense of Meier has not suckered  
>more consumers into spending money for the Meier fraud Material.

Nathan,

I really was hoping that you'd have something substantive to  
say, something with some meat to it, especially where Korff's  
book mentions your input.

>But for your highly educated mind, let's take it a step further.

>You and Meier put up one million dollars, and a source I know  
>will put up matching funds. The funds must be placed in an  
>escrow account. A panel of neutral recognized, leading  
>scientists and photographic experts will be selected. All of the  
>Meier materials will be submitted, examined, and tried-- The  
>Billy Meier Case On Trial: Fact or Fiction? A panel will finally  
>settle the controversy. ...

Hmmm. Suppose most of the "neutral" panel members don't think  
that UFOs could exist or be real. Suppose they already hold the  
view that, if they do exist, they should be like 21st-century  
space ships that cannot exhibit any of the effects we call "high  
strangeness", with any witnesses who claim UFOs can make abrupt  
right-angle turns, etc., being assumed to be deluded or hoaxers.  
I don't think you'd find neutrality amongst these polarized  
issues. Or would you, e.g., accept Phil Klass on the panel, as  
he has said he'd be delighted to have a UFO land in his  
backyard?

Jim D.

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## Re: Fox News Article On Mars Face - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[apollo18@swbell.net](mailto:apollo18@swbell.net)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 17:38:28 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:32:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Fox News Article On Mars Face - Fleming

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:25:14 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Fox News Article On Mars Face  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Fox News has one of those "unscientific" polls attached to the  
>>article so that people can register their opinion as to whether  
>>its artificial ("made by aliens," is the actual flippant  
>>wording), natural, or "not enough data to decide." Despite the  
>>front-loaded bias of the Fox News editors in the article's title  
>>and disagreement over the validity of the Kelly enhancement  
>>expressed by Mark Carlotto in the article, the "made by aliens"  
>>vote has consistently exceeded the "natural" vote by a margin of  
>>8% (38 to 30) for more than a week.

>>The poll may be unscientific, but it was enough to upset the  
>>devotees of CSICOP, who issued a "Media Alert" on their web site  
>>about the Fox News article:

>Lan, List:

>Are you suggesting that this sort of "survey" which simply asks  
>for anybody interested enough in the article to respond is  
>"scientific"?

Uh, notice where I said the poll was "unscientific"? In case you  
didn't know, "unscientific" means the opposite of "scientific".  
Hope that clears up your confusion.

What I'd really like to see is the topic being covered in the  
"mainstream" news thoroughly and objectively and then maybe a  
scientific poll of public opinion by Gallup or Zogby. But  
instead of the silly "made by aliens" question, a more  
intelligent question should be asked, such as: "do you think  
NASA should order that more images of Cydonia be taken to  
attempt to resolve the question of artificial landforms in that  
region of Mars?" You might not like those results any better  
than you like the Fox News poll.

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Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 16:45:10 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:34:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
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No, that's not what the statement says.

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>effect.

>Jim D.

Jim, you're reaching for some way to validate Meier's claims and  
you're reaching far. This piece of film is stop motion -period.

Meier and anyone else can claim all they want that his UFO model caused some sort of effect in order to make the branch suddenly stop moving. However, common sense and a common set of eyes prevail here. Hell, when the UFO reappears the frame of the camera has shifted a bit showing that it was stopped, moved slightly during the process and then turned back on. This isn't about the 'Oz' effect, its about a third rate special effect employed in the perpetration of a UFO hoax.

As for the investigators that spent all that time with Meier, how much money did they make on this?

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

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eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Hale

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 01:01:53 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:37:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Hale

>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 13:26:07 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>I am not here to debate the size of Meier's models. It is enough  
>that I know that they were models. How far away they would have  
>to be is academic since the camera had enough inherent depth of  
>field to pull off the shot as long as the model was just big  
>enough to stay within the field of view as well as the area of  
>focus provided by the aperture setting (which, as you pointed  
>out, was closed down for daylight shots).

Hi Roger,

My penny's worth here:

What do you make of the Brit & Lee Elder along with Wendelle  
Stevens, investigation and subsequent Metal Analysis of the  
Meir UFO Films carried out in the U.S.?

Roy..

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## Re: John Carpenter Does it Again - 2 - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 20:59:49 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:42:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: John Carpenter Does it Again - 2 - Gates

>From: Gary Hart <[geehart@frontiernet.net](mailto:geehart@frontiernet.net)>  
>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 11:47:59 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: John Carpenter Does it Again - 2

>>>Mike Farrell recently wrote:

>>>How many times can we say "shame on you, Mr. Carpenter??!"  
>>>And shame on Constance Clear for jumping on Carpenter's  
>>>bandwagon without knowing the facts of this case.

>This in reference to:

>>>Email from JOHN CARPENTER (to one of his friends):

>>>>There is a good point to be made about "good evidence" not  
>>>>being allowed and researchers being discredited. Constance  
>>>>Clear, MSW, also believes this is one reason I am under  
>>>>attack by people I have never met or heard of before.

>>>>John

>List Members,

>I made a phone call to Constance Clear, MSW, LCSW (as with John,  
>a state-licensed position) and discovered the following:

>She was aware of the discussion of John's unethical activities  
>and did not appreciate being dragged into the controversy since  
>she had not made any statement such as John attributes to her.

>Constance was aware of the video he mentions but has not seen  
>it. Seems that John is just making things up to suit his own  
>needs and provably so. I contacted Ms. Clear suspecting this was  
>the case.

If this information is correct, we will likely next hear (from  
the various defenders) after this message:

Well Ms Clear is all part of the evil ex-wife conspiracy out to  
get JC.

Ms Clear (it will be said) is evil and lying and somehow got  
corrupted after speaking with John.....

John said that he contacted her and since she denied it, she  
must be lying because everything John says is the gospel truth  
never to be doubted.

Well all of that even if true doesn't truly matter.....

Well, what John really meant to say was.....

etc etc

The truth simply is that apparently Clear never saw the Video,  
and if she ever sent a message in the first place....

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 00:09:14 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:46:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Young

>From: Donald Ledger <[dledger@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dledger@ns.sympatico.ca) (>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:24:28 -0300  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 21:13:13 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 01:47:26 -0400  
>>>From: Todd Lemire <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

>>>An interesting link worth visiting along the lines of this is  
>>>the research done by Andrei Ol'khovatorov concerning 'geophysical  
>>>meteors' located at:

>>><http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Cockpit/3240/gr1997.htm>

>To consider a meteor here is just muddying the waters. The  
>length of the sighting, and/or the time to take a photograph  
>precludes a meteor from the getgo. Please don't make the mistake  
>of thinking that because it was in Canada it was therefore in  
>the remote arctic. Also with a meteor of this size, where's the  
>trail, the outgassing and all of the other telltales of a  
>meteor?

>Ball lightning perhaps, but why give the naysayers another  
>feeble explanation for the sighting by even proposing a meteor?>>

Don, List:

I agree that the description doesn't sound like a meteor.

I was responding to Todd's input, about Andrei Ol'khovatorov's URL about "geophysical meteors", and asking if there is any evidence for this type of phenomena, here. Ol'khovatorov suggests that these things are outgassings of some sort from the Earth, not actually meteors. I think that he lists a lot of sightings which are likely meteors, though.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Defense Satellite UFO Photo?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 23:36:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:44:04 -0400  
Subject: Defense Satellite UFO Photo?

Over 20 years ago a Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellite recorded a very strange image while not far from the FSU (Former Soviet Union).

Starting in 1985 this was publicized as a photo of an object at 45,000 ft traveling at 4000-5000 mph and leaving several contrails. Ok, it looks like a "sport model" without wheels. But who needs wheels at 45,000 ft. altitude, anyway?

Could that have been true? Is this a rare satellite photo of a True UFO (TRUFO)?

What do you think?

I invite your comments

<http://brumac.8k.com/DMSP/DMSP.html>

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## UFO 2000 Symposium, Lima, Ohio

From: Jan Sypherd <[ufoohio@wcoil.com](mailto:ufoohio@wcoil.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 00:43:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:53:21 -0400  
Subject: UFO 2000 Symposium, Lima, Ohio

UFO 2000

A Symposium of the Mutual UFO Network is to be held in Lima, Ohio on Sunday November 5, 2000 at The Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center of Lima/Allen County.

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Guest Speakers of Symposium Are,

Dr. Bruce Maccabee  
Stanton Friedman  
Budd Hopkins  
Nancy Talbott  
John P. Timmerman

Doors open at 12:00 Noon  
Symposium starts at 1:00 -10:00 pm.  
Talk Show Host: Ric Bratton of WLIO TV- Channel 5

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Tickets: \$25.00 per/person with general seating.

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 18:42:41 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:16:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:19:51 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Jim, List:

>How does one estimate a year's worth of tree growth? Could be a  
>good technique to keep in mind when estimating the date of other  
>photos. Would appreciate the info.

Bob,

It depends on everything, of course -- species, climate, soil, rainfall, branch location. The tops of growing fir trees typically grow around 1-2 feet per year, branches perhaps half as much. Fir needle lengths can even be helpful.

Jim D.

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Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:17:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 13:26:07 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 19:28:04 -0700  
>>Fwd Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 11:37:30 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

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>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Previously I wrote:

>>>Who says the model and the branches would have to be the same distance  
>>>from the camera? The branches could be within a foot of the camera and  
>>>the model could be, say, five to ten feet from the camera and still get  
>>>the effect seen in the shot. You make no point by including the out of  
>>>focus branches as some kind of "proof". They mean nothing, Jim.

>Jim replied:

>>There's no need to dismiss important evidence just because it  
>>doesn't point in the desired direction.

>That's good advice, Jim. You should practice what you preach.  
>Moving on...

Before moving on, Roger, let's remember that if just a part of the branches in question were only a foot(!) from the camera, the camera's full field of view would be totally blocked by those branches. Thus they were a lot farther away from the camera than that.

To get a fair estimate of the blurry tree limbs' distance from the camera, consider the branch extending out of, and drooping down from, the denser mass of branches in the lower right of photo #57 (left-hand picture in my website array of 7 thumbnails). Although it's blurry due to being out of focus, one can see the spruce needles on the individual branches. (This is probably, though not certainly, a picea abies tree, or Norwegian spruce, the two forestry pros told me.) A typical length of the spruce or fir needle is 1". Then the needle-covered twig width one would see, with needles extending out both sides (or all sides), is 2". Upon making both measurements from the uncropped photo, one finds that the length of that limb is around 15 times the needle-covered twig width, or around 2.5 feet. (I had guessed around 1.5 ft in a previous post.)

The same limb's left-to-right width, subtended along the horizontal, is less, about 16 inches. This subtended width occupies 13% of the 35mm film's width (or length in the film's along-the-roll direction). Then knowing the camera's focal length of 42 mm, one finds this blurry limb's distance from the camera as having been 16 feet. This uses the "camera" equation:

$$\frac{\text{Width of object on 35mm film}}{\text{focal length in mm}} = \frac{\text{Actual width of object}}{\text{Actual distance from camera}}$$

If the beamship and adjacent tree had been models, I think they'd have to be at least twice as far away as the blurry tree limbs to have been in the real good focus they are in. This would require a saucer model of width about 33 inches. This is nothing that could have been hauled around undetected by Meier on his Moped, not to mention much other model-support equipment a hoaxer would need.

>...Jim guesses at the following:

>I wrote:

>>>Now, when shooting in daylight hours, even on a cloudy day, the >>>aperture will close down enough to bring almost everything into >>>focus regardless of what the focus is set at.

>Jim replied:

>>Now you have the aperture closing down by itself! This camera >>had no built in light meter with aperture adjust, and Meier >>didn't use one. Meier was once quizzed about the aperture, and >>as I recall he said he never bothered to vary the aperture, >>whose setting was quite appropriate for sunny days, though >>usually somewhat smoggy days.

>>But even if you don't trust what he said, what you say simply >>isn't true for the camera in question. The depth of field >>typically isn't great enough to bring an object 6 or 8 feet from >>the camera into sharp focus when the focus is centered on a >>distance of 100 feet, say. Instead, the depth of field then >>would more typically range from 20 feet to 1000 ft.

>First off, this is wrong. A closed down aperture appropriate for >"sunny days" or even "smoggy days" will, indeed, provide plenty >of depth of field and WILL cover a range from about 6 feet to >infinity regardless of where the focus is set within that range.

Evidently, Meier had the aperture relatively far open for that day's photographs. I suspect he did know about the need to open it up some for a cloudy, overcast day.

>Second, I never said the aperture was automatic and closed down >by itself. This is a childish diversion to the larger question at >hand. More importantly, you just made my entire point by showing >that the aperture was "appropriate for sunny days". This means >that the aperture was closed down, Jim. How it got there is >academic. The depth of field generated by this setting is all >that matters; not where the lens was focused at....

The evidence of the blurry tree having been some 16 feet away indicates to me that the aperture was not in a sunny-day closed-down position after all. I believe we need to go by the evidence more than by Wendelle Stevens' or Meier's recollection of 20 or more years ago.

I think you will need to assume that the spruce needles were only 1/2" or so in length, or that one need not double the distance to the blurry tree to obtain excellent focus, or both.

Jim D.

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:22:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[bdc@fc.net](mailto:bdc@fc.net)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
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>tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine  
>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if  
>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented  
example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken  
a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Krause

From: Scott Krause <[SKrause272@aol.com](mailto:SKrause272@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 01:31:41 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:21:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Krause

>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 04:52:49 -0700  
>From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>Hi Everyone,

>I was pondering on this thought the other day when I was  
>reminded about it on the List.

>It concerns the communication aspect of Contact UFO cases, such  
>like the Alagash incident, mentioned on the list recently.

>When carrying out our investigations, is there a tendency for us  
>to overlook things that are staring us in the face?

>\*Let me expand on this.

>In a lot of contact cases throughout the years, contact was  
>triggered by the flashing of lights, from the people on the  
>ground to the object in the sky. (Please note I do realise CSETI  
>uses a similar action to the above)

>Now what I want to ask is, if the object returns the flashing  
>pattern i.e. 3 flashes from you - 3 flashes returned by object.  
>If beings of some kind are not on board the observed object, and  
>the object is returning the flashes' is it within the  
>possibility of programmed devices to understand and to know when  
>a flash is sent by the observers to the object itself, so it  
>then knows to return a flash?

>How can an object know it is being flashed if there are no  
>people on board the object to register a signal from a ground  
>source?

>Would this possibly suggest some kind of pre-programmed device  
>inside such an object? Or are we to think that the object, is an  
>intelligence within itself?

>And for those who may differ on contact cases and their reality,  
>if neither of the above is the answer' then what makes an object  
>return the light flashes?

>Interested in any light thrown on this one!

There were 2 incidents in one of Strieber's books of 3 knocks on  
he roof to wake people inside and of a town awakened by 3 knocks  
and little people running around the houses... any connection?  
And if there is any link why the number 3? hummmmmmm

Scott Krause

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>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 02:55:50 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 12:38:04 -0700  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Hey, your turn to give me a break. I've never said that Korff  
>>>was the only debunker of Meier. One of the earliest was Bill  
>>>Moore, with whom Korff as a youngster associated.

>>It's time to end this delusion, Jim. Apparently, you have so  
>>much invested in the Meier dribble you will never admit you are  
>>wrong. The preponderance of evidence proves the Meier case is a  
>>fraud. I hope your continual defense of Meier has not suckered  
>>more consumers into spending money for the Meier fraud Material.

>>But for your highly educated mind, let's take it a step further.

>>You and Meier put up one million dollars, and a source I know  
>>will put up matching funds. The funds must be placed in an  
>>escrow account. A panel of neutral recognized, leading  
>>scientists and photographic experts will be selected. All of the  
>>Meier materials will be submitted, examined, and tried-- The  
>>Billy Meier Case On Trial: Fact or Fiction? A panel will finally  
>>settle the controversy.

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>leading scientists"? Uh huh. Sorry Nathan, when it comes to the  
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>tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine  
>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if  
>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>Such a panel would settle nothing. Well, except for shifting a  
>million bucks here or there, and making certain parties feel  
>better.

>You were just joshin us, right?

No, Brian. I'm not joking. But if such an event were to take place who do you suggest sit on the panel? UFO people? Most of them with phony credentials. How about photographic experts alone? That would establish or deny the integrity of the photographs. Let's have real photo experts tell us if those ships are real objects.

Are you a supporter of Meier, Brian?



I didn't have a very nice impression of the scientists I met when I was a faithful supporter of the Meier case.

I didn't like being insulted for being naive and gullible, but as time passed, and we conducted an investigation to prove the case true, we discovered that the arrogant scientific type was correct--a variety of deceptive methods were used by Meier to dupe gullible people, myself included.

Many of the Meier believers have been our customers. I've learned from them that they are mostly people searching for the truth. Many feel disenchanting with religion, have a need to fill an inner void for spiritual fulfillment, and they question their human origins.

It is our belief that Meier created his UFO photos to be a frame work to draw attention to his wacked out philosophy-- a philosophy that includes adaptations of Hinduism and Star-Trek.

According to Meier, the American publishers of his material robbed him of his U.S. Copyright, his photos and films. Our opinion is that the publishers refined, cropped and manipulated photos, embellished the story of the Pleaidians, deleted materials that would indicate to most people that the case was bogus, and developed an obvious hoax into a palatable, work of art--Contact from the Pleiades etc. The Meier materials are designed to entrance searching minds, fill their inherent need for spiritual fulfillment amaze, titillate, stupefy, and lead them into believing the myth of Billy Meier and the Pleaidians (soon to be a rock band.)

We have dozens of letters from angry consumers who have purchased the Meier materials--they want to sue the publishers and Meier for fraud. Point is--this field has no credibility because it fails to identify phonies and weed them out. In the end, its the consumer who gets the shaft, while Meier and his estranged publishers benefit from shafting the public.

So, Brian, who do you suggest? Jim Dilletoso and Wendelle Stevens as panel members? How about Hoagland or Greer? Art Bell, or Mike Seigel? If not scientists, then what, psuedo-scientists? They fill the UFO field.

If you read our earlier post our team was composed of two Meier supporters besides myself. We turned when we discovered the hoax. We have nothing to gain, and have lost money by removing the Genesis Publishing materials from our line up over the years, having exposed Meier for for what he is.

Jim D. has an interest in rewriting the Bible because he's turned off with his religion. He's vested into the Meier case so tight he can't see the light because enlightenment will destroy his illusion and he'll lose his work and whatever notoriety and monetary profits he hopes to gain.

Skeptics bother me, but I like to keep one or two of them around just to listen to their views--it keeps me balanced.

A skeptic told me, "when you want to change the world as we know it, the burden of proof is on you."

Case item after item has shown that the Meier case has failed to meet that burden of proof.

What suggestions do you have, Brian?

Why not ask Royce (UFO Watchdog) for his opinion?

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>>>>From: Nathan G. Daniel <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 02:39:58 -0700  
>>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>As new material, you wrote:

>>The Meier Case is like a piece of Swiss Cheese: it's full of  
>>holes and it smells!

>>It's time to end this delusion, Jim. Apparently, you have so  
>>much invested in the Meier dribble you will never admit you are  
>>wrong. The preponderance of evidence proves the Meier case is a  
>>fraud. I hope your continual defense of Meier has not suckered  
>>more consumers into spending money for the Meier fraud Material.

>I really was hoping that you'd have something substantive to  
>say, something with some meat to it, especially where Korff's  
>book mentions your input.

>>But for your highly educated mind, let's take it a step further.

>>You and Meier put up one million dollars, and a source I know  
>>will put up matching funds. The funds must be placed in an  
>>escrow account. A panel of neutral recognized, leading  
>>scientists and photographic experts will be selected. All of the  
>>Meier materials will be submitted, examined, and tried-- The  
>>Billy Meier Case On Trial: Fact or Fiction? A panel will finally  
>>settle the controversy. ...

>Hmmm. Suppose most of the "neutral" panel members don't think  
>that UFOs could exist or be real. Suppose they already hold the  
>view that, if they do exist, they should be like 21st-century  
>space ships that cannot exhibit any of the effects we call "high  
>strangeness", with any witnesses who claim UFOs can make abrupt  
>right-angle turns, etc., being assumed to be deluded or hoaxers.  
>I don't think you'd find neutrality amongst these polarized  
>issues. Or would you, e.g., accept Phil Klass on the panel, as  
>he has said he'd be delighted to have a UFO land in his  
>backyard?

Meat? Hey, Jim... you're a vegetarian. You don't like meat, or  
reality.

You know the Meier case is a joke, but you have to defend it like a maniac because you have a vested interest in it. You don't care if people get ripped off do you? You believe it's okay to defraud consumers?

You won't accept the testimony of your colleagues in this forum. You're a contributor to the hoax too, aren't you, Jim? Didn't you write a book authenticating the Talmud Jmmanuel? Don't you benefit from having a cult following read your work.

You were quoted years ago having said about the Talmud Jmmanuel approximately this:

"no serious Bible scholar will ever take the Talmud Jmmanuel seriously without the original Aramaic manuscript."

So why do you?

There is no original Aramaic manuscript. Only stories about how a manuscript was destroyed, etc. from a known liar--Billy Meier. Isn't it odd, the originals of almost everything have been destroyed.

Meier's Matters of Convenience:

1. The original negatives of the hundreds of Meier's photos--conveniently tossed in the fireplace by Meier's wife.
2. The negatives could easily determine hoaxed photos, but they're conveniently not around.
3. The original manuscript of the Talmud--conveniently destroyed in a fire. The translator of the Talmud--conveniently killed and
4. Conveniently, no verification that the guy ever existed.

Jim, weren't you disenchanted with your religion, found the Meier material felt inspired and suddenly saw an opportunity to rewrite the Bible and get back at those stuffy Presbyterians?

You want meat? No matter what meat you're fed, you're not going to swallow. How could you go any other way?

Here's a morsel for you:

I personally interviewed Ken Dinwiddy (sp?) of DeAnza labs. According to Dinwiddy, Dilletoso walked into DeAnza labs claiming that he was going to buy a computer for his company. He presented one or more of the Meier photos and asked if the computer was capable of splashing colors here and there. DeAnza performed the task of colorizing, not analysis. Dilletoso took off with the photos without buying the computer. Soon after, the photos appeared in the Meier books. I don't have the book with me to give a direct quote, but if I remember correctly, the book Contact from the Pleiades had an explanation stating something like this:

...the colors surrounding the ship are energy fields being emitted from propulsion system of the beamship...the analysis was performed by DeAnza labs. DeAnza labs stamp mark is seen on the photo to give credibility to the photo.

Wendelle Stevens? Here's Steven's scientific analysis:

...from the hundreds of Meier photographs, we took 4 that looked the best and we were left with an assumption that if the 4 checked out, then the rest must be real."

Stevens only tested 4 photographs. The test methods are questionable. And the conclusion is that if 4 passed the test, the rest must be real. (What?)

That is not how scientists tell me they test and validate something.

First: Photographs of unconventional extraterrestrial technology that are foreign to our world cannot be validated without having a real comparative sample by which the tests are conducted.

Second: Photo analysts can determine if the object in a photograph is a large, real size object, not necessarily

extraterrestrial.

No need to respond with your counter arguments.

Take the one million dollar challenge.

We can get professional photographic experts instead of scientists.

Signing off,

N. Daniel

Buy the way, Jim, what did Meier say about the way "J's" are written or pronounced in Aramaic? Do you speak Aramaic? Ever read Aramaic? Ever hear Aramaic spoken? Can you write anything in Aramaic?

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## UFO Sighted By 3 Children In Castellon, Spain

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1@juno.com](mailto:lornis1@juno.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 06:18:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:39:52 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sighted By 3 Children In Castellon, Spain

Dear Friends,

There's almost something comforting about a good old fashioned UFO sighting.

Scott Corrales  
Institute of Hispanic Ufology

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SOURCE: El Periodico On Line  
DATE: 09.24.00

Three Children Saw Two UFOs Flying Over The Provincial Capital

Three children from Castellon (on Spain's Mediterranean Coast) sighted two UFOs during the evening of September 21. They were identified as Serafin Andreu, Antonio Jose Alvarez and Gil Salvador, who were playing between Zaragoza and Amadeo Primero Streets when they witnessed the approach of a luminous sphere that flew over Ribalta Park. According to their indications, the sphere passed swiftly over the city. A few minutes later, the children were in Huerto Sogueros Plaza when they again saw the luminous object. The children explained these events to the "Policia Armada"

SOURCE:  
:<http://www.elperiodico.com/online/apuntador.asp?data=ed000924&idioma=CAS&publicacion=castellon&urlname=http://www.elperiodico.com/EDCASTELLON/ED000924/CAS/CARP01/tex088.asp>

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## TMP News: Weekly Briefing 9.25.00

From: Paul Anderson <[psa@direct.ca](mailto:psa@direct.ca)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 05:41:27 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:41:50 -0400  
Subject: TMP News: Weekly Briefing 9.25.00

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

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WEEKLY BRIEFING  
A Weekly Summary of Current News and Reports

9.25.00

NASA'S MOST FANTASTIC PROPOSAL: SELF-REPLICATING INDUSTRY  
ON THE MOON BY 1999

New details on a previous study by NASA in 1980 to land a 100 ton solar-powered robotic factory on the Moon, which would automatically mine the soil around it, build a clone of itself in one year, with each clone building another one every year and so on, exponentially producing a thousand clones in ten years and a billion in thirty years...

<http://www.harvest-moon.org/aasm/index.htm>

AFTER 25 YEARS, MARTIAN 'FACE' STILL RAISES QUESTIONS

A new article and public poll on the Face on Mars by FoxNews, showing that in the minds of the public, the origin of this and other enigmatic objects on Mars remains unknown, and the issue deserves continued investigation, much to the chagrin of NASA...

[http://foxnews.com/science/090800/mars\\_face.sml](http://foxnews.com/science/090800/mars_face.sml)

NASA'S 'ENHANCEMENT' OF THE FACE ON MARS: DELIBERATE FRAUD

Cydonia researcher Mac Tonnie outlines how the new photo of the 'Face' on Mars, the now famous 'catbox' image taken by NASA in 1998, was misleading and an inaccurate representation of what the object actually looks like, while other independent imaging analysts like Mark Carlotto have produced properly rectified versions of the original raw image, showing the Face to still conform very closely to the previous images taken by Viking in 1976, only now with more detail...

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

LARGE NEW ICE DEPOSIT FOUND ON MARS

What may be the largest near-surface underground ice deposit found so far on Mars has been discovered in the Solis Planum

region near Valles Marineris; the deposit, thought to be the size of Arizona could provide needed water for future manned missions...

[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars\\_ice\\_000920.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/solarsystem/mars_ice_000920.html)

#### ASTRONOMERS PINPOINT BLACK HOLE AT CENTER OF MILKY WAY

Astronomers have pinpointed with unprecedented accuracy an immense black hole with a mass of more than 2 million suns at the center of the spiral of stars that is the Milky Way galaxy. The researchers have spent four years watching stars spin closer and faster around the black hole, an illustration of its powerful gravitational tug...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/21/black.hole.ap/index.html>

#### YOUNG STARS BELCH FIERY GAS IN HUBBLE TIME

Astronomers on Thursday released time-lapse movies dramatizing the fiery behavior of two young star systems, observations that could shed light on the genesis of our solar system. The nearby stars, less than a million years old, issue hot gas in blazing bursts of thick clouds or narrow jets, often so quickly that striking changes take place in weeks or months, Hubble scientists said...

<http://CNN.com/2000/TECH/space/09/21/hubble.stars/index.html>

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark@frontiernet.net](mailto:jkclark@frontiernet.net)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:44:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:00:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Clark

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[fdc@fc.net](mailto:fdc@fc.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>"Leading scientists" aren't neutral when it comes to UFOs, it  
>>tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine  
>>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if  
>>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented  
>example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken  
>a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

Sure, easily. James McDonald.

Jerry

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Kaeser

From: Steve W. Kaeser <[Steve@konsulting.com](mailto:Steve@konsulting.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:14:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:20:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Kaeser

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

[The following is a comment on the immediate question being raised, and is not intended as supportive of the Meier photos]

>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[bbc@fc.net](mailto:bbc@fc.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>Let me get this straight: "A panel of \_neutral\_ recognized, leading scientists"? Uh huh. Sorry Nathan, when it comes to the UFO phenomenon you've just stipulated a non-existent species.

>>"Leading scientists" aren't neutral when it comes to UFOs, it tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

>-- John Rimmer Magonia Magazine [www.magonia.demon.co.uk](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk)  
><<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk>>

John-

I wouldn't expect to see an official record of this type of discrimination, but that certainly doesn't mean there isn't an impact.

In the case of Dr. John Mack an attempt was made to call his research into question at Harvard, and he was able to weather that particular storm without giving in to the pressure to cease his research. But Dr. Mack is a tenured award-winning psychiatrist, and I suspect that others viewed that as a warning of what they might face if they swerved too far toward the fringe.

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## Re: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6 - Cecchini

From: **Ron Cecchini** <[Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM](mailto:Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:29:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:36:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6 - Cecchini

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Remote Viewers: Target EL-6  
>Date: Fri, 22 Sep 2000 14:51:56 -0700

>Did anyone happen to catch Dick Allgire on Coast to Coast?  
>These guys are amazing...

Yes.

I'll try to summarize:

(in paraphrase)

"Remote Viewing the past is easy.  
Remove Viewing the present is a much harder.  
Remote Viewing the future is really, really, really tough."

I'll leave it to the discerning reader to figure out why that probably is so...

>one caller asked if Allgire could see the outcome of the  
>current Presidential election and this guy said he couldn't  
>because there were "too many variables." What?

Well, ya see... there's just too much Uncertainty.

If you wait until about 2 or 3 minutes before the results of the next Presidential election are announced, I'm sure that enough Schrodinger wave functions will have collapsed to present a clear enough vision to Allgire, et al, of a sufficiently stable Future Reality that they will be able to declare with all manner of Certainty -- thus proving that RV is real, yada yada.

Until then, it's just not fair to demand that Allgire be able to do more...

Skeptical and under-caffeinated,

Ron

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## Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 09:32:12 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:38:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Tonnies

>From: Scott Krause <[SKrause272@aol.com](mailto:SKrause272@aol.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 01:31:41 EDT  
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>There were 2 incidents in one of Strieber's books of 3 knocks  
>on he roof to wake people inside and of a town awakened by 3  
>knocks and little people running around the houses... any  
>connection? And if there is any link why the number 3? hummmmmm

This is described in "Breakthrough," and appears to be a genuine occurrence. The "visitors" apparently have an affinity for the number nine: 3 knocks (or whatever) spaced equally three times. Strieber has mentioned that the mechanical spacing of the knocks he heard was startling.

I would be very intrigued to find references to strange "knocking" like this in various folklore.

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Mac Tonnies ([macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com))  
MTVI: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>  
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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:30:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:40:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj@proaxis.com](mailto:deardorj@proaxis.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 21:47:33 -0700  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:17:59 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 13:26:07 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Jim writes:

>Before moving on, Roger, let's remember that if just a part of  
>the branches in question were only a foot(!) from the camera,  
>the camera's full field of view would be totally blocked by  
>those branches. Thus they were a lot farther away from the  
>camera than that.

<snip>

>If the beamship and adjacent tree had been models, I think  
>they'd have to be at least twice as far away as the blurry tree  
>limbs to have been in the real good focus they are in. This  
>would require a saucer model of width about 33 inches. This is  
>nothing that could have been hauled around undetected by Meier  
>on his Moped, not to mention much other model-support equipment  
>a hoaxer would need.

If, if, if, if, if...

Jim, this is all guess work. I asked a simple question: What was the focal length of the lens used by Meier to shoot his photos? If we know that, then we can better estimate the size of the limb. Anything short of that is just speculation. If you don't know or have no intention of answering that question, then there is no need to continue this discussion.

Moving on, I had written:

>>First off, this is wrong. A closed down aperture appropriate for  
>>"sunny days" or even "smoggy days" will, indeed, provide plenty  
>>of depth of field and WILL cover a range from about 6 feet to  
>>infinity regardless of where the focus is set within that range.

Jim now recants, claiming:

>Evidently, Meier had the aperture relatively far open for that  
>day's photographs. I suspect he did know about the need to open  
>it up some for a cloudy, overcast day.

However, he had originally claimed:

>>>[Meier] never bothered to vary the aperture,  
>>>whose setting was quite appropriate for sunny days, though  
>>>usually somewhat smoggy days.

Incredibly, Jim now states:

>



>The evidence of the blurry tree having been some 16 feet away  
>indicates to me that the aperture was not in a sunny-day  
>closed-down position after all.

So now the blurry tree is 16 feet away?!!!

Jim you aren't making things any better for your position. If you haven't figured it out by now, the farther things are from the camera, the LESS likely they will be out of focus if the aperture is wide open.

Let's see...

First Meier never adjusts the aperture, then he does. First the aperture is closed down but unable to focus on distant hills or trees. Now the aperture is open and unable to focus on a tree 16 feet away!

Will all due respect, you seem to be changing your story to suit your needs.

Again, since you've made definitive statements regarding the characteristics of Meier's camera and lens, you must know what focal length he was using. Please provide us with that info and I will publish the depth of field stats for the list. If I am wrong, I'll say so. Will you?

Roger

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## Trent Photos Blowout!

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:41:54 -0400  
Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!

Hello, one and all...

I "happened" upon a site regarding the Trent photos that, in my opinion, pretty much drives the nail in a coffin well worn from being opened and closed too many times. Readers know my past opinions on the photos. After looking at this site, I am now convinced that they're fake.

Take a look for yourselves:

<http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

Make sure that you also go all the way to the end for links to other photos. (most important!)

PS: The guy doing the research is named Joel Carpenter. He's pretty sharp and in no way related to John Carpenter. Let's try and keep the two unconfused in future posts on this subject.

Have fun!

Roger

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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <[bdc@fc.net](mailto:bdc@fc.net)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:56:10 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:01:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

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>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)  
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>>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented  
>example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken  
>a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

Well lets make it simpler. Nathan used the term "leading  
scientists". By "leading scientist" I would infer one at least  
occasionally noted in the news in his field to the public at  
large. So how about starting by providing us a list of "leading  
scientists" with a publically stated serious - repeat, serious -  
interest in UFOs?

Bet its a short list. Wonder why?

-Brian C.

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## Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo? - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog@earthlink.net](mailto:ufowatchdog@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:25:56 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:03:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo? - Myers

>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 23:36:55 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Defense Satellite UFO Photo?  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>Over 20 years ago a Defense Meteorological Satellite Program  
>satellite recorded a very strange image while not far from the  
>FSU (Former Soviet Union).

>Starting in 1985 this was publicized as a photo of an object at  
>45,000 ft traveling at 4000-5000 mph and leaving several  
>contrails. Ok, it looks like a "sport model" without wheels.  
>But who needs wheels at 45,000 ft. altitude, anyway?

>Could that have been true? Is this a rare satellite photo of a  
>True UFO (TRUFU)?

>What do you think?

>I invite your comments

><http://brumac.8k.com/DMSP/DMSP.html>

Bruce,

I really don't know what to think about the photo. It looks like it could be a cloud mass since its shape is irregular and it appears to have some holes in through - particularly at the left side of what would be thought of - in my opinion - the windshield or cockpit. The color appears to be consistent with the blue background showing at least two shades of blue, possibly three. Of course, we could say it was the 'Oz' effect at work here...

The (I'm starting to hate this word) contrails are interesting but again could anything. It seems to me to be nothing more than another in a long line of photos that could be interpreted as UFOs or clouds and I don't think any real conclusion could be drawn to either. At this point, I'd say its a cloud formation. Again, I'm not an expert in this field (aka: my disclaimer if I'm wrong.).

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"  
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>  
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>  
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## Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

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Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 13:34:14 -0500 (CDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:06:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

>From: Nathan G. Daniel <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 00:17:40 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

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>>>From: Nathan G. Daniel <[7starspublishing@onemain.com](mailto:7starspublishing@onemain.com)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 02:55:50 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>[responding to Jim Deardorff]

>>>You and Meier put up one million dollars, and a source I know  
>>>will put up matching funds. The funds must be placed in an  
>>>escrow account. A panel of neutral recognized, leading  
>>>scientists and photographic experts will be selected. All of the  
>>>Meier materials will be submitted, examined, and tried-- The  
>>>Billy Meier Case On Trial: Fact or Fiction? A panel will finally  
>>>settle the controversy.

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>>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if  
>>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>>Such a panel would settle nothing. Well, except for shifting a  
>>million bucks here or there, and making certain parties feel  
>>better.

>>You were just joshin us, right?

>No, Brian. I'm not joking. But if such an event were to take  
>place who do you suggest sit on the panel? UFO people? Most of  
>them with phony credentials. How about photographic experts  
>alone? That would establish or deny the integrity of the  
>photographs. Let's have real photo experts tell us if those  
>ships are real objects.

Frankly, I don't think its possible to create such a panel  
today. The requirements are impossible to meet:

- \* Scientists accepted by all sides as being totally open-minded on the UFO question, no pre-dispositions, with no possibility of social or institutional consequences to themselves regardless of their conclusions, whose conclusions everyone would accept.

The problem is that scientists are also people with what let's call worldviews. These can be religious, philosophical or what have you. Its very hard for anyone, scientists included, to

claim to be unbiased about something like Meier which can have such a tremendous impact on one's worldview. In fact, sometimes the rhetoric on this list looks suspiciously like thinly disguised worldview (belief system) defense. A jaundiced view of literally every tidbit of evidence, and a repetitive tendency to shoot at the messenger are often good clues.

>Are you a supporter of Meier, Brian?

Meier says some interesting stuff; his detractors say some interesting stuff.

I'm a supporter of digging out the truth about this interesting space we inhabit. To put it another way, I like to think of myself as someone with perhaps a slightly more flexible worldview than many folks, though I too probably have some elastic limits.

I neither support nor oppose Meier; I look as best I can at evidence and context. I don't trust diehard skeptics or believers; both tend to have pre-existing worldviews to defend to the death. I haven't decided on Meier yet. I'll decide when the facts are all in and clear as a bell :-). Don't wait up.

>Many of the Meier believers have been our customers. I've >learned from them that they are mostly people searching for the >truth. Many feel disenchanting with religion, have a need to fill >an inner void for spiritual fulfillment, and they question their >human origins.

>It is our belief that Meier created his UFO photos to be a frame >work to draw attention to his wacked out philosophy-- a >philosophy that includes adaptations of Hinduism and Star-Trek.

Well, once you start playing with something as fundamental as someone's worldview, in most cases I suspect it becomes nearly impossible to proceed in a neutral, openminded way.

Your panel won't work. Its an attempt to rationally examine an issue that pummels too many people's belief systems. The panellists probably won't be able to examine it rationally, and whatever conclusion they reach won't settle a thing. (Did Condon settle anything?)

Just for kicks, though, if you want a name, I'm game: Dr. Bruce Maccabee. A U.S. Navy research scientist, he knows his stuff. Probably has a more flexible worldview than most. If anyone on this list can lay claim to the title of photo expert, then he can. Of course he'll be unacceptable to certain list elements here. But that'll apply to any name submitted.

Sometimes worldviews and rational inquiry just don't mix. And with Meier, you're dealing with a major worldview issue.

-Brian C.

"Sad to say, but that's the way it goes"  
Sergio Mendez / Brasil '66

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## Ted Phillips on IRC Chat Friday 9/29/00 at 9 PM EDT

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Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 13:54:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:09:38 -0400  
Subject: Ted Phillips on IRC Chat Friday 9/29/00 at 9 PM EDT

UFO Research List - <http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/>

Ted Phillips...Center for Physical Trace Research.... to be guest speaker Friday 9/29 at 9 PM EDT on the IRC Undernet channel #chariots. He will be doing approximately 2 hours of questions and answers in a real-time chat forum.

The Center for Physical Trace Research was established June 1, 1998 by Ted Phillips to provide a central repository for the receipt, study, and distribution of UFO landing events involving physical residue. Phillips has worked on hundreds of such cases since 1969 with the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek and the Center for UFO Studies, as well as with Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, Incorporated, MUFON.

<http://www.angelfire.com/mo/cptr/>

For those who aren't already making use of real-time communication via IRC, you can get to IRC Undernet via a webpage link. All you have to do is type in a nickname, hit enter, and you'll automatically be transported into the chat channel. Just remember that on Undernet, a nickname cannot consist of more than 9 characters.

Ah, the wonders of the Internet! :)

You can find direct links to #chariots at either of the following webpages:

<http://www.jilain.com>  
<http://www.UFO-NexXus.org>

This rare opportunity for an informal, real-time talk with one of Ufology's best is being sponsored by UFO-NexXus Radio. You can access the webstream at:

<http://208.161.214.168:8000/listen.pls>

We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Bobbie

Bobbie "Jilain" Felder  
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--->USA  
--->planet Earth  
--->somewhere in the cosmos

<http://www.jilain.com>  
<http://www.ufo-nexxus.org>

IRC Undernet #chariots  
ICQ #7524076

~~~Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers
And things are not what they seem~~~

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:11:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:44:37 -0500

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented
>>example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken
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>Sure, easily. James McDonald.

>Jerry

MacDonald's case is tragic, but it's a little bit more complicated than an individual being denied funding for academic work because of an objective interest in UFOs. There were a lot of personality clashes and politics involved, which a very well summarised in your Encyclopedia

It was also thirty years ago. Apart from Mack (who is on the fringe of mainstream UFO research, keeps his job and does not seem to be suffering from any after-effects), have there been any other, more recent, cases?

Is perhaps the main reason why many scientist have been reluctant to get involved in UFO research is because they have decided that there is very little chance, after sixty years, of any significant scientific findings emerging from it?

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John Rimmer
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:13:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:14:19 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
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>[The following is a comment on the immediate question being
> raised, and is not intended as supportive of the Meier photos]

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>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
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>>-- John Rimmer Magonia Magazine www.magonia.demon.co.uk

>John-

>I wouldn't expect to see an official record of this type of
>discrimination, but that certainly doesn't mean there isn't an
>impact.

>In the case of Dr. John Mack an attempt was made to call his
>research into question at Harvard, and he was able to weather
>that particular storm without giving in to the pressure to cease
>his research. But Dr. Mack is a tenured award-winning
>psychiatrist, and I suspect that others viewed that as a warning
>of what they might face if they swerved too far toward the
>fringe.

I did say 'serious'! Mack is pretty fringe when it comes to UFO
research. The fact is that, even so, in the end he kept his job
and, as I recall, got a fair amount of support on an 'academic
freedom' line, despite many of his ideas being well outside the
scientific consensus.

There are many scientists who move into contentious areas. The
whole history of psychic research is full of established
scientists who have gone out on a limb to explore ESP,
clairvoyance, survival, autokinesis, etc., and have done so
without sacrificing their careers. Possibly some colleagues may
think them a little 'flakey' but scientists allegedly being
denied funding because of their interest in psi just does not
seem to be an issue.

Why should it be any different in ufology?

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A Few TV Listings - 08-25-00

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 18:24:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:17:04 -0400
Subject: A Few TV Listings - 08-25-00

Tue 26 8:00 AM SCI-FI
Sightings

Reported sightings of UFOs over Israel; <snip>

Tue 26 9:30 AM SCI-FI (30 min)
Beyond Reality: A Return Visit

A runaway is led by visions of her mother, who disappeared during a wave of UFO sightings. Laura: Shari Belafonte.

Tue 26 11:00 AM APL (30 min)
Lassie: The Lassie Files APL

Lassie solves UFO sightings.

[ed: !?!?!? how could I resist...
...and I don't know what APL is, nor do I care.]

Tue 26 9:00 PM WSBK/6 (60 min)
Danger in Our Skies: The New UFO Threat 6 WSBK

Footage of recent UFO sightings over large metropolitan areas, including Phoenix and Mexico City, features interviews with witnesses, air traffic controllers and physicists. Hosts: Jim Forbes, Alison Holloway. Release Year: 1998

[ed: WSBK/6 is a local Boston station.]

Thu 28 8:00 AM SCI-FI
Sightings

An investigation into alleged U.S. Government attempts to build flying saucers; <snip> reported UFO sightings over Mexico City;

Fri 29 8:00 AM SCI-FI
Sightings

Segments include a videotape of an alleged UFO; <snip> debate on the "alien autopsy" tape; sightings of Bigfoot in Ohio.

Fri 29 8:00 PM PAX (60 min)
Encounters with the Unexplained : What Are Crop Circles?

"What Are Crop Circles?" investigates theories surrounding these mysterious patterns that appear in corn fields in the middle of the night. Theories include: extraterrestrials, electromagnetic fields, clever hoaxers. Jerry Orbach hosts.

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 01:48:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:19:36 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Goldstein

>From: Scott Krause <SKrause272@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 01:31:41 EDT
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 04:52:49 -0700
>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>I was pondering on this thought the other day when I was
>>reminded about it on the List.

>>It concerns the communication aspect of Contact UFO cases, such
>>like the Alagash incident, mentioned on the list recently.

>>When carrying out our investigations, is there a tendency for us
>>to overlook things that are staring us in the face?

>>*Let me expand on this.

>>In a lot of contact cases throughout the years, contact was
>>triggered by the flashing of lights, from the people on the
>>ground to the object in the sky. (Please note I do realise CSETI
>>uses a similar action to the above)

>>Now what I want to ask is, if the object returns the flashing
>>pattern i.e. 3 flashes from you - 3 flashes returned by object.
>>If beings of some kind are not on board the observed object, and
>>the object is returning the flashes' is it within the
>>possibility of programmed devices to understand and to know when
>>a flash is sent by the observers to the object itself, so it
>>then knows to return a flash?

>>How can an object know it is being flashed if there are no
>>people on board the object to register a signal from a ground
>>source?

>>Would this possibly suggest some kind of pre-programmed device
>>inside such an object? Or are we to think that the object, is an
>>intelligence within itself?

>>And for those who may differ on contact cases and their reality,
>>if neither of the above is the answer' then what makes an object
>>return the light flashes?

>>Interested in any light thrown on this one!

>There were 2 incidents in one of Strieber's books of 3 knocks on
>the roof to wake people inside and of a town awakened by 3 knocks
>and little people running around the houses... any connection?
>And if there is any link why the number 3? hummmmmmm

>Scott Krause

Ok Scott and listfolks,

If we are speculating on aliens emulating our primitive forms of
communication, then I suppose three knocks is pretty primitive.

In his book, Whitley Strieber was writing from a frightened mind. The miserable Communion movie made abduction and the little people seem like a weird joke.

I posted on the list the other day hoping that the guys in Allagash, the CSETI folks, and regular folks when flashing lights at UFOs had the good sense to flash the flashlights in morse code. Tonight another thought burrowed up from my brain. If the SETI project is listening for repeatable exotic radio wave signals from far off celestial realms there may be aliens doing the same in our direction. Surely aliens far away may possibly have the capacity to send observation probes, if not occupied ships, to observe us by listening to our radio waves. Along with the babble of voices, video, and data, cw messages in morse code would be observed and analyzed. Would it be easier to analyze the patterns and possible meaning of morse code signals rather than the spoken babble? If they emulate that as a simple means of our communication perhaps they are signaling cw in morse code (dot and dash high pitched beeps from a code key).

When I was a teenager in the early '60s I obtained my novice amateur radio license. I was restricted to only transmitting code. I spent many wee morning hours tapping my thoughts out to people in far off places. Now I've graduated to spending most morning wee hours reading UFO Updates. Where did I go wrong to end up here? I also used to scan all the bands of long, short, and medium waves for new weird sounding signals I never had heard. Being the prankster, I used to point my 12" music loudspeaker out my window overlooking the neighborhood and let out a short, high volume burst of that signal, so that at 3AM somebody would be awakened and think that a UFO was present. I kept the signals short so they could not be traced and I only sent them when my parents were out of town. If you think I was weird, my next door neighbor Mark would get up on a roof wearing a halloween mask, tap on the window, scare the Hell out of the neighbor he just awoke and run like the dickens. I guess if I told that to MUFON years ago when I applied to be a field investigator they should have disqualified me. Later, if I received a call and investigated what turned out to be a stupid prank like I had pulled, I would have smacked that kid on the spot. Fortunately I never received a prank or hoax call and I'm not a violent person.

Where were we? Oh yeah, maybe I should regress and go back to listening to and trying to decipher strange code signals in the wee morning hours while reading Updates. The aliens may be trying to contact us by Morse code. I am asking Jim Mortellaro, our communications expert, whether Gripple would be an aid to such an endeavor, and whether he would be able to kick it off until I get a new receiver?

What do you think?

Josh
joshin' at the aliens

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>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 16:38:32 -0700

>>>The narrator clearly states that the ship is disappearing and
>>>then reappearing. It isn't a cut and splice technique, it is -
>>>what I said it was earlier - blatant stop motion. Nobody can
>>>defend that piece of footage as anything other than that.

>>This is a statement of belief that aliens shouldn't be able to
>>do anything we can't begin to understand.

>No, that's not what the statement says.

But that's what it means.

>>>Meier filmed his little model, stopped the film, took it out of
>>>the frame, began filming for a second more, stopped it again,
>>>placed his model back in the frame and began filming.

>>This is your assumption. Let's keep in mind it's an assumption,
>>because those investigators who have spent many hours and days
>>with Meier found him to be totally honest, and no hoaxer.
>>Perhaps some 8mm movie-film experts (Malcolm FTL movie camera)
>>will let us know if during both film stoppage and restart
>>there's any slow-down in frame exposure rate for a few frames
>>that would lead to overexposure and a need for subsequent cut
>>and splice.

>>>The branch
>>>in the frame proves this without question. Branches being blown
>>>by the wind do not just automatically stop moving in an instant.

>>I don't "like" that any more than you do. But that's another
>>assumption. I believe that some witnesses' reports of the Oz
>>effect have said it came on suddenly. It's really foolish to
>>assume that a piece of way-way advanced technology that can
>>suddenly disappear from sight, can zoom through the air at Mach
>>XX without creating a sonic boom, and whose aliens in some cases
>>can pass through solid walls, etc., cannot also generate the Oz
>>effect.

>Jim, you're reaching for some way to validate Meier's claims and
>you're reaching far. This piece of film is stop motion -period.

Repeating an assumption doesn't alter it into a fact.

>Hell, when the UFO reappears the frame of the

>camera has shifted a bit showing that it was stopped, moved
>slightly during the process and then turned back on. This isn't
>about the 'Oz' effect, its about a third rate special effect
>employed in the perpetration of a UFO hoax.

It definitely seems to be the Oz effect. Meier mentions, when showing the film to those who were video-taping it, that there were no sounds, along with no breeze, during this period of time. Others who later mentioned the Oz effect also noticed no sound, which includes no sound of the wind or breeze in the trees.

When the craft reappears, only the twig suffered a tiny discontinuity in movement, not the camera frame. The background all along the edges of the frame doesn't change. The twig had remained motionless during the Oz period, and when this period of time was over, abruptly resumed its motions in the wind as if the actual wind had not been absent. Or *as if* it had been cut and spliced. The Japanese who analyzed it, looking for any signs of such splicing at those points, found none.

It's the March, 1976, film segment showing the 3 craft, two of which disappear and then reappear, which shows a frame change at the same time as the disappearance of the two smaller craft. I don't know whether or not this segment received cuts, removal and splice at the hands of the Munich studio at this point. It need not have, as you should know, since the "masters of deception" are quite capable of doing such tricks themselves, in order to supply the negative skeptic with a crutch with which to maintain their existing mental outlook (Note: I didn't say "belief system".).

Sorry to have to repeat the obvious, but we've read witnesses' accounts of where their camera clicked on all by itself, taking a shot of a UFO that perhaps wasn't even seen at the time; of UFOs hovering over nuclear bases with the nuclear armaments subsequently disclosed to have been disarmed or made inoperable. And there's the flickering black spot that appeared on the window glass of Ed Walters' office along with a thumping noise while Ed had noticed a UFO circa a mile away and took photos of it (the "Thumping" photos) -- the third photo was taken without Ed having pressed the shutter button; the black spot and thumping noise disappeared just before the UFO itself disappeared. All this is action at a distance -- paranormal stuff, and should not be swept under the rug on a UFO list.

So it would have been a simple paranormal piece of cake for Meier's aliens, being highly advanced technologically and otherwise, to cause Meier's movie camera, then mounted on its tripod, to slightly alter its orientation at the instant the two craft disappeared.

The motivation for their having done little tricks like this from time to time should be obvious. If they hadn't, the negative skeptics would have nothing to cling to, and the whole UFO coverup could have come unraveled decades before the aliens would deem it appropriate.

If you wish to ignore the obvious, Royce, plus ignoring all the witnesses who know first hand that Meier is no hoaxer, that's your prerogative. But it's not logical, sensible or scientific to ignore the most important data.

Jim D.

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
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>From: Nathan G. Daniel <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
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>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>I really was hoping that you'd have something substantive to
>>say, something with some meat to it, especially where Korff's
>>book mentions your input.

>...Meat? Hey, Jim... you're a vegetarian. You don't like meat, or
>reality.

>You know the Meier case is a joke, but you have to defend it
>like a maniac because you have a vested interest in it. You
>don't care if people get ripped off do you? You believe it's
>okay to defraud consumers?

Nathan,

I'm still waiting for some meat; something other than quips,
irrelevancies and false claims having no logical support.

It's deplorable to see people being subject to these false
claims, and some swallowing them, because they don't have the
time or initiative to investigate it all for themselves and
learn the details of what Stevens, the Elders, Kinder and others
have investigated. Or in some cases because they don't wish to
be subject to verbal abuse for having checked out Meier's
supportive witnesses and finding them to be honest, and
reporting back on it.

>You won't accept the testimony of your colleagues in this forum.

Testimony? As if from witnesses? Go to the witnesses themselves
if you wish testimony. Don't go to the non-witnesses!

>You're a contributor to the hoax too, aren't you, Jim? Didn't
>you write a book authenticating the Talmud Jmmanuel? Don't you
>benefit from having a cult following read your work.

Do you need to subject the List to this kind of drivel, Nathan?
I could, in turn, rant on and on about how you're a contributor
to the Meier-case coverup. How about getting down to brass tacks
instead?

The Talmud of Jmmanuel (TJ) speaks for itself. Anyone with
enough time can look into it thoroughly, like I did, and notice
the hundreds of points where the Gospel of Matthew reads along
like the TJ except for alterations of one or several words, one
or several sentences, and omissions or additions of whole chunks
of text. Then one asks, could a hoaxer have done this, using
Matthew? If so, how would such a hoaxer know to make alterations
that would fix up some 440 verses that New Testament scholars
have criticized as being questionable or non-genuine, when a lot

of these criticisms didn't come out in print until after 1978, when the TJ was first printed in German? I've marked with an asterisk in my mttjindx.htm file the alterations that are particularly striking as much too creative yet natural to the flow of the TJ's teachings for any hoaxer to have accomplished.

>You were quoted years ago having said about the Talmud Jmmanuel
>approximately this:

>"no serious Bible scholar will ever take the Talmud Jmmanuel
>seriously without the original Aramaic manuscript."

>So why do you?

To correct your approximation, the first "serious" should read "reputable." Don't we all know that "reputable" scientists are the ones who avoid looking into the UFO phenomenon seriously? They wish or need to maintain their reputations.

In my website, you should have noticed the reasons why such scholars avoid study and discussion of the TJ. These are:

- 1) It is heretical in several ways;
- 2) Its originals are no longer extant;
- 3) It indicates that certain gospel events were UFO related, and the UFO topic is taboo for scholars to discuss openly in print or on the Web;
- 4) It is connected with an alleged UFO contactee, and even many ufologists shun contactees;
- 5) It is sensational, and scholars shy away from the sensational, or from what they perceive as radical;
- 6) Certain verses, if taken out of context, may seem pro-Aryan or anti-Semitic;
- 7) It indicates that Jmmanuel had been a long-range prophet, not just short-range; and
- 8) It indicates that Matthew had come first, not Mark.

Any one or two of these will turn off the "reputable" NT scholar.

>There is no original Aramaic manuscript. Only stories about how
>a manuscript was destroyed, etc. from a known liar--Billy Meier.

That's your assumption. It can't explain why the TJ's translation contains Aramaisms. The Aramaisms, and other indications of having derived from an ancient text, strongly support the TJ's genuineness. And your claim can't explain how the TJ has close parallels to a lot of Matthean verses yet is not subject to scholars' criticisms of Matthew at these same points. You are trying to turn Billy Meier into a super-brain superior to any known Gospel scholar or combination of scholars, as well as a one-armed magician who could deceive some 25 supportive witnesses, produce hoaxed photos with no accomplice ever coming forward to take credit and show the world how he did it, produce metal samples unexplainable by human technology, produce a length, loud sound recorded on two tapes in front of witnesses that upon later analysis was found could not have been generated by any sound equipment anywhere around, etc.

>Isn't it odd, the originals of almost everything have been
>destroyed.

Not at all. It would have been very odd if the originals of the TJ had not been destroyed somewhere along the line, once it was brought to the attention of certain officials. As you should know, its heresies, if the scrolls had not been destroyed, would, upon study by paleographers and radio-carbon daters, have caused a terrific problem for Christianity, and to a lesser extent, for Judaism as well (if such scholars would have been willing and able to publish their findings).

>Meier's Matters of Convenience:

>

>1. The original negatives of the hundreds of Meier's

>photos--conveniently tossed in the fireplace by Meier's wife.

Where did you come up with that? A few were destroyed that way, most were not. Wendelle Stevens is quite sure that the 40 Beamship slides of Meier, from which he had internegatives made in a photo processing shop in Winterhur in early 1978, were originals, as they were marked as the originals are. An exception was the Schmarbuel-Maiwinkel series in which the Mirage jet chased the beamship repeatedly; it had come back from the developers with left-to-right reversed, indicating they could not be originals.

>2. The negatives could easily determine hoaxed photos, but
>they're conveniently not around.

Meier still has them. He's long been aware that if he gave them up for analysis, he'd never likely receive the originals back.

>3. The original manuscript of the Talmud--conveniently destroyed
>in a fire.

Nothing convenient about that. The air raids on the Lebanese refugee camp at that time killed and wounded a lot of people.

>The translator of the Talmud--conveniently killed and

It was convenient only to future debunkers. It wasn't convenient for Isa Rashid and his family, which were assassinated along with him, Meier was told.

>4. Conveniently, no verification that the guy ever existed.

Meier has the verification, but has never released the information on Rashid's background and surviving relatives, lest they in turn be assassinated. He kept Rashid's name secret until learning that Rashid had been killed, and could then reveal it, as it is such a common name. If you're a ufologist, you should realize that more often than not, the investigator of a UFO sighting keeps the witnesses anonymous at their request. But you expect Meier to reveal that which could be even more dangerous to Rashid's relatives? Some of the assassination attempts against Meier were no doubt made because he's also a witness to the original TJ.

>Jim, weren't you disenchanted with your religion, found the
>Meier material felt inspired and suddenly saw an opportunity to
>rewrite the Bible and get back at those stuffy Presbyterians?

No, Nathan. I was never a firm believer or fundamentalist, but just went along with it until the Meier case shook me out of my complacency. Then I learned what NT scholars had to say, and of their fractious views. They're really in no better shape than ufology is.

>You want meat? No matter what meat you're fed, you're not going
>to swallow. How could you go any other way?

So you accept defeat from the beginning, eh?

>Here's a morsel for you:

>I personally interviewed Ken Dinwiddy (sp?) of DeAnza labs.
>According to Dinwiddy, Dilletoso walked into DeAnza labs
>claiming that he was going to buy a computer for his company. He
>presented one or more of the Meier photos and asked if the
>computer was capable of splashing colors here and there. DeAnza
>performed the task of colorizing, not analysis. Dilletoso took
>off with the photos..

...you mean the analyses he made from the photos he brought in with him...

>..without buying the computer. Soon after, the
>photos appeared in the Meier books. I don't have the book with
>me to give a direct quote, but if I remember correctly, the book
>Contact from the Pleiades had an explanation stating something
>like this:

>...the colors surrounding the ship are energy fields being
>emitted from propulsion system of the beamship...the analysis
>was performed by DeAnza labs. DeAnza labs stamp mark is seen on

>the photo to give credibility to the photo.

I've searched for a quote like this in Genesis III's vols. 1 and 2, but couldn't find it. Perhaps you or someone else can spot it, report the reference and page, and quote it verbatim. All I could find was, besides the results of analyses done by Diletto, the words "Courtesy of De Anza Systems" on the one enlarged photo. You'd need to get Diletto's side of the story also if you wished to make a fairer judgment on whether or not he was under obligation to have purchased the computer from Dinwiddie after testing it out, and utilizing it, on a photo he was interested in.

>Wendelle Stevens? Here's Steven's scientific analysis:

>...from the hundreds of Meier photographs, we took 4 that looked
>the best and we were left with an assumption that if the 4
>checked out, then the rest must be real."

From correspondence with Stevens, and from his books, I've learned that he could not afford to have computer analyses done in those days on more than four photos. The four he picked were from four different dates/locations so that he could get a variety of situations with differing sun angles, etc. They were also chosen on the basis of clarity or sharpness, with the UFO being as close as possible to the camera.

>Stevens only tested 4 photographs. The test methods are
>questionable. And the conclusion is that if 4 passed the test,
>the rest must be real. (What?)

If he had checked out 10, you'd say the same thing, with "10" substituting for "4". Eh what? There were some 500 that needed to be checked out. However, it's still true that if only one of the photos is proven genuine (as in the case where the abies alba tree could not have been any model tree), with other photos still in dispute, then the assumption that the case is a hoax is false. Or is a hoaxer supposed to have built some UFO models, and with one of them attracted a genuine UFO that had exactly the same appearance as the model?

>First: Photographs of unconventional extraterrestrial technology
>that are foreign to our world cannot be validated without having
>a real comparative sample by which the tests are conducted.

I guess that means that the Pleiadians/Plejarens are supposed to give up one of their (real) beamships that they used with Meier to certain government scientists as a sample to study and photograph. Then if you could ever learn about their studies, and obtain copies of their photographs, you could compare those with Meier's photos, for validation. Somehow that sounds like too fanciful a dream to expect to be fulfilled.

>Second: Photo analysts can determine if the object in a
>photograph is a large, real size object, not necessarily
>extraterrestrial.

Using Stevens' 2nd-generation photo material (1st generation being Meier's originals or slides), that's already been done on the basis of increasing distance of the beamship in a particular case causing the crafts' edges to occupy an increasing number of pixels relative to its width with increasing distance from the camera, doing the same using various trees in the same frame, noticing the distance at which both have approximately the same definition of edge, and measuring the distances to the various trees. Qualitatively it's been done from two other series of photographic copies, noticing that the craft becomes lighter in appearance (sometimes called the haze effect) with increasing distance.

>No need to respond with your counter arguments.

OK, will stop here.

>N. Daniel

>Buy the way, Jim, what did Meier say about the way "J's" are
>written or pronounced in Aramaic?

He's never thought that they were part of Aramaic, but was informed by one of his ET contactors that they were part of an

old Lyran alphabet in which the J symbol was pronounced as i,j, or y. (Immanuel is pronounced about the same in any language, whether English or Aramaic -- that's what transliteration of names involves: using letters that will preserve as closely as possible the name in its original tongue.) So "Jmmanuel" is pronounced as "Immanuel." The J symbol has the "i" sound.

>Do you speak Aramaic? Ever
>read Aramaic? Ever hear Aramaic spoken? Can you write anything
>in Aramaic?

Have never claimed to. Have just read several books on Aramaisms relative to the Gospels. The authors knew Aramaic well.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: eier-Hoax Claims - Sandow

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>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
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>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>>"Leading scientists" aren't neutral when it comes to UFOs, it
>>>tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine
>>>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if
>>>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented
>>example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken
>>a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

>Sure, easily. James McDonald.

>Jerry

David Jacobs's academic career has been hurt by his UFO
committment.

And David Pritchard, the MIT physicist who (with John Mack)
organized the 1992 abduction conference at MIT, told me that he
was worried about the effect his UFO involvement might have on
his standing in his field, his standing in his department, and
his funding.

Greg Sandow

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Model Building, Adamski, Meier, & Others

From: GT McCoy <gtmccoy@harborside.com>
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Subject: Model Building, Adamski, Meier, & Others

Hello, all this is in response to the now abundant comments on various models of both Brooder and Hubcap.

First, I have visited Meiers website Twice in the last few days: www.figu.ch/us/ a curious thing has happened. The infamous Saucer circling the "fir" tree sequence has been changed. What was one four shots are now two, also, my fertile imagination, remembers numbers at the top of the photos now they seem cropped. Could the game be afoot?

Second, I am not a photographer by trade or hobby. What I do do as a hobby (for 35 some years) is build models, Trains, Planes, and Automobiles, oh and the Battleship Oregon, one of those ongoing projects. So I know something about scale and distance. I have, years ago (1969 to be exact) did attempt pinhole aperture photography thanks to an article in an ancient 'Scale Modeler Magazine. with satisfying results. Though like other great works they were lost to antiquity and a nasty divorce. Roger's comment on pinhole photography is correct, as even I who could screw up a Brownie shot could do it.

Thirdly, upon visiting Meier's site, under "poof, er, proof" upon arriving at the "Photographs", the first photo is a rendition of a "Beamship" in 1975. This is an insult to the Modeler's art . Sorry .I could have done better at 10 years, with two pie plates, the bottom of a Kool- Whip container and a little glue. The edge of the saucer is a bit uneven, also.

Fourthly I have photographed Aircraft, both flying and Static. None of the Meier photographs have a "real" quality . Yes. there are things in the photos that provide "Perspective" but not what I would call a 'viable reality' if you will.

Look up a Aviation Mag, say a real good one like Wings/Airpower or Fly Past and/or Air Enthusiast. Look at say, a WW2 photo of say a B-17. (I've been around several as both Airtanker and Display Aircraft.) Now look at a modern Photo of a B-17 say, the "Sally B" or the " 1 oh 1" Yep, it's a B-17 all right, dents, oil stains and the scuff marks on the tires. Real in other words. the you're at an Airshow get climb around one, you know the what the plane is, the smells the sounds, etc. All that would indicate the Real McCoy, -pardon the pun.

Now we have here people who have claim to have been for a ride in a UFO Adamski for one Meier for another. Hey Semjase how about a couple of "Bumps and Circuits as our British Friends put it! Billy gets to go how about someone else? There have been others, but you get the picture. Hey, I got a good candidate: Phil Klass, aviation writer too. but I digress.

My point: A real mechanism will, invariably be a little messy, unless the Pleadians/Venusians/Trafalmadorians don't eat, sleep, defecate among other things that Humanoids do. No one has ever had an description of the interior of a saucer that would indicate that no one lives there. Clean, neat, no Ju Ju fruit cartons on the floor, and just where is the Head, Biffy, or Crapper. Who keeps it clean? Who works on it? do they use coveralls, just like why hasn't anyone been a Plumber in a previous life in Atlantis-no answer why, it just is.

Yes, I am being critical, some things can't go on without taking a stand. and I don't come from skeptic's view point, but one who has seen a real 'nuts and bolts" UFO -panel lines included. I don't whose it was but it was somebody's . "Hey Ridley keep chewing, I got a paper clip here that just might work!" could be just as likely line as "Take me to your leader." when I saw that thing stop. then start again.-We may never know.

GT McCoy -Frustrated Spaceman

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Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

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Subject: Re: Orford Ness Lighthouse 'UFO' - Easton

In response to some recent claims concerning the relative visibility of Orford Ness lighthouse and its beam, I trust the following information will be of assistance:

[Originally posted to UFORL]

From: "James Easton" <voyager@ufoworld.co.uk>
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Subject: Re: Rendlesham...
Date: 12 September 2000 01:58

In answer to a previous question, what colour was the Orford Ness beacon, we do of course have an apparent first hand confirmation. According to Ed Cabansag, "While we walked, each one of us could see the lights. Blue, red, white and yellow. The beacon light turned out to be the yellow light. We could see them periodically, but not in a specific pattern".

The following may help to further understand events, especially in their original perspective and relates to previously unpublished material from last year. Some concerning the lighthouse will be familiar, however, no harm in confirming a few facts.

1. Extracts from conversation with Bernard Edwards, the Lights List Officer, re Orford Ness lighthouse [my questions/responses are prefixed by 'JE:'] -

..it's light number 2258 if you want a future reference for it...

...let me just see what the characteristics are now... it's a flashing white light and there's also a fixed red and a fixed green... the red covers a certain arc and the green covers another certain arc.

JE: Which of the lights would be visible from inshore?

Well... the red sector goes from shore, clockwise round to 210 degrees true, there is another red sector from 038 degrees to 049 degrees, which is a nine degree arc and there's a green sector from 047 degrees to shore.

Now, any angle in-between those, it obviously doesn't shine over.

The white light... it doesn't tell me here, but I would imagine that's all round, but maybe it's blanked inshore a bit, because lighthouses tend to upset local people.

Now, when you draw out those bearings, you must remember they are bearings as a mariner would see the lights from seaward, so it's no good putting a dot on the paper for the light and drawing a bearing down to the south-west of 210. It is the mariner looking from the north-east, down a bearing of 210 towards the south-west and there he sees the light.

JE: Is there any reason this white light, or the beam, might be described as yellow or yellowish-white, as opposed to just plain

white?

A white light can look yellowish and a yellow light can look whitish.

JE: What might cause that, could it be the Fresnel lens?

I don't honestly know, it may be something to do with the atmospheric conditions at the time. Was it in the winter?

JE: Yes, this particular observation was in December.

You see, lights do alter if they get a bit of ice on the lens, you know, a bit of frosting. I'm not saying that was the reason... [End]

2. Extracts from conversation with Keith Seaman, responsible for maintenance of the automated Orford Ness lighthouse and who knows the UFO story well:

...when you get right into the forest, the beam actually traverses through the forest...

...you're getting well down [towards the coast] then, because as I pointed out at the time, the lighthouse beam does not go any further inland than the coast; the coast curves, it doesn't follow a dead straight line and you obviously get a little bit of overthrow from the beam.

I've looked after the lighthouse since 1994, I wasn't involved with it at the time [December 1980], but I'm fully aware of all the equipment that was in there and where the light shone and that hasn't been altered since 1914.

JE: Has the light which shines inland been dimmed or reduced in any way?

The range and possibly the intensity has been reduced since, that happened in 1990.

JE: Another possibility which came up was that the Shipwash lightship may have been a factor.

The Shipwash was certainly there at the time.

JE: It's been replaced since then by a buoy, hasn't it?

It has been replaced by a buoy, but at the time the Shipwash was there, but it was some miles further out and my understanding of that is that it was blanked off towards the land anyway, because it wasn't necessary to shine the light towards the land because you'd already got the lighthouse there.

The lighthouse is blanked off to a certain area, it's not a completely visible light all the way round the 360 degrees, it's blanked off towards the land. And that's when the light disappears, because it's screened off.

JE: So, the lightship at that time, would just have been a plain, white light as well?

Yes, but it had a very different flash sequence.

There were two lightships out there at the time, there was the Gabbit as well, which was a lot further out.

JE: I'm not aware of that one.

That was off Felixstowe. [End]

In view of the landscape and lighthouse alterations since December, 1980, a previously mentioned, 1997 public statement from Chris Arnold is perhaps worth considering again.

As noted, Arnold was the security policeman who, after the first incident, reported concerns of an air crash to the local Suffolk Constabulary. He wrote:

In any case here is some information regarding that wonderful

goat rope outside the RAF Woodbridge East Gate that December morning. I was a member of the 81st Security Police Squadron on "B" Flight Law Enforcement. If I remember correctly (and you must forgive me for some memory lapse as you must realize that at the time this was not a significant event, consequently it really hasn't been burned into my mind, obviously had I seen flying saucers, and little green men I doubt I would have any problems retaining the information) those of us working were having some fun as we actually were playing music over one of the Police Frequencies. It was very quiet and since it was the holiday season, not much was happening. Things were pretty laid back. In any case, we were playing Music on the Security Frequency and the Law Enforcement freq was being used in case someone had an emergency or actual work related transmission to make.

After midnight, John Burroughs radioed the LE desk and reported he had seen strange lights in the outside the East Gate on RAF Woodbridge. I was actually on RAF Lakenheath hanging out at the Law Enforcement Desk at the time. Burroughs, who liked to draw attention to himself, often over-reacted to situations and was considered very unreliable, wanted to know if there were any reports of downed aircraft.

We called the Control Tower and I even called the local Constabulary (I can't remember the town the constabulary was in, but I do know it was outside of Ipswich and I think it used to be an air base during WWII, I believe the control tower was restored in the 80's)

In any case, after getting a negative reply from the British Cops, My flight chief asked me if I wanted to head out to Woodbridge to meet up with Burroughs and see what was up. I grabbed the back gate keys, and took the back way to RAF W/B. I met Burroughs at the East Gate of WB. We left our guns with the guy riding with Burroughs and drove to the end of the long access road. We left our vehicle and walked out there.

There was absolutely nothing in the woods. We could see lights in the distance and it appeared unusual as it was a sweeping light, (we did not know about the lighthouse on the coast at the time). We also saw some strange colored lights in the distance but were unable to determine what they were. [End]

Arnold is a vital witness and apparently one of only three security policemen, the others being Burroughs and Chandler, who directly participated in both night's events.

I've recently been discussing the case with him and hope to shortly be able to publish his more detailed account.

What's important and may not be generally appreciated, is how Arnold went back with Burroughs to the 'site' of that inaugural 'UFO' scare and it was from this vantage point he could see "lights in the distance and it appeared unusual as it was a sweeping light", plus, "some strange colored lights in the distance".

In recent correspondence, I asked:

EASTON: Significantly, in July 1997, you mentioned there were 'some strange lights' in the distance, whose origin could not be determined. Can you recall what those lights looked like - indeed, anything about them at all - colour, size, whether they were flashing or moved, etc.

ARMOLD: Yes, there were what we initially interpreted as 'strange lights' and in my opinion and contrary to what some people assert, at the time almost none of us knew there was a lighthouse at Orford Ness. Remember, the vast majority of folks involved were young people, 19, 20, 25 years old. Consequently it wasn't something most of the troops were cognizant of. That's one reason the lights appeared interesting or out of the ordinary to some people.

After it was discovered that a lighthouse was out there, the 'strangeness' of the lights evaporated. The lights were primarily white and were very small, far off in the distance. Occasionally one would see a shade of blue or red but I attribute that to refraction from stained glass windows in a local church in addition to the fog and weather at the time. The

lights did not move in erratic fashions nor did they move towards us or act in any manner which violated the laws of known physics. [End]

So, of immense significance, according to Arnold some distant red and blue lights were still visible from the 'landing site'. However, according to Penniston, the red and blue lights encountered earlier were attached to a small craft which had, by that time, zoomed off into the night sky. [END]

[From Ian Ridpath and posted with Ian's full permission]

Sparks seems to think that the fact that the lighthouse dips below the horizon as one moves into the farmer's field somehow disproves that Col Halt (or anyone else) could have chased it for two miles. Au contraire: it simply confirms what Halt said on the tape, namely that he lost sight of it and then made sighting again "at the far side of the second farmer's field". From Halt's time markers on the tape, it seems there was quite an interval between passing the farmer's house and re-sighting the light. (Note, however, that he says: "We've passed the farmer's house and are crossing the next field" as though the two events were almost consecutive - no suggestion of a long walk along the lanes as proposed by Robert McLean).

He also tries to make a point about magnetic deviation, but simply ends up confirming the figures we already have. What he says is: "Contrary to erroneous skeptic information the magnetic declination or correction from magnetic to true bearings was -5.2 degs, not -10 degs, according to the NOAA Geomagnetic Synthesis program and Historical Declination database for Dec 28, 1980, at 52-05 N, 1-30 E, zero elevation. With these two 5-degree errors by skeptics -- in the bearing to Orfordness and in converting Halt's compass readings from magnetic to true -- skeptics have conveniently improved their case by a total of 10 degrees."

Now, we have to distinguish between true north and grid north, since most of us are working from OS maps and true north at that location is 2 degrees 50 minutes west of grid north. In addition, at the date of the sighting magnetic north was about 8 degrees west of grid north. Deduct 2*50 from 8 and you have a deviation of magnetic north from true north of -5.2 degs, as quoted by Sparks from NOAA info, confirming my info from the OS.

On the other hand, his own measurement of the azimuth of the lighthouse from East Gate as 85 degrees is clearly wrong. (Coincidentally, the azimuth is virtually identical from East Gate and from the alleged landing site). Where he gets the "5-degree errors by skeptics" from I don't know. My own value for the azimuth of the lighthouse (measured from the OS map) was 91 degrees from grid north, which converts to a magnetic bearing of 99 degrees, using the figures above.

As an amusing aside, had Sparks followed his own logic to its inevitable conclusion, he would have realized he had just proved that the lighthouse should have been some 30 degrees to the *left* of Halt's bearing to the UFO, rather than to the right where Halt claimed to have seen it. [END]

[Also from Ian and forwarded with permission]

I see from the latest postings to UFO Updates that David Rudiak has done some research and undergone a rather remarkable (and principled) change of view about the visibility of the Orford Ness lighthouse.

He posts a link:

<http://www.debenweb.co.uk/img/suff/orfd/orfl0.jpg>

to a photo of the lighthouse.

It so happens that on my last trip to the area I took a photo of the lighthouse from almost exactly the same position as the one at the above URL. Hence I can state with confidence that this photo was taken from somewhere very near to (and most probably on) the jetty that sticks out into the River Ore from the riverfront at Orford. If you have the relevant Pathfinder map,

you should see a dotted line marked 'Ferry V' crossing the River Ore at this point. In fact, it looks to me as though the line of sight of this photo is almost exactly along this dotted line.

A glance at a map will show that the position from which this photo was taken is to the NNW of the lighthouse. I do recall seeing the direct flash of the beam even from this position on the riverfront, but it is probably the very northerly limit of visibility. Perhaps Robert McLean could confirm this. In any case, it is clear from the photo that the lamp is not entirely blocked from view by shielding at this point. This makes sense, since direct visibility of the light would be valuable to boats in the River Ore.

Hence, Rudiak has neatly provided evidence for everyone on the UFO Updates list that the beam is indeed directly visible well to the north of west, and no southerly adjustment of the position of the presumed landing site is necessary. [END]

[Originally posted to UFORL]

From: "Robert McLean" <robert.mclean2@virgin.net>
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Subject: Rendlesham: Visibility of Orfordness Lighthouse
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(The contents of this message are non-confidential and can be re-posted.)

There was some discussion a few weeks ago on UFO UpDates about the visibility of the Orfordness Lighthouse from the "accepted landing site", and how this could be possible, given that the rear, or landward, face of the lighthouse is blacked-out with a "shield". See for example:

<http://personal.riverusers.com/~tanseyj/orford.jpg>

and

<http://www.debenweb.co.uk/img/suff/orfd/orf10.jpg>

On 23/09/00 I went over to Orfordness for the afternoon. The site is run by the National Trust, and you get there by taking a small boat that leaves from the Orford pier, exactly where the debenweb photo was taken.

The Orfordness Lighthouse is, of course, visible from the "accepted landing site" in Rendlesham forest, the location of which on Ordnance Survey maps is at grid ref TM364490 - I've seen it there and so have lots of others. (N.B. Please ignore the circular logic: - The "accepted landing site" is believed to be at grid ref TM364490 mainly because the lighthouse is visible from there!)

In August I walked along the coastal path north from Orford. Simply out of curiosity, I used my binoculars to find the point along the path where I appeared to be directly "behind" the lighthouse, i.e. centered on the shield. It is possible to do this, because the shield follows the diamond pattern of the window panes. When you are directly in line facing the shield, you can see two small triangles of glass at the left and right sides of the lantern.

The point on the path from where these triangles of glass looked to be equal was at grid ref TM436499, which is about 1750 m inland of the lighthouse. The lighthouse is at grid ref TM450488« (you measure to the base of the lighthouse symbol on the OS map) and so the centre of the shadow cast by the shield is at an angle of 308° grid north, or 310.4° true north. This line passes no closer than 750 m NE from the centre of Orford. The centre of this shadowed area is not centered on Orford, but very nearly bisects the angle formed by the change in direction of the coastline at the lighthouse. If it wasn't for this change in the direction of the coastline, the Orfordness lighthouse would not be visible inland the way it is.

The difference in angle between the centre of the shield and the line to the accepted landing site is 37°. (The error on this

number will be low, probably within ± 20 , because it is possible to compare accurately the size of the triangles of glass as mentioned above.)

When I was at Orfordness, I walked around the lighthouse. There are 16 of the diamond-shaped panes of glass around the circumference of the lantern, and only 3 of these are blacked out around the mid-vertical circumference of the shield. The shield therefore extends a minimum of $\pm 33.75^\circ$ from the centre of the shadow cast by the shield, which is $37^\circ - 33.75^\circ = 3.25^\circ$ short of the angle to the accepted landing site.

There are three similar Fresnel lenses inside the lantern arranged as an equilateral triangle which rotates fully in 15 seconds, giving one flash every 5 seconds. Each of the lenses is quite large, with a diameter maybe one-half of the lantern. The lighthouse beam therefore fades gradually as it turns across the edge of the shield.

To work out the rate at which the beam fades, and the percentage of light visible at the accepted landing site, you'd have to know the cross-sectional intensity profile of the beam, and well as the angle formed by the diamond panes at the edge of the shield. The beam is probably most intense at its centre. The diamond pattern is "tall". So a good estimate would be that the beam intensity at the accepted landing site is about one-half what it would be out to sea.

The range of lighthouse at sea is stated by Trinity House to be 19 nautical miles. Since the accepted landing site is 8.5 km from the lighthouse, it is easy to see why the flash of the lighthouse is still bright at the accepted landing site at night, even when half of it has been obscured by the shield.

Robert McLean
[END]

To reiterate; when Burroughs, Cabansag and Penniston originally pursued some unidentified lights, in the early hours of 26th December, 1980, we know that the following occurred:

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

"We figured the lights were coming from past the forest, since nothing was visible as we passed through the woody forest. We could see a glowing near the beacon light, but as we got closer we found it to be a lit-up farmhouse. After we had passed through the forest, we thought it had to be an aircraft accident. So did CSC [Central Security Control] as well. But we ran and walked a good 2 miles past our vehicle, until we got to a vantage point where we could determine that what we were chasing was only a beacon light off in the distance. Our route through the forest and field was a direct one, straight towards the light.

We informed CSC that the light beacon was further than we thought, so CSC terminated our investigation" - Cabansag.

On the night of 27th December, Halt was investigating a report that the 'UFO was back' and was at the 'landing sight' when it's recorded on his microcassette:

HALT: You just saw a light? Where? [Unclear] Slow down. Where?

VOICE: Right on this position here. Straight ahead, in between the trees - there it is again. Watch - straight ahead, off my flashlight there, sir. There it is.

HALT: I see it, too. What is it?

VOICE: We don't know, sir.

VOICE: Can I just have a...

HALT: It's a strange, small red light, looks to be maybe a quarter to a half mile, maybe further out. I'm gonna switch off.

HALT: The light is gone now. It was approximately 120 degrees

from the site...

VOICE: It's back again.

HALT: Is it back again?

VOICE: Yes, sir.

HALT: Well douse flashlights then. Let's go back to the edge of the clearing so we can get a better look at it. See if you can get the Starscope on it. The light's still there and all the barnyard animals have gone quiet now.

[...]

HALT: There is no doubt about it - there is some type of strange flashing red light ahead.

VOICE: There! It's yellow.

HALT: I saw a yellow tinge in it, too. Weird! It appears to be maybe moving a little bit this way? It's brighter than it has been. It's coming this way. It is definitely coming this way. Pieces of it are shooting off. There is no doubt about it. This is weird!

[...]

HALT: OK, we're looking at the thing, we're probably about two to three hundred yards away. It looks like an eye winking at you. Still moving from side to side. And when you put the Starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow center, a dark center, it's like a pupil of an eye looking at you, winking.

And it flashes so bright to the Starscope that it almost burns your eye.

HALT: We've passed the farmer's house and are crossing the next field and now we have multiple sightings of up to five lights with a similar shape and all but they seem to be steady now rather than a pulsating or glow with a red flash.

[...]

HALT: 2:44. We're at the far side of the second farmer's field and made sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks like it's clear off to the coast. It's right on the horizon. Moves about a bit and flashes from time to time. Still steady or red in color.

[...]

HALT: 3:05. We see strange strobe-like flashes to the... rather sporadic, but there's definitely something there. Some kind of phenomenon.

[END]

Incidentally, thanks to Robert McLean, we now know what the 'strobe-like phenomenon' almost certainly was - it's still visible from the same vantage point, 'at the far side of the second farmer's field'. I'll leave that aside for now though, I'm not sure Robert wants to disclose this outwith UFORL at present.

As previously noted, Halt's publicised recollection is how the initial red [yellow] light observed then exploded into five white lights and was never seen again. That's evidently not what happened - as I'm sure Halt will now acknowledge - the white lights were a separate sighting (again, we now know what they almost certainly were) and the 'red' light was in fact seen once more, this time unmistakable "clear off to the coast" and still flashing.

In 'Rendlesham Unravalled', I wrote:

Science writer Ian Ridpath proposed a more mundane explanation, that Halt had been deceived by the nearby Orford Ness lighthouse and Shipwash lightship and these were responsible for the 'phenomena' witnessed.

Halt's tape recording also noted the 'eye' had a dark centre, only visible when using the 'starlight scope', an image intensifier. Using the intensifier to view a bright object may

have produced this 'burn out' effect.

Subsequent comparisons between the timing of the 'flashing red light' from Halt's recording and the Orford Ness beacon, indicated the lighthouse was indeed an obvious source.

Jenny Randles, one of Britain's foremost authors on the 'unexplained', has written extensively about the case and was one of the first to investigate the rumours, long before Halt's memo surfaced.

In her latest book, 'UFO Crash Landing?', she writes:

"Once the men entered the woods on foot and headed towards the clearing, the option that they saw the lighthouse certainly increases in strength. I have stood and watched it several times at night".

"Being inside a forest several miles inland, a lighthouse beacon would not be the first thought to explain a low-level pulsing glow. Because of the way the land slopes, the lighthouse sits on the horizon and appears almost on the ground - just as described on the Halt tape".

"At the site, the lighthouse does pulse like a winking eye, just as Halt explains on the tape. The pulses can even be timed as the beacon rotates (taking about five seconds) and there is a comparison with part of the tape where the men notice that the light briefly disappears and then shout, 'There it is again', as it reappears. This match is quite striking if you judge film of the lighthouse alongside the audio of the tape. Finally, the bearing given by the men for the location of the UFO as they walk toward the coast closely mirrors that of the Orford lighthouse as seen from the landing site.

Frankly, the first time I saw the lighthouse at night I was 80 per cent convinced that this was the explanation. When I first heard the Halt tape this conviction rose to 90 per cent. It only plummeted after talking to eye-witnesses like John Burroughs who were actually out there, although I did have some concern because the lighthouse appears as nothing more than a tiny pulsing light, not a massive red object throwing down beams towards the ground".

Although Halt has repeatedly stated the lighthouse was also visible and not the source of the pulsating red light with a "yellow tinge" - exactly like the lighthouse beacon - Ian Ridpath reiterated to me his belief that Halt was deceived by the beacon from the adjacent Shipwash lightship and mistook this to be the recognisable lighthouse.

[END]

As Jenny only subsequently appreciated, Burroughs had been involved in that abortive two mile pursuit of a 'lighthouse' - a fact he had never revealed.

Also, as Halt confirmed in a later interview with Salley Rayl, the light he observed was indeed a tiny, pulsating light:

RAYL: Now, I know it's hard to tell because it was dark that night, but any idea what size the initial red object was? Any idea?

HALT: Nah. I would just have to guess. My guess would be probably two to three feet, maybe a little less.

RAYL: Two to three feet?

HALT: From the distance, in diameter.

RAYL: In diameter. So, it's a very small object?

HALT: It was a very small object, but it was very bright.

RAYL: But not a craft that could hold a human being, for example?

HALT: No. It couldn't have been. But it appeared to [be] under some kind of intelligent control.

[END]

On the question of whether it could have been the lighthouse he observed - I highlighted this in 'Resolving Rendlesham':

Halt was asked [by Salley Rayll] about the assertion he had been deceived by the Orford Ness lighthouse and replied:

"First, the lighthouse was visible the whole time. It was readily apparent, and it was 30 to 40 degrees off to our right. If you were standing in the forest where we stood, at the supposed landing site or whatever you want to call it, you could see the farmer's house directly in front of us. The lighthouse was 30 to 35 degrees off to the right, and the object was close to the farmer's house and moving from there to the left, through the trees".

Here, as never before, Halt provides specific details of the perspective he believed to be accurate. When he states, "If you were standing in the forest where we stood, at the supposed landing site or whatever you want to call it, you could see the farmer's house directly in front of us", that's correct and the Orford Ness lighthouse is in a direct line of sight, east, towards the coast.

However, when he claims, "The lighthouse was 30 to 35 degrees off to the right." that seems to be sequentially incorrect; the Shipwash lightship was "off to the right", the lighthouse was straight ahead, where Halt observed the 'unidentified light' to be.

His comment that "the object was close to the farmer's house", again places the light source in the line of sight to Orford Ness lighthouse, whereas he believed the lighthouse to be much further south.

Jenny has provided me with a detailed sketch of the location, based on her visits and setting out where the lighthouse, lightship and the then prominent blue lights from the NSA building at Orford Ness all lay in relation to the 'clearing' and farmer's house. etc.

From the clearing which is supposedly the 'landing site', the lighthouse is shown by Jenny to be directly in line with the farmer's house, with the lightship distinctly further to the south-east.

This early familiarity with the site is important as a number of factors have changed since then, the lighthouse isn't now so noticeable inland, the NSA facility is no longer operational and the lightship has been replaced by a buoy.
[END]

I hope this all proves to be a definitive explanation of the factors to be considered regarding these events, which are, of course, cited as pivotal evidence why scientists and the media should pay serious attention to claims of encounters with extraterrestrial civilisations.

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ASTRONAUT GORDON COOPER'S UFO FILMS

In recently published memoirs "Leap of Faith: An Astronaut's Journey into the Unknown", by USAF Colonel L. Gordon Cooper (Ret.) recounts how he chased UFOs over Germany in his F-86. Following this experience, Cooper was very open minded about UFOs. He writes, "I knew an Air Force master sergeant assigned to a team that received an emergency call-out from Washington D.C., to the Pacific southwest (not Roswell.) He told me they reached a canyon and found a wreckage at the site. According to his friend -- and I had been around him enough to consider him a reliable guy -- a metallic disk-shaped object had crashed, and sitting atop the wreckage were two very human-looking fellows in flight suits, waving at them. They were hustled away, and the sergeant never found out who they were or what happened to them."

As a captain stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., on May 3, 1957, he became aware that a metallic, saucer-shaped craft had landed (silently) sometime after 8:00 a.m. on base property. He alleges that the event was filmed by a startled technical film crew on assignment 50 yards away, the craft zooming out of sight when the photographers tried to approach it for a better camera shot. Cooper writes that, upon learning of the incident, he telephoned appropriate Pentagon officials, who ordered him to have all the film developed (but not printed) and to ship it immediately to the Pentagon. He adds that, before complying, he chose to peek at some of the negatives, which confirmed the existence of the "saucer" as described to him by the film crew. Cooper notes that he heard nothing more about the film or the results of any investigation. Thanks to Dwight Connelly

ARE UFOs PROTECTING EARTH FROM ASTEROIDS?

The newly-discovered Near-Earth asteroid 400 meter space rock (NEA) 2000 RD53 passed our planet on September 17, 2000, without danger of collision. Harv Howard writes, "Perhaps the UFOs are not only observing earthly natural perils, but are actually saving us for now and for a long time in the past from the impacts of asteroids that would have otherwise cleaned our plow. As for pulsars: when they were first discovered by an English grad student (her mentor took the credit), the knowledge was kept secret for several months because it was first assumed that they were intelligent signals. Their characteristics do exactly fit the model proposed for a Type III civilization as proposed by N. S. Kardashev. But then, he proposed his three types of civilizations to explain the earlier discovered quasars which were also thought to be beacons from advanced civilizations. My personal feeling is that they are indeed exactly what Kardashev described, but the minds of most humans cannot accept such a fantastic reality beyond what we humans are capable of ourselves. Since neither phenomena could be hidden from the public nor innocent scientific investigators, they had to be acknowledge; but yet were explained away as unique and totally natural. After all, what humans would want to believe that there are powers out there with virtually god-like abilities? Thanks to Harv Howard, hhoward@ecpi.com

GIANT SUNSPOTS COULD FIRE FLARES AT EARTH

Impact an interplanetary shock wave struck Earth's magnetosphere on September

15, 2000, at 0500 UT (1:00 AM EDT). Geomagnetic effects were mild and there were no reports of widespread aurora. However, the largest sunspots seen in nine years are currently on the surface of the sun, and with each rotation of the sun, they spend a little time aimed directly at the Earth. Known as Sunspot Group 9169, the blotch on the surface of the Sun covers about 6 million square kilometers (12 times larger than the surface of the Earth). The group appeared a few days ago, and so far, it has behaved itself, but it could generate a huge coronal mass ejection in our direction. These result in spectacular Auroras, the incandescent colored night light occurring primarily in high latitudes of both hemispheres. This sunspot activity may generate aurora shows, with visibility perhaps reaching as far south as the Gulf of Mexico. You might take a peak at the night sky during the next few weeks, when ever the viewing is good and get a peak at the most dazzling show in decades. Fortunately our atmosphere protects us from most of the geomagnetic effects. You might watch for UFOs as well since activity seems to be increasing.

NEW YORK RECTANGLE SHAPED UFO

NEW YORK CITY - Peter Davenport reports that on September 8, 2000, the witness says, "My workmate and I were sitting at lunch in the cafeteria in a Manhattan building over looking Central Park. We saw a police helicopter circling the park because of the UN meeting of world leaders. Then, I saw a reddish/amber object which seemed stationary at first, but then began to move very slowly. I kept looking and the object now was showing a bright white color. I pointed that to my workmate and we decided to focus on the object and the helicopter. It wasn't long before we noticed that the flying object was actually moving in a circular fashion, traveling and spinning, that was evident because we could see the bright white color and then reddish/amber. Sometimes it appeared this was a two-colored object and sometimes one. We became more curious when we realized that this thing was really moving upwards and getting smaller and that we now would only recognize the bright white color. We knew it was not a balloon, nor a helicopter, nor any other object that we can recognize. We suggested it might be a flying saucer and we both laughed. I still do not know what the heck this thing was but I know I had never seen anything like it before.

NEW YORK CITY -- A second report was received on September 8, 2000, describing a rectangle shaped object spinning around, changing colors constantly from red to white. New York police helicopters circle around the area, but they failed to see the object. The witness believed they are looking down on the city instead of up at the object. Object are climbing upwards and gets further away. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

NEW JERSEY FLYING TRIANGLE UFO

WALDWICK - I spoke on the phone with Brian McCrudden who says, "Some of my family and friends have witnessed strange lights and a triangle shaped craft in the sky starting on September 5th and continuing thru September 8, 2000." All sightings happened at night. The footage I shot is an object that changes form very fast. It looks like a worm at times. It jumps all over the place changing into different shapes. And at two different times it emits a green wave of light that is on the film. On September 7th my friend and I saw an extremely bright object moving over the tree tops. The light from the object lit up the woods below like it was day light. We live on White's Pond and have seen many strange UFOs. One object looked like a burning candle with a golden yellow center. It moved right over where we were standing. Frankly we got scared and my friend and I ran like hell back to the house. The objects seem to be circling our area. Brian indicated their home is on the standard flight path into Newark and they are use to seeing standard planes, but these are very different. Thanks to bjmccrud@aol.com and Larry Clark nymufon@nycap.rr.com.

NEW JERSEY FLYING RECTANGLE

WAYNE -- I have investigated the Debra Yetman case more thoroughly and the witness has provided more detailed information concerning her May 15, 2000, UFO sighting. Debra filled out the MUFON forms and wrote: "Sitting in my backyard, 2:30 in the afternoon, I was reading Linda Moulton Howe's book "Glimpses of Other Realities, Vol. II". I don't know what made me look up other than wishing to myself how much I wish I knew for sure if these are real occurrences. I still remember the absolute shock I felt because they were not like anything I ever read or heard about from other people. They were just above the tree line so you could see it was not a bird, kite, balloon or plane. Two solid black objects moving at a 'fast pace.' There was no lights, no sound, nothing else to see! It was so close, I could see that they appeared totally solid from my ground point of view. One came right after the other moving in the formation I drew. They were probably the size of (in length) of a small car. The objects flew over the house then my yard and me! They then flew over the trees in my yard which are very high, 75 to 100 feet tall continuing out of sight once over those trees. My reaction was

shock and disbelief in my own eyes, because I could not imagine what they were. Still I can't except they must be UFOs. There was no chance to run and get a camera, it happened so fast. The dog was scared and wanted to go in. She didn't bark, but ran to the door with her tail between her legs. I went with her, and got scared and stayed inside for awhile. No one else was home.

Editors Note: During September there have been almost nightly sightings in this general area of Northern New Jersey only ten miles west of New York City. Debra made a nice drawing of the two black objects that were rectangle in shape. Assuming they were twenty feet long they were about two feet thick and three feet wide. Moving north east at 50 mph they flew directly over the witness at an altitude of 100 feet. They look similar to the shape of a two by four. This particular odd shape flying wing has been seen in New Jersey before. One was seen flying over Teterboro Airport by aircraft engineers and by police in Medford. This general area has had sightings periodically for fifty years.

PENNSYLVANIA TRIANGULAR PATTERN LIGHTS

HERMITAGE -- On September 9, 2000, my two friends and I were hanging out in the one friend's backyard, which is actually located on the main business strip of our town. They were sitting at a picnic table and I was standing. I was talking when I looked up, I saw something fly overhead between two 40 foot trees. I quickly turned and took a few steps to my left and watched the object disappear into the night sky. My friends got up from the table and asked, "Did you see that?" We discussed what we saw and each drew pictures of what we saw. It did not appear to be flying at an altitude greater than a couple hundred feet. It was absolutely silent. We all saw the same thing. It was moving west to east but not at a moderate speed. It did not bank like a plane would and swiftly moved to the right. It consisted of three rectangular lights, gold-amber in color, not terribly bright, but distinct--no halos or blurriness to them. It was hazy that night. The rectangles were in a triangular pattern, one on top, two on the bottom as if there was one for each point on a triangle. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

PENNSYLVANIA ROD SHAPED UFO

BETHLEHEM -- Margaret Kichline writes, "This morning, September 16, 2000, I went outside to see some deer that were in our neighbors back yard at 6:45 AM." I walked around the back end of our wooded property checking out things and saw an object traveling very fast, that was silvery white-rod shape. I ran into my house to get my binoculars. The object looked strange with no wings at all. It was about an inch to 2 inches in size without the binoculars and it made no sound. The object had a faint white blinking light in the center. I followed it until I couldn't see it anymore going toward the airport in the clear blue sky. I watched it halfway through its course and saw a low flying airliner crossing in another direction. It was very low and I could see it in detail without binoculars. Thanks to Margaret Kichline vixalien@enter.net (Margaret Kichline)

DELAWARE FLYING TRIANGLE

WILMINGTON - On September 16, 2000, a mother daughter and three grandkids saw a very strange flying triangle. In each corner there was a bright white light. Each light blinked in turn one after the other. The object just hovered there and a very faint humming sound could be heard. There seemed to be a little mist or haze around it. We didn't know what it could be. After a while in one corner there were two lights that shone, one bright white and the other was bright red. They flashed as the object slowly started to move away, then in a bright flash of light it was gone. There was a small trail of light left behind, but then it soon faded. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

NORTH CAROLINA DISC UFO REPORT A HOAX

MUFON Investigator Rex Peterson writes that the North Carolina story is a hoax perpetuated by someone who uses various aliases such as Paul Novak, Grendel 1, Grendel The Martyr, and Sceptic Trooper, etc. Apparently, Paul Novak chooses to spend a couple hours unashamedly typing out fake UFO reports.

Editor's Note: I have often mentioned, "These are initial reports and need further investigation." I admit we have difficulty in determining if someone is dishonest when sending or calling in a report. This particular report was detailed and several typed pages long. It probably took more than an hour to write. Most of the key details of the story such as the loss of life in the Hurricane Floyd, the flooding on Tar River, NC and other details seemed accurate. Our investigations, phone calls, travel costs are at our cost on a volunteer basis. The final reports are signed. We consistently find that

99% of the 300 people a month reporting UFO reports are truthful. Generally people are quite excited by their sighting. These initial reports are reported as quickly as possible to you the reader, and investigation is done after the fact usually taking many months. When ever possible our investigators interview the persons who wrote the report and have them sign a form indicating their willingness to stand behind their report.

As an Intelligence officer and flier who spent twenty years in the Air Force it came to my attention that UFOs are traveling in our skies at high speeds in disregard for the safety of the flying public. Almost every major aircraft accident such as TWA Flight 800 and EgyptAir 990 often involve reports of UFOs often by hundreds of people. I personally chased a UFO while in the Air Force while serving in England. London Control directed our intercept of the target UFO that was hovering over the Stonehenge area. UFOs are treated very seriously by the government, millions of pages of government documents have already been released. My experiences have shown me that this is very serious to the US and UK. High ranking retired military personnel in France, recently released their historic document "UFOs and Defense: What Should We Prepare For?" written by the French Association. Initiated by four-star General Bernard Norlain, former Commander of the French Tactical Air Force and Military Counselor to the Prime Minister, COMETA, or "Committee for In-Depth Studies", is composed of French generals, admirals, engineers, doctors, physicists, and other high-ranking officials including the Chief of National Police, and the Research Director of the French equivalent of NASA. Cooperation between various governments is encouraged. China has asked for international cooperation partially do to a UFO and commercial aircraft collision.

Dr. Edgar Mitchell, the Apollo 14 astronaut who was the sixth man to walk on the moon, strongly supports such cooperation. Along with five-star Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, the former head of the British Ministry of Defense and Major Gordon L. Cooper, one of America's original seven Mercury astronauts, Mitchell is calling for Congressional hearings to shed light on the UFO question. "People have been digging through the files and investigating for years now. The files are quite convincing. Occasionally the skeptic will attempt to hoax a sighting, but I personally feel they do more damage to their own cause than they realize. Our goal is to obtain valid sightings and to determine exactly what is going on.

GEORGIA FLYING TRIANGLE

LA GRANGE - Researcher John Thompson writes, "I had a person in my office say that they along with 4 other adults saw a triangle shaped craft, with four large non-blinking lights Labor Day night. It was going north towards LaGrange. It was very high, and moved at a speed like a satellite. A large central brilliant white light on its bottom came on. The light, interestingly, faded on and faded off like a dimmer is twirled and then twirled back quickly. The light expanded and then rapidly contracted. After flying past they heard a "dim humming noise" like a B-2 Stealth bomber makes which one of the witnesses has seen fly over during an airplane show in Columbus. No one thought it was an airliner. No lights were seen blinking or of any other color besides white. It was seen at 10:00 PM on September 4, 2000, on a clear night. Their drawing of the craft shows a huge diffused light covering about half of the triangle shaped craft they saw. The three other white and much smaller lights were at each corner of the craft. Thanks to John Thompson

MISSISSIPPI CONTRAILS WITNESS SILVERY DISC

TUPELO -- On September 16, 2000, a silvery disc flew from west to east against clear blue sky. My wife had called me out to view the contrails crisscrossing the morning sky. I retrieved my binoculars to try to identify the aircraft when the disc appeared just below a fresh con-trail. I pointed it out to my wife, and she saw it without the aid of binoculars. The disc was about 10,000 feet high and the sighting lasted from 20 to 30 seconds. Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

AZORES UFO REPORTS

LAJES FIELD -- Henry Deitchman writes, "During the many years of my life as an Air Traffic Controller, it was always a fantasy of mine to one day see a UFO. In 1973, my fantasy was realized while working as a controller at the Radar Approach Control at Lajes Field, Azores Islands in the middle of the Atlantic. My first few months there were quiet, but then the Arab/Israeli War started and the USAF started resupplying Israel with arms. During the entire time of the resupply airlift, a few weeks, the radar and tower controllers encountered not less than one UFO incident per day. It got so bad that we even started sending out NAVY P-3 Sub Chasers our electronic warfare airplanes, covertly, to try to identify where they were coming from, but all efforts proved useless. The UFO's would follow our aircraft during the day and even make low approaches to the runway at night. None of the

controllers were afraid of collisions, but it did bother us keeping in mind who we were in control of and who the observers were. Before you ask, yes, we did have fun with them. Occasionally we would turn an F-4 to chase them, not that we thought we could catch something that fast, but it kept us all honest and broke the monotony. All considered, it was a fantastic experience. Except the debriefing afterwards by some officers sent in from the states." Thanks to CAUS and Henry Deitchman

AUSTRALIA MYSTERY CROSS AND PRINTS

Australian researcher Barry Taylor reports a local lady contacted him regarding a mysterious 'cross' that had appeared on her arm during the night. Also, there were mysterious 'finger' print marks on her bedroom mirror. The question is, "did the same 'entity' that scratched the cross on her arm, leave these mysterious finger prints on her bedroom mirror? A full DNA sampling of the prints was undertaken with the assistance of the Scientific Research group 'Phenomena Research Australia.' The results showed NO Human DNA, in fact no DNA at all of what could have made these prints. There was an unusually high density bacterial culture found in the prints. This is also unexplainable. the physical proof we are looking for that 'inter-dimensional beings' are visiting Humans in their own homes at night? Or does it have an 'Earthly' explanation, and all we have to do is find it? Thanks to Barry Taylor stingray@nor.com.au The print images and details are now posted at: <http://www.nor.com.au/users/stingray/latesite.htm>

AUSTRALIA GUN SURRENDER INCREASES CRIME

Bill Velek, Pro-Gun Judge and Prosecutor writes: "I thought you all would like to see the real figures from Down Under." It has now been a year since gun owners were forced by a new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by the Australian government, a program costing taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars. The first year results are: In Australia homicides are up 3.2 percent, assaults are up 8.6 percent, and armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent)! In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent. (Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned in their guns, the criminals did not.) For 25 years we had a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past year, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed. There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased after such the large cost of ridding Australian society of guns. The Australian experience proves what happens when guns are taken from the hands of honest citizens. Gun control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens. At least 83,000,000 gun owners behaved peacefully today. Thanks to: Bill Velek <http://www.velek.com/bill/boycott>.

WHY OIL AT HIGHEST PRICE SINCE GULF WAR?

Demand for oil is at an all time high causing prices to soar. Many emerging nations are using more oil than ever before. China for example, now uses 33.9 million barrels every day, more oil than the US and Europe combined. The US produces 12% of the world's oil, yet consumes 26% of it. During the last five years, the U.S. demand for oil went from 17.7 million barrels per day to 19.9 million barrels, a 12% jump, according to the EIA data. The US has the ability to produce more oil, but it would require drilling in Alaska. Saudi Arabia provides 60% of the oil from the Persian Gulf. Surprise, IRAQ is America's SECOND BIGGEST OIL SUPPLIER, 29% of the total American oil imports from the Persian Gulf. Perhaps if we quit bombing Iraq, the price of oil would fall. It might surprise you to learn that OPEC accounts for about 40% of the world's oil supply. The US and many European nations went to war to defend Kuwait and its oil in 1990, but they only provide 10% of the U.S. Persian Gulf imports. OPEC is an eleven nation oil cartel that fixes the price of oil worldwide. This price -fixing organization is illegal under the antitrust laws in most advanced nations. Higher oil prices may be key to the US election.

WERNHER VAN BRAUN'S FBI FILES

Tim Cooper advises that the CIA and JIOA had created files on von Braun in 1945 and he and his brother were interrogated after they surrendered to the U.S. Army. Von Braun was smuggled into Canada by the OSS first, and then came to the U.S. through Operation OVERCAST. Approximately 100 of von Braun's rocket team were secretly working for the U.S. Army's Rocket Division at White Sands and Fort Bliss from 1945-1947 under a one-year contract which was periodically renewed. In 1947 Operation OVERCAST was changed to PAPERCLIP after it was known that Truman approved of the recruitment of the German team. Von Braun was allowed to cross into Mexico under the supervision of Army CIC to recruit more Germans but were later restricted to Fort Bliss and White Sands until 1948. Army CIC purged his PAPERCLIP file

before being investigated by the State Department and FBI and was cleared of war crimes. Approximately 200 Nazi scientists were similarly protected from extradition orders to stand trial at Nuremberg. Please see; http://home.earthlink.net/~rcollins637/reports/von_braun_fbi_file48.htm

THE 11TH GREAT UFO CONGRESS will be held at the Days Inn in Bordentown, NJ on October 7 and 8, 2000. Scheduled speakers are Tom Carey -Roswell Crash, Hans Holzer, Life After Death, Antonio Huneus UFO Briefing Document, Don Ecker The Dark side of the Moon, Vicki Ecker - In search f the Secret Keepers, Mike Mannion -Project Mind Shift, Pat Marcattilio -The Origins of Civilizations, James Mosely - A Skeptical Ufologist and Sam Sherman - Edwards AFB Encounter

NEW NASA SHUTTLE VIDEO OF UFOs IN SPACE

Jeff Challender has prepared a new tape of various UFOs that were caught on recent Shuttle video footage. Jeff has noticed that when NASA is picking up UFOs they have tendency to first zoom in to observe the UFO better and then they cut the feed to the outside world. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space. He is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are likely to see what Jeff does.

He has gained his experience from watching numerous shuttle missions and using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs. Using his experience you can also learn the difference. One segment has 24 UFOs watching the shuttle from space. I feel confident we could go into a court of law and convince any jury that there are UFOs moving at high speed around the Earth. Send \$25 to: Jeff Challender
2768 Mendel Way - Sacramento, California 95833-2011

US GOVERNMENT UFO PROOF RELEASED: Audio tapes of a genuine UFO Alert at Edwards Air Force base and studied by the Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, are now available for distribution to the public. Sam Sherman's audio documentary tape called THE EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE ENCOUNTER on the night of October 7, 1965, uses the actual voice recordings provided by the Air Force. During this event 12 high tech luminous UFOs invade secure air space and came down low over the runways at Edwards AFB. Tower operator Sgt. Chuck Sorrels spotted them and notified the Air Defense Command. Sgt. Sorrels is heard on the original tapes and in a new segment where he verifies the event as it is heard on the archival recordings. The UFOs are described and a decision is made to launch F-106 fighter interceptors. You are there for an important part of UFO history. Hear it for yourself, it's the best UFO tape ever made. Tape cost is \$14.95 each plus \$2.00 for shipping - total \$16.95 -- (for overseas orders-out of US - add \$6.00 shipping cost --total -- \$20.95) you can send either a personal check or money order to: Independent International Pictures Corp, Box 565, Dept. GF, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

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Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Ledger

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 23:36:43 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:35:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Ledger

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 00:09:14 EDT
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:24:28 -0300
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
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>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 21:13:13 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 01:47:26 -0400
>>>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>
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>I agree that the description doesn't sound like a meteor.

>I was responding to Todd's input, about Andrei Ol'khovaton's URL
>about "geophysical meteors", and asking if there is any evidence
>for this type of phenomena, here. Ol'khovaton suggests that
>these things are outgassings of some sort from the Earth, not
>actually meteors. I think that he lists a lot of sightings which
>are likely meteors, though.

Hi bob,

No sweat. Just catching up.

Don

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37th Annual National UFO Conference Report

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<http://www.nando.com/noframes/story/0,2107,500261601-500404264-502439800-0,00.html>

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Believers gather at national UFO conference

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By CYNTHIA HODNETT, Caller-Times of Corpus Christi, Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (September 24, 2000 1:46 p.m. EDT
<http://www.nandotimes.com>) - Robert Matthews has believed UFOs exist ever since a trip to Mexico nearly 20 years ago.

"During the day, I saw a very white beam of light over the mountains that would appear on and off," Matthews said. "I really believe that it had to be something unexplainable."

Matthews, of Austin, Texas, was one of more than 100 UFO watchers attending the 37th Annual National UFO Conference here this weekend.

"We had conferences in other places, but we wanted to bring it here," said Doris Upchurch of Corpus Christi, assistant chairwoman of Mutual UFO Network's South Texas chapter, which sponsored the event.

James Moseley, the author of several books that document sightings as far back as the mid-1950s, said he remains somewhat skeptical about UFOs. "I accept the fact that I have seen them," Moseley said. "The trouble with the sciences like 'ufology' is interpretation. You have a mystery that is beyond our current understanding, one that can't be measured more than once."

Other lecturers presented what they call further evidence of a government cover-up at Roswell, N.M., where some believe two alien ships crashed in 1947, leaving alien corpses behind.

Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist, said an Army Air Force general who reportedly met with investigators in New Mexico shortly after the Roswell incident was actually fishing in Port Aransas at the stated time. "There were a great deal of fraudulent documents that were used by the government to confuse researchers," he said. "And it still continues."

Pictures of crop circles supposedly found in Corpus Christi were on display, as was a reproduction of an alien's fossilized remains that were supposedly found in the early 1900s, Upchurch said.

According to Upchurch, the crop circles - a total of seven, ranging in diameter from 20 to 50 feet - were found in a vacant lot.

Other speakers included Jerrnimo Flores Cavazos, a reporter who has investigated UFOs in Mexico for 25 years, and Diana Perla Chapa, a television director who also researches UFOs in Mexico.

Perla Chapa and Flores Cavazos began a group for UFO watchers nine years ago after they met near a mountain where a UFO sighting was reported. Since then, they have done several television reports on UFO sightings throughout Mexico.

"We don't say we believe in UFOs because it is not a religion," Perla Chapa said. "We say we know there are UFOs out there. What we do is the investigation to promote UFO sightings to the public. We show them what we have found and we let them make up their own minds."

Other speakers included Greg Avery, on UFO sightings in the last 30 years, and psychologist Constance Clear, on post-abduction therapy.

Allowing those with similar experiences to meet and remaining unabashed in their beliefs is the goal of the conference, Upchurch said.

"If you ask people whether they have seen a UFO and they are in an earshot of another person, they will probably deny it," she said. "If you get them by themselves, they will probably say yes. It happens more commonly than we would like to think."

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>>Dear Todd, List:

>>Interesting, indeed. Is anyone aware of a "crater" or other
>>evidence of impact or outgassing on the ground for this event?
>>If there isn't such evidence, the incident would seem not to be
>>associated with a "geophysical meteor".

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>Best,

>Don Ledger

Don, Bob, and List,

The link I provided was not meant to 'muddy' the waters, or the atmosphere for that matter, concerning the Childerhose case. Andrei focuses mainly on the tectonic processes within the link I provided the list. The link was given as food for thought, not as an explanation for the sighting.

Come on Don, I'm not giving the naysayers any more ammo than they already have, and personally I don't care what explanation the 'naysayers' come up with next. Are they going to alter your perceptions? If you really want to give them some ammo take the time and read completely the paper I have posted on my site titled ION BASED CONDUCTIONS IN THE ATMOSPHERE by Richard

Spalding, located at
<http://members.home.net/tlemire/ibconduct.html>

Again this paper is food for thought, and is not meant as an explanation for the Childerhose sighting, but it will make you think!

Bob, as I'm not familiar with the particulars of the case investigation I can't answer your question concerning evidence of impact or outgassing occurring during the Childerhose sighting, but you are right in your reply to Don. Andrei's theories involve a "non-meteoroidal (i.e. terrestrial) origin" for the luminous events he speaks of on his website. Impact sites from geophysical meteors such as these may leave only a crater with no trace evidence of a 'standard meteorite', however I do agree with you that his site MAY include what others consider to be standard meteors. However this is a judgment I'm not willing to make.

Respectfully,
Todd Lemire
Michigan UFO CENTRAL
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>Subject: Defense Satellite UFO Photo?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Over 20 years ago a Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
>satellite recorded a very strange image while not far from the
>FSU (Former Soviet Union).

>Starting in 1985 this was publicized as a photo of an object at
>45,000 ft traveling at 4000-5000 mph and leaving several
>contrails. Ok, it looks like a "sport model" without wheels.
>But who needs wheels at 45,000 ft. altitude, anyway?

>Could that have been true? Is this a rare satellite photo of a
>True UFO (TRUFO)?

>What do you think?

>I invite your comments

><http://brumac.8k.com/DMSP/DMSP.html>

Hello Bruce:

I guess I got lost somewhere in all that trigonometry, so I'm not sure whether to mentally shrink the object from front to rear (toward the contrails) or from side to side.

Ignoring that, it looks to my uneducated eyes like some sort of table-top electronic device like a fax machine, or perhaps a measuring instrument used in industrial labs. We have a film-thickness gauge at work that looks a lot like that.

If its a "car", I am reminded of a 1960s era station wagon in reverse gear with the tailgate down or a dark rear window .. i.e. the contrails are coming from the "front".

I haven't a clue what it actually is, but it sure is different! I'll try to pass the link along to someone better qualified in these matters in any case.

What are the chances of yet another hoax or prank? Any signs of that in the photos?

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 09:42:09 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 17:50:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Aldrich

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:44:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Clark
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>>"Leading scientists" aren't neutral when it comes to UFOs, it
>>>tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine
>>>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if
>>>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented
>>example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken
>>a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

>Sure, easily. James McDonald.

>Jerry

I think you can see some pretty nasty stuff in Condon's papers.
As for documentation that someone lost grants because of UFO
activity, come now! Do you seriously expect that people would
commit this to paper? In this litigious society that is hardly
possible. More ambiguous phrasing is used. "The board feels your
proposed research is not appropriate in light of our mandate."

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:41:49 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 17:53:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:42:06 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>Is perhaps the main reason why many scientist have been
>reluctant to get involved in UFO research is because they have
>decided that there is very little chance, after sixty years, of
>any significant scientific findings emerging from it?

Well, in order to get significant scientific findings one has to do significant (peer-reviewed, open) scientific research on the topic first. Point me at some of that regarding UFOs please?

You don't get scientific findings (pro or con) without the research first. There hasn't been any. Condon doesn't count; we know Condon had a prepared conclusion before it started. Arbitrary Air Force pronouncements don't count.

Of course there aren't any significant scientific findings.

I'd say the real reason many scientists have been reluctant to get into UFO research are much more basic:

- 1 Worldview conflict: it can't be so why bother
- 2 Personal pressure; fear of ridicule from family, friends
- 3 Professional reputation & career to protect

These are each very powerful factors that no doubt would send most scientists hastily walking down the hall looking the other way, if (for some bizarre reason) the possibility of doing UFO research were broached.

The only case where factors 2 & 3 might not apply is in the case of highly-classified top-secret military research. But then we'd generally never hear about that anyway, would we?

-Brian C.

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Science's Neglect Of UFOs [was: Re: Meier-Hoax]

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:45:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 17:55:59 -0400
Subject: Science's Neglect Of UFOs [was: Re: Meier-Hoax]

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>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:42:06 +0100
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>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:44:37 -0500

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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

John,

>MacDonald's case is tragic, but it's a little bit more
>complicated than an individual being denied funding for academic
>work because of an objective interest in UFOs. There were a lot
>of personality clashes and politics involved, which a very well
>sumarised in your Encyclopedia

Nah, the McDonald case is pretty straightforward: a courageous
scientist who took on the entrenched -- and mostly uninformed --
skepticism of his colleagues and suffered the consequences, one
of which was cancelled funding.

>Is perhaps the main reason why many scientist have been
>reluctant to get involved in UFO research is because they have
>decided that there is very little chance, after sixty years, of
>any significant scientific findings emerging from it?

Nope. If science has barely paid attention to the subject, it
has no claims to authority about it. Frankly, it's a little
shocking that you seem to think that the average scientist who
rejects the UFO phenomenon knows anything worth knowing about.
That's certainly not the impression one gets from reading
scientific texts or reading newspaper quotes. Apparently, to
paraphrase Orwell, there is a widespread feeling among
scientists that where UFOs are concerned, ignorance is strength.
In any event, most of those scientists (unfortunately rare) who
have bothered to inform themselves have concluded that, at the
very least, the phenomenon is intriguing and deserves more, not
less, scientific attention.

Besides, there is absolutely nothing careerwise, and everything
troublewise, to be gained from it, except (as Condon urged)
horsewhipping. As someone who knew Allen Hynek reasonably well,
I know something of the barriers that face scientists brave or
foolish enough to identify themselves publicly with the UFO
phenomenon. For an excellent discussion of, in his words, "the
many barriers to the conduct of this research," see sociologist
of science Ron Westrum's paper in the recent University Press of
Kansas collection, UFOs and Abductions: Challenging the Borders
of Knowledge.

Meantime, here's a paragraph from Westrum:

"Scientists' careers are a major force in shaping research into controversial subjects such as UFOs. While curiosity and idealistic fervor are powerful drivers, few scientists can afford to be indifferent about the impact of such inquiries on their future prospects. If involvement in such an area is to provide career advancement, there must be the promise of progress and discoveries. Further, involvement by itself should not decrease scientists' prospect of career success. Yet, frustratingly, UFO research seems to suffer from both of these drawbacks. And strong pressures against free inquiry have sharply limited the activities of scientists in studying UFOs. Limitation has occurred both by narrowing entry into the field and by restricting debate within it. The net result of the social pressures has been less knowledge about UFOs."

Jerry Clark

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs [was: Re: Meier-Hoax]

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:07:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 17:58:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs [was: Re: Meier-Hoax]

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:30:10 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Kaeser

>>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:14:19 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)
>>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

John,

>>I wouldn't expect to see an official record of this type of
>>discrimination, but that certainly doesn't mean there isn't an
>>impact.

>>In the case of Dr. John Mack an attempt was made to call his
>>research into question at Harvard, and he was able to weather
>>that particular storm without giving in to the pressure to cease
>>his research. But Dr. Mack is a tenured award-winning
>>psychiatrist, and I suspect that others viewed that as a warning
>>of what they might face if they swerved too far toward the
>>fringe.

In other words, you would like us to believe that if John Mack had a sympathetic interest in the abduction phenomenon, openly acknowledging that it could be what it seems to be (interaction with nonhuman intelligences) but didn't put a New Age gloss on it, his colleagues would have opened their arms and encouraged his inquiries?

Just when, exactly, were you born? Or, more to the point, when do you think the rest of us were born?

>I did say 'serious'! Mack is pretty fringe when it comes to UFO
>research. The fact is that, even so, in the end he kept his job
>and, as I recall, got a fair amount of support on an 'academic
>freedom' line, despite many of his ideas being well outside the
>scientific consensus.

The support for academic freedom was hardly overwhelming. Mack's experience will stand for a long time as a warning against sympathetic academic interest in the abduction phenomenon and, beyond that, the larger UFO phenomenon. All that saved Mack, after this humiliating and damaging episode, was his tenure, his Pulitzer Prize, and Harvard's political decision that Mack's dismissal would in the end cause it more trouble than the embarrassment of having an abductionist on its faculty.

It's interesting that academia supports the Leninists and racial theorists in its midst with barely a second thought, but nearly has a fit when one of its own expresses support for the notion that UFOs are real and otherworldly. You may be the only observer in the world who didn't get the message.

>There are many scientists who move into contentious areas. The
>whole history of psychic research is full of established
>scientists who have gone out on a limb to explore ESP,
>clairvoyance, survival, autokinesis, etc., and have done so
>without sacrificing their careers. Possibly some colleagues may
>think them a little 'flakey' but scientists allegedly being
>denied funding because of their interest in psi just does not
>seem to be an issue.

This is, frankly, nonsense. The history of psychical research, which had significant establishment support in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries (all the way up to the revered William James), when it was tied to the emerging discipline of psychology, is not the history of ufology. As far as that goes, the history of parapsychology is not the history of psychical research. There is little academic institutional support for parapsychology left, even when the Parapsychological Association continues to hold a controversial affiliation with the AAAS -- and that has been loudly challenged by the likes of the powerful physicist John Wheeler. How many pro-psi papers have Nature and Science published in recent memory? I believe the correct figure is somewhere between zero and none.

I am at a loss to understand why you think, reams of writing in science studies notwithstanding, that textbook science (where scientists are open to all phenomena of nature) and actual science (where they are not) are one and the same. This sort of naivete does not become you, John, unless, as I suspect, you know better and are exercising the disingenuousness characteristic of the pelicanist.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:08:09 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:00:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Tonnies

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Hello, one and all...

>I "happened" upon a site regarding the Trent photos that, in
>my opinion, pretty much drives the nail in a coffin well worn
>from being opened and closed too many times. Readers know my
>past opinions on the photos. After looking at this site, I am
>now convinced that they're fake.

>Take a look for yourselves:

><http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

<snip>

While the author if this page does a good job of illustrating that Trent's camera angle was not what one would expect, one must keep in mind that he didn't exactly "expect" to be photographing a UFO.

Before I'd take this site's conclusion as the final word, I'd want to know more about the immediate conditions (i.e. psychological: how hurried was Trent? Would his haste in getting 2 good shots make him more or less likely to adopt the posture suggested in the article? etc) under which the photos were allegedly taken.

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 10:49:23 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:02:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:30:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 21:47:33 -0700
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:17:59 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 13:26:07 -0500
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Jim writes:

>>Before moving on, Roger, let's remember that if just a part of
>>the branches in question were only a foot(!) from the camera,
>>the camera's full field of view would be totally blocked by
>>those branches. Thus they were a lot farther away from the
>>camera than that.

>>If the beamship and adjacent tree had been models, I think
>>they'd have to be at least twice as far away as the blurry tree
>>limbs to have been in the real good focus they are in. This
>>would require a saucer model of width about 33 inches. This is
>>nothing that could have been hauled around undetected by Meier
>>on his Moped, not to mention much other model-support equipment
>>a hoaxer would need.

>If, if, if, if, if...

>Jim, this is all guess work. I asked a simple question: What was
>the focal length of the lens used by Meier to shoot his photos?
>If we know that, then we can better estimate the size of the
>limb. Anything short of that is just speculation. If you don't
>know or have no intention of answering that question, then there
>is no need to continue this discussion.

Hello Roger,

In my previous response to you on this list, you'll find the
focal length as obtained by Stevens and listed in his 1982 book
on p. 400. I had written:

"The same limb's left-to-right width, subtended along the
horizontal, is less, about 16 inches. This subtended width
occupies 13% of the 35mm film's width (or length in the film's
along-the-roll direction). Then knowing the camera's focal
length of 42 mm, one finds this blurry limb's distance from the
camera as having been 16 feet. This uses the "camera" equation:

$$\frac{\text{Width of object on 35mm film}}{\text{focal length in mm}} = \frac{\text{Actual width of object}}{\text{Actual distance from camera}}$$

End of quote. I.e., 42 mm focal length.

>Moving on, I had written:

>>>First off, this is wrong. A closed down aperture appropriate for
>>>"sunny days" or even "smoggy days" will, indeed, provide plenty
>>>of depth of field and WILL cover a range from about 6 feet to
>>>infinity regardless of where the focus is set within that range.

>Jim now recants, claiming:

>>Evidently, Meier had the aperture relatively far open for that
>>day's photographs. I suspect he did know about the need to open
>>it up some for a cloudy, overcast day.

>However, he had originally claimed:

>>>>[Meier] never bothered to vary the aperture,
>>>>whose setting was quite appropriate for sunny days, though
>>>>usually somewhat smoggy days.

This was my recollection of either a phone conversation with Stevens or of an old e-mail not locatable in my files. After making a firmer estimation of the distance of the blurry tree from the camera, using the known focal length of the lens, I now favor the photo's indications that Meier *did* know enough to adjust the aperture on his camera, at least between clear days and overcast days. I'm willing to change my mind on matters if or when firmer information becomes available. Information based on a 20 or 25-year-old memory of a detail such as whether or not an aperture setting was changed for one day's photos out of hundreds of photos taken that year and the next, whether it comes from Meier or from Stevens second-hand, can't be considered very reliable. Unfortunately, Stevens didn't mention anything about Meier's use or non-use of his camera's aperture settings during 1975-76 in his 1982 book.

>>The evidence of the blurry tree having been some 16 feet away
>>indicates to me that the aperture was not in a sunny-day
>>closed-down position after all.

>So now the blurry tree is 16 feet away?!!!

>

>Jim you aren't making things any better for your position. If
>you haven't figured it out by now, the farther things are from
>the camera, the LESS likely they will be out of focus if the
>aperture is wide open.

Thus the beamship and abies-alba tree indeed had to be a good deal FARTHER away than the blurry tree limbs on the right side of photo #57, to have been in the sharp focus they display. Is it possible we are agreeing on this? With the aperture relatively far open on that overcast day, even tree limbs 16 ft away would not be in good focus.

Perhaps we can get others to make their estimations, based upon such items as spruce-tree needle lengths. Perhaps the blurry limb's distance could be shaved down to 10 feet away, or increased to 20 feet away.

But Roger, I'm concerned about your lack of response to several of my other points. The trunk of the abies alba tree shown in Meier's photo #66 (2nd from the left in the thumbnail array in my front web page) shows two protuberances indicating where limbs had once grown out before being shed or pruned. Yet you think that back in the early 1970s model trees were manufactured and sold that had such an appearance?

And here is a new question for you. Do you think that a model tree could be plunked down in a meadow some 10 feet away from the camera, with its trunk showing, without the tallest tips of intervening or surrounding meadow grass (this was in July) showing up also? If such a model tree were placed on a special stand so as to elevate its branches and trunk above the meadow grass, would not the tallest tips of intervening or surrounding meadow grass still show up?

Jim D.

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj>

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Re: New Jersey UFO Conference - October 7 & 8, 2000

From: tom benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 14:39:49 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:07:20 -0400
Subject: Re: New Jersey UFO Conference - October 7 & 8, 2000

>From: Tom Benson <sparkle@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>"@earthlink.net
>Subject: New Jersey UFO Conference - Addenda
>Date: Sun, 10 Sep 2000 22:12:48 -0300

>Hi List:

Speakers changes - The Eckers will not be able to speak at this Conference. New speakers just announced include Preston Nichols and Peter Moon who will discuss the Montauk Project. Their recent published book, 'Music of Time', and Preston will also discuss his experiences with aliens.

Tom Benson

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Cecchini

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 14:38:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:32:50 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Cecchini

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 01:48:30 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>If the SETI project is listening for repeatable exotic radio
>wave signals from far off celestial realms there may be aliens
>doing the same in our direction.

That may be the case; we (every Intelligence in the
Galaxy/Universe) may all be listening... waiting for the first
species to send out that Cosmic "Hello!"

That's one solution to the Fermi Paradox.

Of course, as we all know, we've been "leaking" EM into Space
for 50 years... but it's of a very lower power & will be very
hard to detect (never mind decipher) by the time it reaches
anyone, and is nothing like a focused, high energy "welcome
beacon" of some sort.

>Would it be easier to analyze the patterns and possible meaning
>of morse code signals rather than the spoken babble? If they
>emulate that as a simple means of our communication perhaps they
>are signaling cw in morse code (dot and dash high pitched beeps
>from a code key).

<snip>

>What do you think?

Anything even remotely like Morse code would be detected almost
immediately by Project Phoenix's algorithms... but before I
begin pontificating about something that I don't know for
certain, I'd add that that'd be an interesting question to ask
them.

The bigger problems facing radio SETI are the questions of where
to look and at what frequency.

... assuming that anyone's even broadcasting using EM, of
course.

... and assuming that there's been sufficient time for the
broad-casting civilization's message to reach here.

As with all things SETI, there are so many "ifs".

That's what makes it both fun... and frustrating.

Search for other documents from or mentioning: ron.cecchini | clearlight

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Randles

From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:18:24 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:35:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Randles

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@nyc.rr.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:33:53 -0400

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>>Jerry

>David Jacobs's academic career has been hurt by his UFO
>commitment.

>And David Pritchard, the MIT physicist who (with John Mack)
>organized the 1992 abduction conference at MIT, told me that he
>was worried about the effect his UFO involvement might have on
>his standing in his field, his standing in his department, and
>his funding.

>Greg Sandow

Hi,

AS reported in 'The UFOs that Never Were' when Peter Warrington and I were investigating the Peter Day movie film of an orange UFO (seen in daylight by two other independent sets of witnesses at different locations at the same time) we involved numerous scientists.

Kodak were extremely helpful and (with a lot of support from Ian Ridpath BTW) we set up a seminar at their London offices to which several major scientists were involved. This included some of the top experts in the field of ball lightning, because at the time it was a legitimate possibility that this film showed that phenomenon (it didn't).

I think that in camera seminar was possibly unique in that it had the flavour of the Robertson Panel about it. I always regarded it as a model for future UFO investigation on key cases. Aside from six or seven leading physical scientists, the MoD sent a military munitions expert to suggest various options. We were able to debate the case for hours and examine various options. None solved the case (the answer came by a different route afterwards).

However, what is worth noting is that these scientists were all interested, disappointed the film could not be considered BL,

had no reasonable answers to offer and one said very clearly - don't be afraid to call this a UFO that's exactly what it is. I should remind these were all names well known in British physics who probably have never reported their attendance at such an event since that day!

So, one by one, I offered them the footage to take back for further study. They all said no. The general response was along the lines - there is no way we can take this to our lab. We have to apply for grant funding and if our bosses / funders hear we are spending time on UFO cases we will never get it. So, sorry, no way.

Sadly, a genuinely profitable way to investigate a case - bringing together investigators, sceptics, the witness, a leading photo analysis lab, the government UFO investigation department and numerous top scientists was a dead end. The case was eventually solved despite this gathering - although it did at least eliminate some options from the running (such as ball lightning and a helicopter with an experimental searchlight - suggested by the man from the MoD).

Also, unhappily, it was a one off - all because of the fears that scientists had about the stigma of association with UFOs. But as these scientists showed - there are far more scientists intrigued by UFO data. But they will only want to discuss it out of any prospect of damning media interest.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Kaeser

From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:37:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Kaeser

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:30:10 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Kaeser

>>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:14:19 -0400
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>I did say 'serious'! Mack is pretty fringe when it comes to UFO
>research. The fact is that, even so, in the end he kept his job
>and, as I recall, got a fair amount of support on an 'academic
>freedom' line, despite many of his ideas being well outside the
>scientific consensus.

>There are many scientists who move into contentious areas. The
>whole history of psychic research is full of established
>scientists who have gone out on a limb to explore ESP,
>clairvoyance, survival, autokinesis, etc., and have done so
>without sacrificing their careers. Possibly some colleagues may
>think them a little 'flakey' but scientists allegedly being
>denied funding because of their interest in psi just does not
>seem to be an issue.

>Why should it be any different in ufology?

I think (and this is only an opinion) that ufology probably
triggers a greater reaction than ESP, Telekinesis, etc.,
although all of these contain a certain amount of hoaxing and
fraud (which is probably a major part of the problem). But there
is also an economic factor in the distribution of limited
funding, and I'm not sure that any project along these lines
would garner a great deal of support. IMO, becoming associated
with any "fringe" area of study would put severe limits on one's
ability to market one's skills.

BTW, I think that those who watched what Dr. Mack had to go
through would think twice about touting their interest in things
UFOlogical. Most wouldn't have the background to survive such an
assault, but its also unlikely that they would become so great a
target. For most it would probably never reach that level, if
they found themselves in a similar situation.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not convinced that there's a great
conspiracy afoot to keep valid research at bay, but it's one
more factor to keep in mind as we analyze both the phenomenon
and our reactions to it.

Steve

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

From: **Nathan G. Daniel** <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:02:05 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:28:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 13:34:14 -0500 (CDT)
>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>From: Nathan G. Daniel <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 00:17:40 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>>>From: Nathan G. Daniel <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
>>>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 02:55:50 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>[responding to Jim Deardorff]

>>>>You and Meier put up one million dollars, and a source I know
>>>>will put up matching funds. The funds must be placed in an
>>>>escrow account. A panel of neutral recognized, leading
>>>>scientists and photographic experts will be selected. All of the
>>>>Meier materials will be submitted, examined, and tried-- The
>>>>Billy Meier Case On Trial: Fact or Fiction? A panel will finally
>>>>settle the controversy.

>>>Let me get this straight: "A panel of _neutral_ recognized,
>>>leading scientists"? Uh huh. Sorry Nathan, when it comes to the
>>>UFO phenomenon you've just stipulated a non-existent species.

>>>"Leading scientists" aren't neutral when it comes to UFOs, it
>>>tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine
>>>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if
>>>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>>>Such a panel would settle nothing. Well, except for shifting a
>>>million bucks here or there, and making certain parties feel
>>>better.

>>>You were just joshin us, right?

>>No, Brian. I'm not joking. But if such an event were to take
>>place who do you suggest sit on the panel? UFO people? Most of
>>them with phony credentials. How about photographic experts
>>alone? That would establish or deny the integrity of the
>>photographs. Let's have real photo experts tell us if those
>>ships are real objects.

>Frankly, I don't think its possible to create such a panel
>today. The requirements are impossible to meet:

>* Scientists accepted by all sides as being totally
>open-minded on the UFO question, no pre-dispositions,
>with no possibility of social or institutional
>consequences to themselves regardless of their conclusions,

>whose conclusions everyone would accept.

>The problem is that scientists are also people with what let's
>call worldviews. These can be religious, philosophical or what
>have you. Its very hard for anyone, scientists included, to
>claim to be unbiased about something like Meier which can have
>such a tremendous impact on one's worldview. In fact, sometimes
>the rhetoric on this list looks suspiciously like thinly
>disguised worldview (belief system) defense. A jaundiced view of
>literally every tidbit of evidence, and a repetitive tendency to
>shoot at the messenger are often good clues.

>>Are you a supporter of Meier, Brian?

>Meier says some interesting stuff; his detractors say some
>interesting stuff.

>I'm a supporter of digging out the truth about this interesting
>space we inhabit. To put it another way, I like to think of
>myself as someone with perhaps a slightly more flexible
>worldview than many folks, though I too probably have some
>elastic limits.

>I neither support nor oppose Meier; I look as best I can at
>evidence and context. I don't trust diehard skeptics or
>believers; both tend to have pre-existing worldviews to defend
>to the death. I haven't decided on Meier yet. I'll decide when
>the facts are all in and clear as a bell :-). Don't wait up.

>>Many of the Meier believers have been our customers. I've
>>learned from them that they are mostly people searching for the
>>truth. Many feel disenchanting with religion, have a need to fill
>>an inner void for spiritual fulfillment, and they question their
>>human origins.

>>It is our belief that Meier created his UFO photos to be a frame
>>work to draw attention to his wacked out philosophy-- a
>>philosophy that includes adaptations of Hinduism and Star-Trek.

>Well, once you start playing with something as fundamental as
>someone's worldview, in most cases I suspect it becomes nearly
>impossible to proceed in a neutral, openminded way.

>Your panel won't work. Its an attempt to rationally examine an
>issue that pummels too many people's belief systems. The
>panellists probably won't be able to examine it rationally, and
>whatever conclusion they reach won't settle a thing. (Did Condon
>settle anything?)

>Just for kicks, though, if you want a name, I'm game: Dr. Bruce
>Maccabee. A U.S. Navy research scientist, he knows his stuff.
>Probably has a more flexible worldview than most. If anyone on
>this list can lay claim to the title of photo expert, then he
>can. Of course he'll be unacceptable to certain list elements
>here. But that'll apply to any name submitted.

>Sometimes worldviews and rational inquiry just don't mix. And
>with Meier, you're dealing with a major worldview issue.

>-Brian C.

So, it seems that there is no measurement to determine a hoax?
That's why pathological liars and con-artists get a thrill to
enter this field that has no standards. Con-men can make big
bucks spinning tales for dummy consumption.

If I'm not mistaken, Bruce Maccabee did an analysis of some of
the Meier material. I believe it was published in UFO Mag years
ago.

If my memory is correct, prior to Underground Video's effort to
substantiate the Meier case, Bruce Maccabee stated that the
movie footage of the beamship that circled a large "tree" near a
farm house moved like an object hanging from a pendulum.

Our analysis, independent of Maccabee's, showed that the object
only moves within the confines of an object suspended by a
string. It never moves like a piloted object. It only moves like
an object hung by a fishing pole for example.

If you watch the other film footage of three beamships, you'll note that the objects never fly into view from the far off distance. The objects make no maneuvers as would jets or helicopters, they just sit there, giving the illusion of a hovering craft. Meier gives us the story that they don't fly like our aircraft, that they just slowed down to give us a demonstration, to give us photo evidence.

Smart Pleaidians. Duh. Their evidence indicates that they are tiny beings, maybe an inch tall, in tiny ships several inches larger than themselves, hanging from a wire. They never fly into view from the far off distance because they were already hanging from a wire when Meier turned on his camera. He couldn't make the models fly in from the horizon because they're miniature models.

Meier may say, Yes, you right. The Pleaidians can reduce their size and the size of their crafts for space travel. They have mastered not only time travel, and space travel, but also the ability to resize their own molecules. Billy, honey, we shrunk the Pleaidians.

Royce Meyers is correct when he viewed the sequence with the tree that is missing a couple of beats like a jump cut. The camera was started, stopped and started again. That accounts for the energy effect the narrator of the video claims took place when the beamship disappeared into hyperspace. I don't have my notes of the analysis, so here's what I remember of our opinion--it might me a little choppy--and could be better explained by our film expert: When the camera stopped and started again the film appears brighter for a moment. Film crews get a similar effect when they shoot movies. They run the camera for seconds until they have "speed", or proper sync in the film camera to avoid fast motion, and discoloration before shooting a movie.

Brian, I'm not a skeptic. As a teenager, I saw a UFO that was reported by hundreds of other witnesses. I know something is out there. What, I don't know. I hope to always have an open mind to learn new things, but like the skeptic said: when you want to change the world as we know it, the burden is on you.

Billy Meier, again, has made a case so grand, with little or no supporting evidence. Here's a few things many people who bought the Meier materials did not know:

Did you know that Meier claimed the Pleaidians took him backward through time to meet a central figure in history--Jesus Christ?

Did you hear that Meier claimed that he was Jesus' savior? (Meier claimed that one of his pals socked Jesus in the face and Billy put an end to it.)

Did you know that with the sophistication of Pleaidian technology, allegedly thousands of years advanced of our civilization, they did not even have a primitive camera or any similar recording device to authenticate Meier's trip through time.

Did you know that the only image Meier claimed the Pleaidians could come up with of Meier's meeting with Jesus is a pencil drawing allegedly drawn by a Pleaidian (Asket?).

Now here's a good one, did you know that the hand drawn image of Jesus, aka Jmmanuel, is the image of none other than Billy Meier? See Jim Deardorff's book and you'll see the drawing of Jmmanuel (Jesus Christ)--it's Billy Meier. Duh. It's Billy Meier. What a joke.

Did you know that according to Meier devotee Randolph Winters, Billy Meier believes that he is the reincarnated Jesus Christ, Napoleon, an Egyptian Pharaoh, and four other famous characters of history?

The American public did not know about all of Meier's adventures when Meier's materials were edited and published for their consumption. Edited out were Meier's hoax photos of his time travel trips that showed dinosaur images taken off TV from Hollywood sci-fi movies, an ape man stolen from a Time magazine publication, and on and on and on.

If you get a chance, take a look at Kal Korff's book, Spaceships of the Pleiades: The Billy Meier Story. Deardoff will say its all wrong because he's part of Meier's team and has a financial interest in defending it-- check it out and you may view Meier's case differently.

N. Daniel

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:38:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 18:08:43 -0700
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:24:06 -0400
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

Previously, Jim wrote:

>I'm still waiting for some meat; something other than quips,
>irrelevancies and false claims having no logical support.

Okay, Jim. How about what focal length Meier used to shoot his photos?

I'm still waiting for that "meat"...

Roger

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

From: **Nathan Daniel** <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:11:36 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:40:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 15:17:41 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

Jim said:

>But it's not logical, sensible or scientific to
>ignore the most important data.

You do. So according to your statement you're illogical, not sensible and certainly not scientific.

N. Daniel

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 13:42:58 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:43:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Myers

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 15:17:41 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>It definitely seems to be the Oz effect. Meier mentions, when
>showing the film to those who were video-taping it, that there
>were no sounds, along with no breeze, during this period of
>time. Others who later mentioned the Oz effect also noticed no
>sound, which includes no sound of the wind or breeze in the
>trees.

Models don't give off the 'Oz' effect...

>When the craft reappears, only the twig suffered a tiny
>discontinuity in movement, not the camera frame.

Wrong. The branches stop moving completely because Meier
shuts his camera off to remove his model and then replace the
model and there is a time lapse between...

>Sorry to have to repeat the obvious, but we've read witnesses'
>accounts of where their camera clicked on all by itself, taking
>a shot of a UFO that perhaps wasn't even seen at the time; of
>UFOs hovering over nuclear bases with the nuclear armaments
>subsequently disclosed to have been disarmed or made inoperable.
>And there's the flickering black spot that appeared on the
>>window glass of Ed Walters' office along with a thumping noise
>while Ed had noticed a UFO circa a mile away and took photos of
>it (the "Thumping" photos) -- the third photo was taken without
>Ed having pressed the shutter button; the black spot and
>thumping noise disappeared just before the UFO itself
>disappeared. All this is action at a distance -- paranormal
>stuff, and should not be swept under the rug on a UFO list.

I'm saying there is no 'Oz' effect - you can't make a comparison
between the Meier UFO hoax and a UFO disarming a nuclear
facility. Why? Because one is a hoax and another is not.

>So it would have been a simple paranormal piece of cake for
>Meier's aliens, being highly advanced technologically and
>otherwise, to cause Meier's movie camera, then mounted on its
>tripod, to slightly alter its orientation at the instant the two
>craft disappeared.

Of course, the aliens! "Sure Billie, we'll let you photograph
and film our incredible UFO technology, but you can only
photograph Semjase - how about an explanation as to that
photo...a fake is a fake is a fake...."

>The motivation for their having done little tricks like this
>from time to time should be obvious. If they hadn't, the
>negative skeptics would have nothing to cling to, and the whole
>UFO coverup could have come unraveled decades before the aliens
>would deem it appropriate.

The Meier Hoax has given the skeptics plenty to cling to...

>If you wish to ignore the obvious, Royce, plus ignoring all the
>witnesses who know first hand that Meier is no hoaxer, that's
>your perogative. But it's not logical, sensible or scientific to
>ignore the most important data.

Simple logical is what you're missing here, Jim. You can't justify any of the Meier hoax (especially that ridiculous stop motion shot) with the 'Oz' effect or anything else for that matter. That's not sensible. Anyone can spew the 'Oz' effect to defend any hoax claiming it somehow disrupted the properties of whatever. Next we'll be moving on o that shaking tree footage. Actually, you might but I will not. It's clear that you believe the Meier case to the point of being delusional. I'm done with this thread, Meier is a hoax.

Royce J. Myers III

eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind...or your need to believe in UFO cases that are obvious hoaxes...

eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>

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

(This may turn into just UFO Dirtbag, a month is short - beCAUS you demanded it...again! Check out September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <jan@cyberzone.net (>>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 17:20:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:45:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Aldrich

>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:42:06 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 10:44:37 -0500

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented
>>>example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken
>>>a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

>>Sure, easily. James McDonald.

>>Jerry

>MacDonald's case is tragic, but it's a little bit more
>complicated than an individual being denied funding for academic
>work because of an objective interest in UFOs. There were a lot
>of personality clashes and politics involved, which a very well
>sumarised in your Encyclopedia

>It was also thirty years ago. Apart from Mack (who is on the
>fringe of mainstream UFO research, keeps his job and does not
>seem to be suffering from any after-effects), have there been
>any other, more recent, cases?

>Is perhaps the main reason why many scientist have been
>reluctant to get involved in UFO research is because they have
>decided that there is very little chance, after sixty years, of
>any significant scientific findings emerging from it?

Nope, not just personality clashes. McDonald was also turned
down by his own univesity. This had nothing to do with other
events cited above. The grant committee just was not going to
fund any UFO research.

He was able to get outside financing from an individual to carry
on.

When you have others writing to presidents of your university
about your activities, that would seem to have an adverse effect
on your research activities.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo? - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot@yahoo.com>
Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:10:08 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:53:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo? - Tonnies

>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 23:36:55 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Defense Satellite UFO Photo?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>Could that have been true? Is this a rare satellite
>photo of a
>True UFO (TRUFO)?

>What do you think?

>I invite your comments

><http://brumac.8k.com/DMSP/DMSP.html>

Whatever this is, it appears to have a windshield of some sort!
I'm perplexed... is this an enormous anomaly seen at a great
distance or a small one seen close up?

=====

Mac Tonnies (macbot@yahoo.com)

MTVI: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 17:28:12 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:48:15 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Friedman

>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 10:36:53 -0500
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>>Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 02:26:39 +0100
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 20 Sep 2000 03:09:12 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Goldstein

>Previously, Josh wrote:

>>Just think, If some UFOs were robotic probes and some Earthlings
>>(including CSETI) had limited flashlight communication with
>>them, I hope they had the good sense to be using Morse code.

><snip>

>>I am glad that forms of communication other than radio waves
>>from space are beginning to be analyzed from Earth. In my gut,
>>right or wrong, I have always felt that any civilization more
>>advanced than ours would have moved beyond radio. My gut may be
>>wrong, who knows, there may be alien top 40 rock stations out
>>there.

>Hi, Josh!

>Without starting a CSETI debate, let me again point out that
>communication is a two way street. It doesn't matter what form of
>communication that an advanced race uses to talk to each other,
>be it thought-beams, laserlight, microwave, sign language, morse
>code or whatever. What is important is what they decide to use
>to communicate with US.

>Any race advanced enough to travel here or contemplate a visit
>has GOT to realize that we do not have the means to emulate
>their technology. Therefore, if they are interested in having a
>chat, they know they have two choices:

>A) Wait until we get smart enough to learn their language (not
>likely)

>or

>B) Simply apply our more primitive mode of communication and get
>on with it

>Does this mean that they are beaming RF waves at us from a
>distance of millions of light years? Of course not! They would
>no more do that than we would shout in a tribal dialect from the
>shores of the US hoping that someone in Africa would hear it. We
>would simply GO there first, then start the conversation in
>their native language. After a while, the tribe would learn our
>language, as well.

>Ultimately, it doesn't matter if ET's decide to send a probe
>first or just show up. What is important is to remember that WE
>are the limiting factor in the whole scheme of things. If ETs
>want to communicate, they'll have to come here and learn out

>lingo; short of that, nothing's going to happen.

Why would anybody bring up distances of millions of light years?
There are 1000 stars within 55 light years of which 46 are
similar to the sun. There are about 200 Billion within 80,000
LY.I really think we should consider our neighborhood, not the
universe.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:51:28 -0400
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>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Roger Evans wrote:

>Hello, one and all...

>I "happened" upon a site regarding the Trent photos that, in my
>opinion, pretty much drives the nail in a coffin well worn from
>being opened and closed too many times. Readers know my past
>opinions on the photos. After looking at this site, I am now
>convinced that they're fake..

>Take a look for yourselves:

><http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

>Make sure that you also go all the way to the end for links to
>other photos. (most important!)

>PS: The guy doing the research is named Joel Carpenter. He's
>pretty sharp and in no way related to John Carpenter. Let's try
>and keep the two unconfused in future posts on this subject.>

(NOTE: this harkens back to a long series of posts re the Trents
on UpDates back in May and June)

Of course, if you decide based on this evidence that the photos
are a hoax that is your prerogative.

However, it is much more complex than just noting Joel's
suggestion that Trent photographed a truck mirror hanging from
the overhead wires.

My research initially concentrated on analyzing the photos to
determine (a) whether or not there was direct evidence of a hoax
(e.g., an image of a string from from the overhead wire to the
top of the UFO), and (b) whether or not William Hartmann
(astronomer) of Condon Report fame was blowing smoke when he
claimed that his brightness analysis of the bottom of the UO
(unidentified object) in the first photo indicate that the UO
was a distant object and hence large.

The result of my investigation was (a) no clear photo evidence
of hoax and (b) yes, after corrections were taken into account
(veiling glare and the ratio of brightness of a vertical white
surface as compared to a horizontal white bottom surface....
read the paper to find out what this means) Hartmann was correct
in his distance calculations. However, as I pointed out, it
PROBABLY would be possible to construct a model, probably from
paper, that could be consistent with the brightness calculation.

Then I went on to consider many other aspects of the Trent case.
Joel's web site links to the McMenamin's web site where they
posted my first paper but none of the other work. His web site

also links to a no-longer existent "page4" on my web site.

The correct address to see both major papers on the Trent case plus lots of updating material is brumac.8.com Now click on "PAPERS" and then scroll down to the Trent case. There are three entries. The first entry in the "trent list" of papers is the photometric analysis paper,. The second entry is an appendix to the first paper. The third entry provides supplementary informaion, much of which Joel used to construct the back yard model.

I have some problems with Joel's presentation.

1) the first photo of Paul Trent DOES show the left (southwest) corner of the house at the right hand side, although the negative as it presently exists (and as it existed at the time of the Condon report) has been cut slightly at the right side so the the roof image is no longer there. OK, so you ask, how do you know it was originally there?

Answer: the 'Telephone Register' (newspaper) versions of this pictures are 'wall to wall' uncropped and show the house roof in both photos. Apparently some 'nasty slashes' occurred to the negatives between 1950 and 1967. The right edge of th first photo and the left edge of the second photo were cut by someone years and years ago. (no, the cut edges do not fit together) and only the newspaper reproductions provide the complete photos.

This has an impact on Joel's computer model (scroll down on his page) where he shows the field of view of the first photo (white rectangle) superimposed on Hartmann's 1967 photo of the scene. Note that Joel's field of view rectangle on the SECOND photo does show the corner of the house.

2) I don't think the camera was as low as Joel assumes based on my estimate of where, on th photo, was the horizon. My estimate of the horizon was based on a USGS map and trying to locate the tops of hills several miles away and observing that the contour illustrations of those hill tops were at some elevation above th Trent farm elevation. Assuming that I got the correct elevations for the hills actually shown in the picture, then the elevation estimates were a couple of degrees. The horizon level estimation was then based on working backward from this: mark about 2 degrees down from the top of the mountain (image) on the film and "that's the horizon". Unfortunately the USGS map does not show elevations accurately enough to allow certainty that the angular elevation of the mountain was "exactly" where I estimated. I might have been correct. But I certainly would allow an error of 6" to 1 ft in my estimate. This is important for Joel's argument that the camera was excessively low, My own guess would be that the camera could have been 4 ft above ground. Don't know how tall Trent was, but if his eyes were at 5.5 ft, then they would be about 1.5 ft above the "waist level" viewfinderat 4 ft, and not as low as what appears to be 3 ft in Joel's illutrastion.. Unfortunately we don't know how Trent typically held the camera to take pictures and hence we don't know how he would be most likely to be holding the camera if taking a picture of a slowly moving object at some distance under these circumstances.

Bottom Line I would place the altitude of the camera 6" to 1 foot higher than Joel.

3) My positions for the camera were based on measurements made on the original negatives plus a long chain of reasoning that was needed (at the time, 24 years ago) to make up for missing data. Then in 1981 information from the aerial survey became available and recently "ground truth" measurements became available. By using information contained within the photos themselves (fortunately the house roof appears in BOTH pictures) I reconstructed the positions of the camera relative to the house and garage. I do not believe that Hartmann's locations are correct. By the time Hartmann arrived the local scenery had changed considerably (in 17 years). It appears that a lot of the features of the scene in the 1950 photos had disappeared by the time of the 1967 photo by Hartmann. Hence me may well have failed to locate the exact positions of the camera.

Bottom line: I accept my locations to within a foot.

4) Joel writes: "It is difficult to understand why Trent would have walked well into his back yard and either squatted, kneeled or stooped awkwardly in order to aim his camera up from a very low level at a slow moving object thousands of feet away. The overall geometry of the positions suggests that he was attempting to frame a nearby object in such a way as to maximize the amount of sky around it and enhance its apparent altitude."

As I pointed out above, I do not accept the idea that the camera was "extra low" at the time of the photos. 3.5-4 ft would be more reasonable, I think,.

Whether you accept my positions or Hartmann's it is true that Trent walked southward into the back yard quite a distance. This could be because he had decided to photograph his hanging model in such a way that it would be silhouetted against the distant mountains and framed between the house and garage.

Or it could be because he came on the run and, not knowing exactly where to look, he ran toward where his wife had been standing, or near there (She had been coming from behind, i.e., south of, the garage and was walking toward the back door of the house.). Perhaps the momentum of his rapid motion out the back door carried him farther south than needed.

5) Joel is the first to suggest a truck mirror (other suggestions have been garbage can lid light shade, pie tin, paper model, etc.). None of the truck mirrors he suggests has exactly the same aspect ratio (length to width) or the same off-center "pole" (attachment post on the back of the mirror). Also, a mirror hanging downward and photographed from below to give a (nearly, but not exactly!!!) elliptical bottom image as in photo 1, would provide a mirror reflection of the ground. The image of the bottom of the UFO is large enough so that a mirror reflection of the ground should have been apparent.

6) There is much more to this case than just the photo analysis. I have long pointed out that it would be possible to fake the photos. My own "preference" would be for a paper model. This would require the desire, the time, and the cleverness needed to make up a photo and a story to go along with it. The skeptics have pointed out "inconsistencies" in the Trents' stories as reported in the early newspaper accounts. These inconsistencies, they say, indicate a hoax in which the ostensible witnesses didn't get their stories straight. ON the other hand, if each interview had produced exactly the same information from both witnesses (although interviewed separately) the skeptics would have cried "HOAX!" because no one could remember things that perfectly and different people recall different aspects of the same event.

Anyway, we have the Trents' whole life story to look at now, since they died several years ago. Anyone wishing to express an informed opinion of the case should read what I have written and also get a copy of the only video interview of the Trents, made in 1995 (2 years before Evelyn died). Contact Terry Halstead at halstead@pobox.com. Considering that this is the only video interview of two of the most famous people in UFO history (I bet that the Trent photos have been published more than any others) -- whether you think them nasty hoaxers or down-to-earth honest people - this is a UFO collector's item. At the very least the skeptics will want this video so that they can refute Mrs. Trent's statements, one by one, and demonstrate how she managed to bamboozle literally dozens of investigators, interviewers and just plain interested people for nearly 50 years!

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Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:38:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:53:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo? - Maccabee

>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:1:08 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 23:36:55 -0400
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Defense Satellite UFO Photo?
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

<snip>

>>Could that have been true? Is this a rare satellite
>>photo of a
>>True UFO (TRUFO)?

>>What do you think?

>>I invite your comments

>><http://brumac.8k.com/DMSP/DMSP.html>

>Whatever this is, it appears to have a windshield of some sort!
>I'm perplexed... is this an enormous anomaly seen at a great
>distance or a small one seen close up?

I tried to point out that if it was a "man-sized satellite" then
it was unusually close and less than 50 ft in extent.
Otherwise. it was... (not ours)

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Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Mortellaro

From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:59:59 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:18:09 -0400
Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge? - Mortellaro

>From: Josh Goldstein <clearlight@t-online.de>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 01:48:30 +0100
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>From: Scott Krause <SKrause272@aol.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 01:31:41 EDT
>>Subject: Re: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Date: Sat, 16 Sep 2000 04:52:49 -0700
>>>From: Roy J Hale <royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>Subject: 3 Flashes To Acknowledge?

>>>I was pondering on this thought the other day when I was
>>>reminded about it on the List.

>>>It concerns the communication aspect of Contact UFO cases, such
>>>like the Alagash incident, mentioned on the list recently.

>>>When carrying out our investigations, is there a tendency for us
>>>to overlook things that are staring us in the face?

>>>*Let me expand on this.

>>>In a lot of contact cases throughout the years, contact was
>>>triggered by the flashing of lights, from the people on the
>>>ground to the object in the sky. (Please note I do realise CSETI
>>>uses a similar action to the above)

<snip>

>>>How can an object know it is being flashed if there are no
>>>people on board the object to register a signal from a ground
>>>source?

>>>Would this possibly suggest some kind of pre-programmed device
>>>inside such an object? Or are we to think that the object, is an
>>>intelligence within itself?

>>>And for those who may differ on contact cases and their reality,
>>>if neither of the above is the answer' then what makes an object
>>>return the light flashes?

>>>Interested in any light thrown on this one!

>>There were 2 incidents in one of Strieber's books of 3 knocks on
>>he roof to wake people inside and of a town awakened by 3 knocks
>>and little people running around the houses... any connection?
>>And if there is any link why the number 3? hummmmm

>Ok Scott and listfolk,

>If we are speculating on aliens emulating our primitive forms of
>communication, then I suppose three knocks is pretty primitive.
>In his book, Whitley Strieber was writing from a frightened
>mind. The miserable Communion movie made abduction and the
>little people seem like a weird joke.

>I posted on the list the other day hoping that the guys in
>Allagash, the CSETI folks, and regular folks when flashing
>lights at UFOs had the good sense to flash the flashlights in
>morse code. Tonight another thought burrowed up from my brain.
>If the SETI project is listening for repeatable exotic radio
>wave signals from far off celestial realms there may be aliens
>doing the same in our direction. Surely aliens far away may
>possibly have the capacity to send observation probes, if not
>occupied ships, to observe us by listening to our radio waves.
>Along with the babble of voices, video, and data, cw messages in
>morse code would be observed and analyzed. Would it be easier to
>analyze the patterns and possible meaning of morse code signals
>rather than the spoken babble? If they emulate that as a simple
>means of our communication perhaps they are signaling cw in
>morse code (dot and dash high pitched beeps from a code key).

>When I was a teenager in the early '60s I obtained my novice
>amateur radio license. I was restricted to only transmitting
>code. I spent many wee morning hours tapping my thoughts out to
>people in far off places. Now I've graduated to spending most
>morning wee hours reading UFO Updates. Where did I go wrong to
>end up here? I also used to scan all the bands of long, short,
>and medium waves for new weird sounding signals I never had
>heard. Being the prankster, I used to point my 12" music
>loudspeaker out my window overlooking the neighborhood and let
>out a short, high volume burst of that signal, so that at 3AM
>somebody would be awakened and think that a UFO was present. I
>kept the signals short so they could not be traced and I only
>sent them when my parents were out of town. If you think I was
>weird, my next door neighbor Mark would get up on a roof wearing
>a halloween mask, tap on the window, scare the Hell out of the
>neighbor he just awoke and run like the dickens. I guess if I
>told that to MUFON years ago when I applied to be a field
>investigator they should have disqualified me. Later, if I
>received a call and investigated what turned out to be a stupid
>prank like I had pulled, I would have smacked that kid on the
>spot. Fortunately I never received a prank or hoax call and I'm
>not a violent person.

>Where were we? Oh yeah, maybe I should regress and go back to
>listening to and trying to decipher strange code signals in
>the wee morning hours while reading Updates. The aliens may be
>trying to contact us by Morse code. I am asking Jim
>Mortellaro, our communications expert, whether Gripple would be
an aid to such an endeavor, and whether he would be able to
>kick it off until I get a new receiver? >What do you think?

>Josh
>joshin' at the aliens

Dear Josh, Listers and EBK,

Definitely do not listen to wierd stuff whilst sloshed Josh. It makes it hard to find the door. And think about your new receiver being a 75A4. Made by Collins Radio in the fifties and sixties, this is the finest piece of radio gear I've ever owned. Better than the newest digital stuff, even better (my opinion) than digital filtering, as this sucker's got ceramic filters. I could not afford one when I wanted it, it cost me lots more to buy now than when new and even more to get into a proper state of tune. But it's worth it. A really good comparison would be CD vs. vinal records. No comparison. My old 33's are much better than any CD. I wouldn't trade my linear tracking turntable for a CD to save my life. Too bad you can't put them in automobiles.

Seems to me that the only advantage of digital radio receivers and transmitters is size, wieght and heat. As for quality of operation, gimme toobs any day. And that's a fact. You can always turn the AC on in the summer and turn the heat off in the winter. When you tune up on 80 CW, listen to that chirp calling CQ. It's a Heathkit DX-40 and a Collins 74A-4. Now that I think about it, if you are sloshed on Gripple, you'll never notice my sloppy fist. I still use a straight key.

It confuses the aliens.

Best,

Jim

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Deschamps

From: **Michel M. Deschamps** <ufoman@ican.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:13:45 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:55:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Deschamps

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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Dear sir,

Personally, I think you're way off!

Another futile attempt at dismissing a classic UFO case.

What about the similar craft photographed near Rouen, France,
four years later?

Another mirror?

Think again.

Cordially,

Michel M. Deschamps

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Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:14:46 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:58:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Balaskas

>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:28:12 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>My analysis of the photo taken by Canadian Air Force pilot RJ
>Childerhose in 1955 is now available at
>brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html.

>This was, and I think still is, the only photo endorsed by none
>other than Philip J. Klass as a real unknown "UFO"...

<snip>

Hi Bruce. Hi everyone.

Bruce, I read your careful analysis of this photo and I think the assumptions you made and incorporated in your calculations are reasonable ones. That said, in light of the conflicting and contradictory testimonies by the pilot who took the photo which you included in your paper and the newspaper article about UFOs the pilot wrote which was published in the Toronto Telegram where the pilot promoted his beliefs that UFOs were real and extraterrestrial, maybe we should seriously consider other possible explanations for the UFO in the photo.

I still cannot dismiss the hunch I had when I first saw your photo which suggested to me that the luminous UFO was simply a reflection of the Sun inside the aircraft's canopy window. Of course the UFO would not be as bright as the Sun (a smooth transparent surface would reflect up to about 5% the sunlight falling on it depending on the viewing angle off the surface) and would also appear elliptical in shape because of the curvature of the canopy window. This is what I observed in your UFO photo. If this UFO is indeed a reflection of the Sun off a window, we would also then expect to see a second reflection from the outside or second surface of the canopy window too. I propose that the lower rim observed on the UFO is just that. As proof of this, I suggest one look at another almost identical photo of a luminous daylight UFO found on page 70 in Peter Brookesmith's 'UFO The Complete Sightings'.*

Finally, I have to say that if such a bright object was below the clouds in the skies over southern Alberta, one would expect many people to have noticed it and a few to have even reported the unusual sight of a second Sun. Unfortunately, I was unable to find any such reports (although, interestingly, there is a file stamped SECRET of a similar Canadian fighter jet also flying in formation which mysteriously vanished just days before this UFO incident). If such a bright object was actually close to or within the clouds themselves, why are not the parts of the clouds around this luminous UFO brighter like the parts of the clouds facing the Sun which is to the left? To me this is further evidence that this UFO could not possibly be a large distant luminous object but rather a reflection from within the aircraft itself.

Nick Balaskas

*This was the same and only UFO photo (a negative of a print) I was able to find when I visited the Canadian Forces Photographic Unit in Ottawa back in 1996 in my unsuccessful attempt to view their large but still secret UFO photo collection.

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Cecchini

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:38:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 21:01:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Cecchini

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs [was: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims]
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:07:36 -0500

>>>I wouldn't expect to see an official record of this type of
>>>discrimination, but that certainly doesn't mean there isn't an
>>>impact.

>>>In the case of Dr. John Mack an attempt was made to call his
>>>research into question at Harvard, and he was able to weather
>>>that particular storm without giving in to the pressure to
>>>cease his research. But Dr. Mack is a tenured award-winning
>>>psychiatrist, and I suspect that others viewed that as a warning
>>>of what they might face if they swerved too far toward the
>>>fringe.

>In other words, you would like us to believe that if John Mack
>had a sympathetic interest in the abduction phenomenon, openly
>acknowledging that it could be what it seems to be (interaction
>with nonhuman intelligences) but didn't put a New Age gloss on
>it, his colleagues would have opened their arms and encouraged
>his inquiries?

>Just when, exactly, were you born? Or, more to the point, when
>do you think the rest of us were born?

Sorry for not editing out the above, Errol, but I had to leave
it in because I'm confused as to how Mr. Clark got from Point A
to Point B.

This isn't an attack! I'm just confused.

First off, I don't see how what was said at the top could be
construed as it was by Mr. Clark.

Second, I think that the point Clark construes, about Mack being
more warmly greeted if he wasn't so "New Agey", is correct!

I don't think it's a stretch to say that many people are indeed
turned off by Mack's New Age-style interpretation of things.

It's a nice message, maybe even one I agree with, etc, but at
least for me the idea of "benevolent space brothers" and so forth
comes across (again, to me) as far more hokey than beings with,
say, more nefarious or wholly personal agendas.

Ron

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:28:11 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:13:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Clark

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:38:27 -0400
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs
>To: 'UFO UpDates - Toronto' <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>>had a sympathetic interest in the abduction phenomenon, openly
>>acknowledging that it could be what it seems to be (interaction
>>with nonhuman intelligences) but didn't put a New Age gloss on
>>it, his colleagues would have opened their arms and encouraged
>>his inquiries?

>Sorry for not editing out the above, Errol, but I had to leave
>it in because I'm confused as to how Mr. Clark got from Point A
>to Point B.

Sorry if I didn't make myself clear to you.

>I think that the point Clark construes, about Mack being
>more warmly greeted if he wasn't so "New Agey", is correct!

I disagree. Where his colleagues were concerned, the problem
wasn't his specifically New Agey take on abductions, it was the
simple fact that he found credible the notion that abductions
represent interactions with nonhuman intelligences. The New Age
aspect is mere detail, of significance only to ufologists in
terms of Mack's overall seriousness as abduction proponent. As
you may know, I have been vocally critical of Mack's approach.

David Jacobs, who argues that abductions are real events, has
also suffered in his academic career and been just as bitterly
attacked as Mack has, and his view of the phenomenon is
decidedly not a New Age one.

I hope this clarifies things a little.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:11:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:11:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Myers

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:08:09 -0700 (PDT)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Hello, one and all...

>>I "happened" upon a site regarding the Trent photos that, in
>>my opinion, pretty much drives the nail in a coffin well worn
>>from being opened and closed too many times. Readers know my
>>past opinions on the photos. After looking at this site, I am
>>now convinced that they're fake.

>>Take a look for yourselves:

>><http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

><snip>

>While the author if this page does a good job of illustrating
>that Trent's camera angle was not what one would expect, one
>must keep in mind that he didn't exactly "expect" to be
>photographing a UFO.

>Before I'd take this site's conclusion as the final word, I'd
>want to know more about the immediate conditions (i.e.
>psychological: how hurried was Trent? Would his haste in getting
>2 good shots make him more or less likely to adopt the posture
>suggested in the article? etc) under which the photos were
>allegedly taken.

Another small bit of information - how tall was Paul Trent when
the photos were taken? I don't know if this has been addressed
or not...

Royce J. Myers III
eXposé: The Watchdog of UFOlogy - "Don't Trip On Your Open Mind."
eXposé News <http://home.sprintmail.com/~rjm3>
UFO Hall o' Shame <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>
(beCAUS you demanded it...again! September's UFO Dirtbag of the Month!)

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Eros' Square Craters

From: **Ron Cecchini** <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 22:09:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:17:08 -0400
Subject: Eros' Square Craters

For Richard Hoagland

(Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

.....

From: NASA Science News
Subject: Square Craters

NASA Science News for September 26, 2000

NASA's NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft has spotted square-shaped craters on asteroid Eros, a telltale sign of mysterious goings-on in the asteroid belt long ago.

Full story at:

http://spacescience.com/headlines/y2000/ast26sep_1.htm?list

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 22:12:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:22:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Stacy

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs [was: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims]
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:07:36 -0500

>The support for academic freedom was hardly overwhelming. Mack's
>experience will stand for a long time as a warning against
>sympathetic academic interest in the abduction phenomenon and,
>beyond that, the larger UFO phenomenon. All that saved Mack,
>after this humiliating and damaging episode, was his tenure, his
>Pulitzer Prize, and Harvard's political decision that Mack's
>dismissal would in the end cause it more trouble than the
>embarrassment of having an abductionist on its faculty.

Jerry,

Kinda makes you wonder, in the wake of the Mack affair, how UFOs
and Abductions: Challenging the Borders of Knowledge (University
Press of Kansas, David Jacobs editor) ever got published,
doesn't it?

>It's interesting that academia supports the Leninists and
>racial theorists in its midst with barely a second thought, but
>nearly has a fit when one of its own expresses support for the
>notion that UFOs are real and otherworldly. You may be the only
>observer in the world who didn't get the message.

Otherworldly, yes, but real in a physical, nuts and bolts sense?
In fact, Mack spends a goodly portion of both of his latest
books arguing that UFOs and abductions are beyond the scientific
pale (or is it paradigm?). Hard to interest chemists, biologists
and physicists with that particular approach, I'd say. Harder
still to get a research grant based on such assumptions.

That said, the issue of why even the soft sciences (sociology,
etc) don't devote more time and study to the subject than they
do remains an intriguing one, for which I have no glib and ready
answer. (Hey, they analyze everything else to death!)

But just as we should (and can) accuse science of not doing
enough ufology and abductionology, so, too, can we accuse
ufologists and abductionologists of not doing enough good
science. Re the latter I refer specifically to Hufford's
criticisms/recommendations as published in the MIT Proceedings,
Alien Discussions. Where, among other things, are complete
transcripts of abductee interviews, retrieved consciously or
with the use of hypnosis?

My two cents.

Dennis Stacy

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[lunascan] Square Craters on Eros

From: Larry Klaes <lklaes@bbn.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 16:21:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:19:37 -0400
Subject: [lunascan] Square Craters on Eros

Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:56:06 -0700 (PDT)
From: baalke@jpl.nasa.gov
Subject: Square Craters
To: undisclosed-recipients:;

http://spacescience.com/headlines/y2000/ast26sep_1.htm

Square Craters
NASA Science News

NASA's NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft has spotted square-shaped craters on asteroid Eros, a telltale sign of mysterious goings-on in the asteroid belt long ago.

September 26, 2000 -- In the pantheon of cosmic geometry, curves rule. Astronomy texts are filled with spiral galaxies, elliptical orbits, and ring nebulae. There are no chapters on triangles or rectangles -- after all, who ever heard of a square planet? Some of the simplest shapes, common in the handiwork of humans, are just plain rare in space.

Rare, but not impossible...

Last month, astronomers were studying pictures of asteroid 433 Eros when they noticed some unusual craters. Most impact craters are circular, but these were square!

An overzealous fan of Star Trek might mistake the impact scars for places where cube-shaped Borg vessels touched down and lifted off again, but scientists say they are natural -- albeit unusual -- features.

"These square craters are not just novelties, they tell us something very interesting," says Andy Cheng of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Cheng is the project scientist for NASA's Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous spacecraft, which is orbiting Eros. "It's an indication that Eros is permeated with an extensive system of fractures and faults. Typically on Earth when we find this type of fractured area, the fractures form intersecting systems. Craters in such a terrain look square; we call them jointed craters. The best example is the Barringer Meteor Crater in Arizona."

Square craters add to accumulating evidence that Eros is riddled with cracks and ridges that extend the entire 33 km length of the peanut-shaped space rock. "We first saw long grooves in global pictures of the asteroid when NEAR was entering orbit around Eros in February 2000," continued Cheng. "Now, if we look carefully, most of the closeup pictures seem to show signs of grooves and ridges."

"We have to ask ourselves how these cracks could have formed. Presumably they are the result of large impacts. The question is: did these impacts take place after Eros was its present size and shape or while Eros was part of a larger parent body?"

It's a question that goes to the heart of the asteroid's origin.

Scientists believe that billions of years ago, when the solar system was young and planets were newly-forming, Eros circled the Sun in an orbit between Mars and Jupiter. It was a denizen of the asteroid belt. Since then, collisions with other asteroids and gravitational perturbations by Mars and Jupiter have altered Eros's orbit, so that now it comes close enough to Earth to study with spacecraft like NEAR.

We know a great deal about Eros today, but what was it like at the dawn of the solar system, before it became a "Near-Earth" asteroid? Was Eros once part of a moon-sized planet between Mars and Jupiter, or has it always been an isolated space rock?

"If continued mapping confirms that faults and ridges extend from one end of Eros to the other, I would consider it to be strong evidence that Eros is a piece of something that was once much larger," says Cheng. If all of the rocks in the modern-day asteroid belt were assembled, they would form a small planet about 1500 km in diameter -- roughly half the size of Earth's moon. Such a body might have existed in an orbit between Mars and Jupiter billions of years ago, before it shattered as a result of collisions with other planetoids.

But if Eros is a "chip off the old block," there's a new mystery to consider. When rocky planets like the Earth and its moon (and maybe the parent body of Eros) are formed, heavier elements sink to the core while lighter ones remain near the crust. This leads to a core-mantle structure with distinctive chemical signatures in each layer.

The looming conundrum is that Eros does not exhibit the chemical signatures of differentiation. NEAR X-ray spectrometer data show that aluminum, magnesium, and silicon on Eros have the same relative abundances that they do in the Sun and in the early solar nebula. Evidently, Eros was not part of a body that experienced the Earth-like process of heating and segregation of metals from silicates to form an iron core and rocky mantle.

"Eros is an example of a very primitive body ... nothing much has happened to it other than formation and cratering. If you want the most pristine material in the solar system [where very little has happened] Eros is a good example," says Joe Veverka, professor of astronomy at Cornell University, and the principal investigator for two of NEAR's cameras.

Can Eros be both -- a primitive, undifferentiated body and a fragment from a long-ago planetoid? It's a possible contradiction that puzzles researchers.

"Even before we visited Eros we knew that asteroids were a mixed group -- some appear to be differentiated and some not," says Cheng. "The largest asteroid of all, 933 km-wide Ceres, is not differentiated. Yet, we believe it's possible for objects even smaller than Ceres to melt and chemically segregate. We simply don't know why some asteroids appear to be more primitive than others. We have to reserve a little skepticism here and pursue this mystery."

Cheng says that a global map of Eros's grooves and ridges -- and possibly more square craters -- will likely shed new light on the asteroid's history. For now researchers and asteroid enthusiasts wait with anticipation as NEAR Shoemaker continues its first-ever and often surprising survey 433 Eros, knowing that the best answers and most perplexing mysteries may be yet to come.

For more information about asteroid Eros and the NEAR mission, please visit the Near-Earth Asteroid Rendezvous mission home page at <http://near.jhuapl.edu>. The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD, designed and built the NEAR spacecraft and manages the mission for NASA.

THE LUNASCAN PROJECT (TLP): An Earth-Based Telescopic Imaging (EBTI) program using live and recorded CCD technology to document and record Lunar Transient Phenomena (LTPs).

The Lunascan Project HomePage

<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/lshomepage.html>

The Project's Mission Statement :

<http://www.evansville.net/~slk/miss.html>

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 21:39:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:32:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Evans

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 10:49:23 -0700
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:02:35 -0400
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

Previously, Jim wrote:

>In my previous response to you on this list, you'll find the
>focal length as obtained by Stevens and listed in his 1982 book
>on p. 400. I had written:

>"The same limb's left-to-right width, subtended along the
>horizontal, is less, about 16 inches. This subtended width
>occupies 13% of the 35mm film's width (or length in the film's
>along-the-roll direction). Then knowing the camera's focal
>length of 42 mm, one finds this blurry limb's distance from the
>camera as having been 16 feet. This uses the "camera" equation:

>Width of object on 35mm film Actual width of object
>----- = -----
> focal length in mm Actual distance from camera

>End of quote. I.e., 42 mm focal length.

Yes, having gone back over the previous posts, I see that you did mention the focal length as being 42mm. I wish I had seen that earlier as this conversation could have been a lot shorter. Now, to the matter at hand:

Previously you had claimed:

>>>>[Meier] never bothered to vary the aperture,
>>>>whose setting was quite appropriate for sunny days, though
>>>>usually somewhat smoggy days.

In addition you had written:

>This was an old Olympus 35 ECR camera. It didn't have any
>automatic focus adjustment. Its manual focus was stuck real
>close to infinity. That means it could take sharp picture of
>objects at intermediate and rather large distances, though not
>of sharpest quality for the treelines of distant hills.

Then you changed your story, claiming:

>>>Evidently, Meier had the aperture relatively far open for that
>>>day's photographs. I suspect he did know about the need to open
>>>it up some for a cloudy, overcast day.

At present, your story goes:

>I now
>favor the photo's indications that Meier *did* know enough to
>adjust the aperture on his camera, at least between clear days
>and overcast days. I'm willing to change my mind on matters if
>or when firmer information becomes available.

What firmer information? You follow the previous statement with:

>Information based
>on a 20 or 25-year-old memory of a detail such as whether or not
>an aperture setting was changed for one day's photos out of
>hundreds of photos taken that year and the next, whether it
>comes from Meier or from Stevens second-hand, can't be
>considered very reliable.

You seem to have no problem relying on it when it supports your theory.

>Unfortunately, Stevens didn't mention
>anything about Meier's use or non-use of his camera's aperture
>settings during 1975-76 in his 1982 book.

Again, What firmer information? All the above info indicates is one simple thing:

You don't know and your story changes when faced with opposition.

Ultimately, you are guessing.

Well, I'm not guessing.

According to American Cinematographer depth of field charts, if Meier's 42mm lens was set at an aperture "appropriate for sunny days", i.e. around f22, then everything would be in focus from 8 feet to infinity, even IF the focus were set at infinity. If you pulled the focus all the way back to 25 feet, you would STILL have everything in focus from 6 feet to infinity. Even if you opened the lens to f16, you would have depth of field from 10 feet to infinity with the focus at infinity; 8 feet to infinity if set the focus at 25 feet. At f11, you still get a range of 11 feet to infinity with the focus set at 25 feet. F8 will produce a range of about 12 feet to infinity, etc, etc.

Therefore:

Your contention that the camera setting of near-infinity has some bearing on this discussion is incorrect. Your contention that the branches and model have to be the same distance from the camera is incorrect. Your other contention that the model would have to be a great distance away from the camera is incorrect. Your contention that the camera was incapable of focusing on distant trees and hills is incorrect.

And we haven't even discussed what is possible if Meier used a tripod! ;)

The bottom line is that, even hand held, Meier's camera was adequate to keep things in focus from about 6 feet to infinity at best and 12 feet to infinity at the worst and still get correct exposure. Therefore, the branches could have been well within the 6 foot range and, therefore in soft focus. The model would merely have to be big enough to fit the field of view beyond that range. Kid's stuff.

Finally, you stated:

>Is it possible we are agreeing on this? With the aperture
>relatively far open on that overcast day, even tree limbs 16 ft
>away would not be in good focus.

Wrong on both counts.

As you pointed out, your info isn't very reliable. In fact it is conjecture, at best, and just plain wrong at worst. In the end we know 3 things:

- 1) There is absolutely no technical reason that the Meier photos cannot be shots of models.
- 2) The "turning tree" that you do NOT see is a clear indication that it is a model.
- 3) The 8mm footage is clearly bogus at the most amateur level.

Together, these add up to Meier being a fraud, and not a very good one, at that.

I have nothing more to add to this discussion.

Roger

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Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Lemire

From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 23:25:51 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:37:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Lemire

>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 00:30:36 -0400
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Ledger

>>From: Donald Ledger <dledger@ns.sympatico.ca (>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 12:24:28 -0300
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo

>>>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 21:13:13 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>>Date: Sat, 23 Sep 2000 01:47:26 -0400
>>>>From: Todd Lemire <tlemire@home.com>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

>>>>An interesting link worth visiting along the lines of this is
>>>>the research done by Andrei Ol'khovtov concerning 'geophysical
>>>>meteors' located at:

>>>><http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Cockpit/3240/gr1997.htm>

>>>>Dear Todd, List:

>>>>Interesting, indeed. Is anyone aware of a "crater" or other
>>>>evidence of impact or outgassing on the ground for this event?
>>>>If there isn't such evidence, the incident would seem not to be
>>>>associated with a "geophysical meteor".

>>Hi Bob,

>>To consider a meteor here is just muddying the waters. The
>>length of the sighting, and/or the time to take a photograph
>>precludes a meteor from the getgo. Please don't make the mistake
>>of thinking that because it was in Canada it was therefore in
>>the remote arctic. Also with a meteor of this size, where's the
>>trail, the outgassing and all of the other telltales of a
>>meteor?

>>Ball lightning perhaps, but why give the naysayers another
>>feeble explanation for the sighting by even proposing a meteor?

>>Best,

>>Don Ledger

>Don, Bob, and List,

>The link I provided was not meant to 'muddy' the waters, or the
>atmosphere for that matter, concerning the Childerhose case.
>Andrei focuses mainly on the tectonic processes within the link
>I provided the list. The link was given as food for thought, not
>as an explanation for the sighting.

>Come on Don, I'm not giving the naysayers any more ammo than

>they already have, and personally I don't care what explanation
>the 'naysayers' come up with next. Are they going to alter
>_your_ perceptions? If you really want to give them some ammo
>take the time and read completely the paper I have posted on my
>site titled ION BASED CONDUCTIONS IN THE ATMOSPHERE by Richard
>Spalding, located at
><http://members.home.net/tlemire/ibconduct.html>

>Again this paper is food for thought, and is not meant as an
>explanation for the Childerhose sighting, but it will make you
>think!

>Bob, as I'm not familiar with the particulars of the case
>investigation I can't answer your question concerning evidence
>of impact or outgassing occurring during the Childerhose
>sighting, but you are right in your reply to Don. Andrei's
>theories involve a "non-meteoroidal (i.e. terrestrial) origin"
>for the luminous events he speaks of on his website. Impact
>sites from geophysical meteors such as these may leave only a
>crater with no trace evidence of a 'standard meteorite', however
>I do agree with you that his site MAY include what others
>consider to be standard meteors. However this is a judgment I'm
>not willing to make.

Hi Todd, Bob and list,

As mentioned in my second submission, I was catching up. I must have come in, in the middle of the thread. Broke off for a few days last week after some discussion about times and dates, and flight direction about 10 days ago. I was under the impression that a meteor was being touted as a possible explanation which due to the length of the sighting I couldn't buy into.

Best,

Don

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Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 23:40:03 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:57:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Ledger

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:14:46 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo

>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:28:12 -0400
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>My analysis of the photo taken by Canadian Air Force pilot RJ
>>Childerhose in 1955 is now available at
>>brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html.

>>This was, and I think still is, the only photo endorsed by none
>>other than Philip J. Klass as a real unknown "UFO"...

><snip>

>Hi Bruce. Hi everyone.

>Bruce, I read your careful analysis of this photo and I think
>the assumptions you made and incorporated in your calculations
>are reasonable ones. That said, in light of the conflicting and
>contradictory testimonies by the pilot who took the photo which
>you included in your paper and the newspaper article about UFOs
>the pilot wrote which was published in the Toronto Telegram
>where the pilot promoted his beliefs that UFOs were real and
>extraterrestrial, maybe we should seriously consider other
>possible explanations for the UFO in the photo.

>I still cannot dismiss the hunch I had when I first saw your
>photo which suggested to me that the luminous UFO was simply a
>reflection of the Sun inside the aircraft's canopy window. Of
>course the UFO would not be as bright as the Sun (a smooth
>transparent surface would reflect up to about 5% the sunlight
>falling on it depending on the viewing angle off the surface)
>and would also appear elliptical in shape because of the
>curvature of the canopy window. This is what I observed in your
>UFO photo. If this UFO is indeed a reflection of the Sun off a
>window, we would also then expect to see a second reflection
>from the outside or second surface of the canopy window too. I
>propose that the lower rim observed on the UFO is just that. As
>proof of this, I suggest one look at another almost identical
>photo of a luminous daylight UFO found on page 70 in Peter
>Brookesmith's 'UFO The Complete Sightings'.*

>Finally, I have to say that if such a bright object was below
>the clouds in the skies over southern Alberta, one would expect
>many people to have noticed it and a few to have even reported
>the unusual sight of a second Sun. Unfortunately, I was unable to
>find any such reports (although, interestingly, there is a file
>stamped SECRET of a similar Canadian fighter jet also flying in
>formation which mysteriously vanished just days before this UFO
>incident). If such a bright object was actually close to or
>within the clouds themselves, why are not the parts of the
>clouds around this luminous UFO brighter like the parts of the
>clouds facing the Sun which is to the left? To me this is
>further evidence that this UFO could not possibly be a large

>distant luminous object but rather a reflection from within the
>aircraft itself.

>Nick Balaskas

>*This was the same and only UFO photo (a negative of a print) I
>was able to find when I visited the Canadian Forces Photographic
>Unit in Ottawa back in 1996 in my unsuccessful attempt to view
>their large but still secret UFO photo collection.

Hi Nick,

Some years ago, actually many years ago, I had the good luck to be able to sit in the seat of an F-86 Sabre [unfortunately not while it was flying]. If you had the same opportunity I think you would discover that to get the angles needed to have the inside reflection of the Sun then mistake it for a UFO would be extremely unlikely and difficult. There's not much room in there. Also it appears now that the photo was taken at Childerhose's 11 o'clock which is where the setting sun would be, with the Sun being low. That would negate an inside reflection. The Sabre enjoyed a bit of a tumblehome configuration meaning the canopy actually curved inward slightly at the base before meeting the fuselage. It permitted improved downward visibility.

For what it's worth.

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 21:34:34 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:00:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>From: Nathan G. Daniel <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:02:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

This post from Nathan Daniel was so rife with false claims and distortions as to make Korff proud. Here was one of them:

>Did you hear that Meier claimed that he was Jesus' savior? ...

Totally false.

>(Meier claimed that one of his pals socked Jesus in the face
>and Billy put an end to it.)

Meier claimed no such thing. The man with Meier at the time did NOT sock "Jesus" in the face and was no "pal" of Meier. The episode as it was actually reported is contained within Meier's Contact Notes, though in a section that Stevens deemed either too sensitive or too lengthy to reproduce in his Vols. 1-4 of Message from the Pleiades.

Finally, do you realize that I've asked twice what it was you supplied Korff with, which he calls in his book (p. 83) "the most significant analysis of the 'Talmud of Jmmanuel' of this writing"? And which he summarized by saying that UV "even discovered evidence proving that the 'Talmud of Jmmanuel' does not contain Aramaic!?" So far you've failed to respond. Does that mean you now understand that a translation of an Aramaic document into German contains words written in German, not Aramaic?

Jim Deardorff
<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj>

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 21:17:24 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:02:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog@earthlink.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 13:42:58 -0700

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 15:17:41 -0700
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>It definitely seems to be the Oz effect. Meier mentions, when
>>showing the film to those who were video-taping it, that there
>>were no sounds, along with no breeze, during this period of
>>time. Others who later mentioned the Oz effect also noticed no
>>sound, which includes no sound of the wind or breeze in the
>>trees.

>Models don't give off the 'Oz' effect...

>>When the craft reappears, only the twig suffered a tiny
>>discontinuity in movement, not the camera frame.

>Wrong. The branches stop moving completely because Meier
>shuts his camera off to remove his model and then replace the
>model and there is a time lapse between...

Royce, ebk is going to have to cut this off, because you're just
repeating yourself, and are continually needing the reminder
that your "because" clause is just a conglomerate of
assumptions.

Jim

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 23:21:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:13:45 -0400
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:55:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Deschamps

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

Previously, I wrote:

>>I "happened" upon a site regarding the Trent photos that, in my
>>opinion, pretty much drives the nail in a coffin well worn from
>>being opened and closed too many times. Readers know my past
>>opinions on the photos. After looking at this site, I am now
>>convinced that they're fake.

>>Take a look for yourselves:

<http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

Michel M. Deschamps writes:

>Personally, I think you're way off!
>Another futile attempt at dismissing a classic UFO case.
>What about the similar craft photographed near Rouen, France,
>four years later?
>Another mirror?
>Think again.

I will, if you will.

As I recall, you once wrote:

>I also don't "believe" that
>Ed Walters faked those [Gulf Breeze] photos. I
>think these guys who like to re-hash good cases, trying to find
>ridiculous explanations for them, are chicken.

Also, you offered:

>I am 200% sure that the AA film is real.

And finally, you opined:

>The time is long overdue for earthlings to know the truth about
>flying saucers, UFOs, whatever you want to call them.

Michel, truth is a very relative term.

I am not a debunker nor am I chicken. I am well aware of the 14+ sightings that you have experienced. Oh, how I wish I had also

experienced them. To this date, I have not a one to my name. None the less, I am a believer in ET's and UFOs and the like. I do not need the likes of Ed Walters, or the Trents or Meier to prop up my beliefs. I stand firm, without a SHRED of proof, that we are being visited by ET life.

In my opinion it takes a lot of courage to take a stand without proof. On the other hand, belief shouldn't be defined as accepting fraud as a convenient replacement for research and introspection.

While we're on the subject of research, what research have you done to make you believe that the Trent photos are real?

Best,

Roger

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Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo? - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 22:13:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:05:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Defense Satellite UFO Photo? - Deardorff

>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 23:36:55 -0400
>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Defense Satellite UFO Photo?
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Over 20 years ago a Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
>satellite recorded a very strange image while not far from the
>FSU (Former Soviet Union).

>Starting in 1985 this was publicized as a photo of an object at
>45,000 ft traveling at 4000-5000 mph and leaving several
>contrails. Ok, it looks like a "sport model" without wheels.
>But who needs wheels at 45,000 ft. altitude, anyway?

>Could that have been true? Is this a rare satellite photo of a
>True UFO (TRUFO)?

>What do you think?

Hi Bruce,

I could comment on the "contrail" swath, which as you noted isn't consistent with being any contrail. You noted that this swath just might be clouds, and so devoted your attention to the cold "chassis" instead.

A swath of naturally formed high cloud that is curved in the horizontal plane, with both edges congruent, and showing indications of consisting of several similarly curved and congruent narrower swaths compacted together, is unheard of in all my sky-gazing days. So it just doesn't look like any cloud form. The factors that give high clouds their overall general shape and orientation are primarily wind shear and wave motion. One sees from the neighboring high clouds that wind shear stretched them out into their upper-left to lower-right orientation, with wavy distortions superimposed due to internal gravity waves. These influences are missing for the curved swath, which would indicate, if they're formed of cloud material, that these influences hadn't yet had nearly enough time to act on the swath. So the swath looks like an anomaly for this reason.

The coincidence of the "leading" edge of the swath with the rear of the "chassis," which you noted, then greatly enhances the odds that the swath is an unidentified anomaly associated with the anomalous "chassis."

There is some suggestion, I think that pieces of the higher clouds lay above the swath, as opposed to the alternative that the swath was above but was discontinuous in those places. However this seems quite uncertain.

Jim

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@agonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 08:17:47 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:08:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Rimmer

>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 14:48:05 -0400

>>From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@agonia.demon.co.uk>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 21:30:10 +0100
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Kaeser

>>>From: Steve W. Kaeser <Steve@konsulting.com>
>>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 12:14:19 -0400
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

><snip>

>>I did say 'serious'! Mack is pretty fringe when it comes to UFO
>>research. The fact is that, even so, in the end he kept his job
>>and, as I recall, got a fair amount of support on an 'academic
>>freedom' line, despite many of his ideas being well outside the
>>scientific consensus.

>>There are many scientists who move into contentious areas. The
>>whole history of psychic research is full of established
>>scientists who have gone out on a limb to explore ESP,
>>clairvoyance, survival, autokinesis, etc., and have done so
>>without sacrificing their careers. Possibly some colleagues may
>>think them a little 'flakey' but scientists allegedly being
>>denied funding because of their interest in psi just does not
>>seem to be an issue.

>>Why should it be any different in ufology?

>I think (and this is only an opinion) that ufology probably
>triggers a greater reaction than ESP, Telekinesis, etc.,
>although all of these contain a certain amount of hoaxing and
>fraud (which is probably a major part of the problem). But there
>is also an economic factor in the distribution of limited
>funding, and I'm not sure that any project along these lines
>would garner a great deal of support. IMO, becoming associated
>with any "fringe" area of study would put severe limits on one's
>ability to market one's skills.

>Steve

Now this does surprise me, as I'd have thought that the types of
phenomena studied by psychical researchers involved a far
greater challenge (and rejection of) contemporary scientific
views that UFOs do. The ETH may be far from proven but it does
not stand our entire knowledge of the universe on its head as
would, for example, psychokinesis or precognition.

Can anybody really be surprised that establishment scientists
are reluctant to get involved in ufology when they see that
discussion in the subject, as evidenced by lists like UpDates,
amongst others, seems to be dominated by anti-scientific
nonsense such as the Meier joke (I wouldn't even call it a hoax,
myself)

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John Rimmer
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Did UFOs Land Near Woodbridge Base?

From: Georgina Bruni <georgina@easynet.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 10:07:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:09:49 -0400
Subject: Did UFOs Land Near Woodbridge Base?

Did UFO's land near Woodbridge base?

By Richard Cornwell
From the Evening Star
September 26, 2000

One of the most famous UFO sightings, alleged to have happened a few miles from Woodbridge, will be analysed in a new book published to mark its 20th anniversary. The author, Georgina Bruni, attempts to prove that there were UFO landings on the perimeter of the American air base at Woodbridge and she claims her investigations will answer the "critics, the cynics and the silencers who did not want the real story to be told."

The book, entitled 'You Can't Tell The People', arrives during a flurry of interest about the UFO mystery which occurred during Christmas week of 1980 in Rendlesham Forest close to the east gate of the air base.

Members of the Ipswich theatre company Red Rose Chain recently performed a play in the forest on the subject and they hope to produce a film.

Earlier in the year UFO investigator Jenny Randles wrote a book with David Clarke and Andy Roberts about sightings of mysterious objects throughout the world.

When Ms Randles examined the Rendlesham Forest incident she concluded that there were secret tests taking place on nearby Orford Ness and that the sightings of strange lights near the air base were used in a cover up of what actually occurred on the isolated shingle spit.

Now Ms Bruni enters the long-running debate with her own theories which have been drawn from extensive research.

The claim by American service personnel that they saw a small triangular craft smashing its way through pine trees is scrutinised in her book to be published on November 24.

The book, according to the publishers Sidgwick and Jackson, brings together definitive accounts from the MoD, military and police sources and first hand witness testimonies.

Fresh information is revealed about the incident "and the possible alien encounter that ensued."

The book also explains why the key witnesses have been silent for so long.

The author, who spent 30 months on her research into the Rendlesham Forest incident will be attending a book launch in Woodbridge.

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Re: A Little Boy Draws A Flying Saucer

From: Larry Hatch <larryhat@jps.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 04:17:05 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:11:51 -0400
Subject: Re: A Little Boy Draws A Flying Saucer

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 00:05:17 EDT
>Subject: A little boy draws a flying saucer
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>A little boy draws a flying saucer.. at age three... in 1946

>I promised the list in a post some months back, that I would
>send along a copy of some drawings I made at a very early age.
>There were quite a few drawings in the bank vault. I chose this
>one for several reasons. First, it is dated by my mother. She
>wrote my name ("Jamey") and the year, "1946" on the sheet of
>paper.

<snip>

> -----
> Name: UFO I drew at two or three.jpg
> UFO I drew at two or three.jpg Type: JPEG Image (image/jpeg)
> Encoding: base64
> -----

Hi Jim!

Hey, could you scan that picture you drew again, but this time
in lower resolution?

I.e. fewer dots per inch when you scan it??

It came in so big I cannot visualize it.

I have to scroll way back and forth to see the
different parts, and cannot see the whole.

Best!

- Larry Hatch

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Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Fernandes

From: Joaquim Fernandes <jfernan@esoterica.pt>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:08:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:17:03 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Angel Hair'? - Fernandes

List members,

Its amazing that a large amount of Angel Hair reports had been localised between September and October... Is the spider web hypohese a good explanation?

Anyway, we also know of important reports wthin the religious background of the Portuguese Fatima apparitions, since 1917, where several falls of this substance were reported.

In 1957, October (!) 17, at Fatima a well registered fall of "fibrálvina" was photographed and published in two Lisbon newspapers.

"Fibrálvina" is a more scientific name to this material, coined by Portuguese researcher Raul Berenguel in his 1978 book, 'OVNI, Portas para o Ano Zero' ('UFO, Doors to Year Zero') where he studied a long report of the 1959 web-like fall in Evora, in the south of Portugal, whose towncentre was covered by these web-like hairs.

We expect that the two labs can shed new light on this new US web-like fall.

Joaquim Fernandes
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Porto
Portugal

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:00:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:03:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Sparks

Roger Evans' post:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m26-004.shtml>

See Bruce Maccabee's response:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/sep/m26-040.shtml>

See Bruce's scientific research papers on the Trent/McMinnville case:

<http://brumac.8k.com/trent1.html>
<http://brumac.8k.com/trent1b.html>
<http://brumac.8k.com/trent2.html>
<http://www.mcmenamins.com/McHO/trent/>

Joel Carpenter has done a fine job of putting together his web page on the Trent/McMinnville case. But that doesn't mean he is necessarily correct -- he is not.

Joel's excellent computer 3-D model proves that Hartmann's markers for the approximate location of Paul Trent when he took the pictures are in fact incorrect. He has the front yard telephone pole on the wrong (left) side of the Trent's driveway because that is the only way to make the pole visible in Trent's Photo 1. But the pole is actually on the right side and in good blowups of the Trent Photo 1 it is very obviously on the right.

From Joel's reconstruction of Hartmann's Condon Committee site photo of June 6, 1967, the telephone pole wouldn't even be visible from the marker for Trent in Photo 1 but would be behind the house.

Since Hartmann's positions are provably wrong then we're back to using Bruce Maccabee's data for triangulating the location of Trent in each photo, which is what should have been done anyway.

The old car mirrors are a cute suggestion for a hoax model, but there are four main problems with it:

1. If it is allegedly a mass manufactured object then it must be possible to find the exact model -- not just an 'Approximate' likeness. 'Close' and 'similar' just don't cut it. Scientific testability is a two-way street. Skeptical hypotheses must be testable.

2. The 'pole' in the Trent photos is obviously off_center. Yet not a single one of the car/truck mirrors had an off-center mount.

3. A heavy car or truck mirror suspended from the telephone wire above would cause the 30-40-foot wire to sag and/or have a point defect at the spot where the alleged fishing line was attached -- no such sagging or defect occurs.

4. Hoaxes must obey the laws of physics. The dynamics of a hoax model -- whether a suspended car mirror or pie pan or a tossed model -- do not match the object in the Trent photos. This has been the subject of many years of my research and is not ready for publication yet (no funding available to work on it full-time as it requires).

But one example I can cite of the inconsistent physics is the fact that the sighting lines from each photo do not and cannot possibly cross underneath the telephone wires. Contrary to Joel's website comments, the sighting lines cannot be forced to cross below the wires by the expedient of juggling around the locations or by insinuating error here and error there and then trying to make the errors cancel out. As I have posted on various lists for more than a year now, the location of the wires with respect to a hoax model's sighting line crossing point can be directly_measured_ by triangulation.

The wires can be triangulated by using the identifiable kinks and they are about 15.7 degrees shifted in direction. The object can be triangulated by using the sighting lines which are about 17.2 degrees shifted. If the object was beneath the wires these numbers would be the same -- but they are not. The difference of about 1.5 degrees is glaringly obvious by simply overlaying transparencies of the two photos -- it is an absolute physical fact and it is directly_measured_ (i.e., it is not_ simply a subtraction of 17.2 - 15.7, which can be done but is not as accurate as direct measurement). The result is that the wires and the hoax model's sighting lines are about 2 feet apart.

Lastly, I have to say that unlike Joel as shown in his photo trying to demonstrate camera poses, Paul Trent certainly did not have to hold a yardstick while holding his camera! There is no information indicating that Paul Trent was as tall as Joel. Crouching to take the photos (as I was the first to discover by being the first to triangulate the low 36-40-inch heights of the camera) is not_ 'awkward' but is in fact the most stable position from which to take a photo, almost like using a tripod.

In addition, the triangulations of camera height are not_above_ground level but with reference to the bottoms of the garage and house, which are merely assumed for convenience to be at ground level. In actual fact, just a glance at Hartmann's site photo will show that the ground in the Trents' backyard was very uneven. Thus, Trent could have been holding his camera several inches higher or lower than 36-40 inches above the ground at the actual spots and the 4-inch difference is no doubt due to this unevenness of the ground.

Lastly, I want to address this issue of Trent taking the photos so far back into his backyard and I hope this can be disposed of once and for all. This issue goes all the way back to Phil Klass in 1969 and it is just plain dead wrong, due to a total failure to grasp or to bother understanding the sighting circumstances. Rather than make this a tedious discussion of technical detail let me make the point much more clearly.

The reason is very simple: When Mrs. Trent spotted the UFO she was far_back_into_the_backyard_ near the rabbit pens at the far southeast end of the garage. Mr. Trent was inside the house at the back door. He did not_ see the UFO or know anything at all about it at that point. This is where the erroneous skeptic scenarios begin, because they implicitly assume Paul Trent knows all about the sighting from the very start and therefore it was very stupid or very suspicious of him to run away from the direction of the UFO to the north out in front of his front yard. He_didn't_know_that_!

Let me say it again because this point for some reason just never gets through and I'm going to repeat it over and over again until it does because frankly, after arguing about this damn point for 27 years (I have letters to Phil Klass disputing his scenario back to 1973) I am really sick and tired of this and fed up with it:

Mr. Trent at this point does not know there is a UFO in the sky to the north out his front yard.

Mrs. Trent did not_ yell to her husband "Paul grab the camera because there is a UFO coming towards us at 1.7 miles to the North-North-East at azimuth 020 degrees!" Can you even imagine that? A simple farm woman on a remote farm in rural Oregon in 1950? (These are not the exact figures but are for illustration.) Instead she yelled something to the effect of "Paul grab the camera!" and probably something about something up in the sky and then something about who should look where for the camera. Then she went into the garage to look for the camera

in the car.

Again: Mr. Trent at this point does not know there is a UFO in the sky out his front yard.

Mr. Trent only knows that his wife had been yelling from far out in the backyard to the south talking about something in the sky somewhere.

Mr. Trent found the camera in the house. Mr. Trent naturally heads out his back door to find out what it was his wife had been yelling to him about.

Again: Mr. Trent at this point does not know there is a UFO in the sky out his front yard.

Then Mr. Trent quite logically and appropriately went far out into the backyard towards where Mrs. Trent had been yelling to him from. She was in the garage looking for the camera so she wasn't immediately on hand to explain further. Is this so difficult to understand? Mr. Trent spotted the object in the sky that his wife had been yelling about and took the photos from where he stood. He moved 5 feet to his right to take the second photo because the object was moving to the left. (Why on earth would he have to change position if it was a nearby hoax model he had hung up himself?) The rest is history.

Mr. Trent's actions were logical, sensible, rational and consistent with his and his wife's testimony about sighting and photographing an extraordinary flying object on May 11, 1950.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Blanton

From: Terry Blanton <commenqr@bellsouth.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:25:46 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:06:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Blanton

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:08:09 -0700 (PDT)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>Before I'd take this site's conclusion as the final word, I'd
>want to know more about the immediate conditions (i.e.
>psychological: how hurried was Trent? Would his haste in getting
>2 good shots make him more or less likely to adopt the posture
>suggested in the article? etc) under which the photos were
>allegedly taken.

When a photographer is concerned about blurring a photograph due to slow shutter speed, he might sit on the ground and brace his arms on his knees to keep the camera steady. Also, if you want to get more of the background in the frame for an aerial shot, you might want to get the camera closer to the ground.

Just observations... not saying either is what happened.

Regards,

Terry

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:53:25 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:08:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Rudiak

>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:41:54 -0400
>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!

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>convinced that they're fake.

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><http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

>Make sure that you also go all the way to the end for links to
>other photos. (most important!)

>PS: The guy doing the research is named Joel Carpenter. He's
>pretty sharp and in no way related to John Carpenter. Let's try
>and keep the two unconfused in future posts on this subject.

First of all I'd like to say I know Joel Carpenter from e-mail
correspondence with him. He is an intelligent and serious
researcher with no axe to grind as far as I know. He has put a
lot of hard work into analyzing this. In short, he is no
debunker.

There has been an exchange of information on the Trent case the
last 2 years between myself, Carpenter, Bruce Maccabee, and Brad
Sparks. E.g., the photo of Trent holding his camera on
Carpenter's web page is a photo I found in one of the Portland
newspapers. Carpenter used it to track down the identity of
Trent's camera. I don't think anybody has put more work into
analyzing the characteristics of this particular camera.

Having said all this, Carpenter's case is hardly of the open and
shut variety that the less objective Roger Evans thinks it is. I
would like to point out several errors of logic in some of
Carpenter's arguments.

One point Carpenter makes is that the camera in the two shots
was at a low level, a little more than 3 feet high. Carpenter
then points out that Trent's camera had two viewfinders. If the
camera was only 3+ feet up, the direct viewfinder would have
forced Trent to be kneeling when he took the photos. If Trent
was in a hurry, then it seems less likely that he would kneel
down to take the photos, though it is certainly possible.

The second viewfinder was an overhead one. Trent could have held
the camera waste-high and looked down into the viewfinder from
above. In this case Trent wouldn't have to take the time to
stoop down. Thus he could be standing there looking down through
the viewfinder, snapped photo 1, then stepped to his right and
snapped photo 2.

Carpenter doesn't think this likely, however, because the
overhead viewfinder produced a very minified image of the scene

and also reversed it. The "saucer" would have appeared as a very tiny dot in the viewfinder. Carpenter thus believes it would have been very difficult for Trent to have quickly framed the pictures with this viewfinder. If Trent didn't do it this way, then this suggests he was kneeling. That does not sound like a man in a big hurry to take the photos.

However, I disagree with this assessment for the following reason. All Trent needed to do was look up and see that the "saucer" was between the garage on the left and the house on the right. These are large objects and would be easy to see through the viewfinder, even if the images were very minified. The reversal of direction also isn't important in this situation. Reversed or not, all Trent had to know was to frame the picture with two large buildings on the right and left knowing that the object he was trying to film was somewhere in between.

Next point: Carpenter suggests that maybe Trent used an old side-view car mirror as his saucer model, and then goes on to suggest that the mirror might explain why the bottom of the object was much brighter than would be expected from a nearby model.

Carpenter posed this hypothetically to me in e-mail some months back and asked me if I thought it possible that a mirror like this might be reflecting the sky from in back towards the camera.

I told him no, this didn't seem possible. Mirrors reflect specularly, not diffusely. In plainer English, that means that if you draw a line from the camera to the plain of a "model" mirror hanging above the camera 15 to 20 feet away, the light bouncing towards the camera had to have come from a direction at exactly the same angle on the other side of the mirror

In the case of the first Trent photo showing the "saucer" bottom, any model would have had its bottom surface nearly parallel to the ground. So the light source on the other side of the mirror would have been at an angle towards the ground. In fact, the light source would have been the ground, not the sky. The bottom of the "saucer" would have appeared much darker than it does. (A mirror would have been reflecting the dark, lush green grass that would have been growing at that time of year.)

The mirror shows nothing but the reflected image of the light source. If the light source is bright, then the mirror appears bright. If the light source is dark, the mirror appears dark. If you reflect the night sky off a mirror, the mirror looks black. It doesn't matter that a mirror has high reflectivity. High reflectivity does not mean it appears bright.

I don't think Carpenter understood my argument. A car mirror would have been reflecting an image of the ground towards the camera and would have appeared dark.

The same is true even if Trent used an aluminum foil pie pan, his second suggested model object. This still does not explain the bright underside of the object seen in the photos.

In short, Carpenter's argument that Trent would have most likely have taken the photos from a kneeling position I find very unconvincing. It would not have been difficult for Trent to frame the pictures and take the photos standing up with the overhead viewfinder. The second point about a mirror explaining the light bottom is simply scientifically false.

Also finding objects that resemble the photographed object does not mean one has found what was photographed. All sorts of things have been definitively suggested as Trent's model in the past, from aluminum pie pans, to paper plates, to lamp shades, and even Carpenter's car mirror. Of course it would not be difficult to build a model looking exactly like the one in the pictures, just like one can build a model airplane. That does not mean that photos of 747s in flight are all hoaxed by models suspended by threads.

We cannot definitively prove whether photos are genuine, but we can prove whether they are hoaxed or likely to be hoaxed. For example, a suspension thread would be a dead giveaway. So far, not one shred of evidence has turned up to indicate that these

photos were faked. These pictures have been examined to death and have survived all challenges. In fact, a number of details in the photos all point to genuineness, such as the very light bottom in photo 1, readily explained by an object in the distance, but not a model up close. The challenges by debunker Robert Sheaffer about shadows and lighting have all proven wrong. In fact, I have picked up on yet another detail in the photos that refutes one of Sheaffer's shadow arguments based on my last on-site visit. But that will have to wait for some other time.

The devil is indeed in the details.

Here are some other confirmatory photo details not addressed on Joel Carpenter's Web site:

1. The sighting lines to the object from the two photo points do not meet under the only likely suspension point -- the electrical wires between the garage and the house.
2. The relative size difference between the object in the two photos does not match what would be expected from the two photo positions to the electrical wires.
3. The size distance, however, does match what one would expect for a distant object in level flight with the elevation angles found in the photos.
4. The size difference, elevation angles, and azimuth angles are consistent with a distant object flying due west, a very unlikely event to happen by accident in any plausible hoax scenario.

If Joel Carpenter reads this, I hope he isn't offended by my criticisms. This is just my peer review of his arguments.

David Rudiak

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:57 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:10:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:38:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

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>Apparently some 'nasty slashes' occurred to the
>negatives between 1950 and 1967. The right edge of th first
>photo and the left edge of the second photo were cut by someone
>years and years ago. (no, the cut edges do not fit together) and
>only the newspaper reproductions provide the complete photos.

Bruce, Roger, Mac, All:

Is it possible, therefore, that there are missing frames from
the Trent film roll, frames that never appeared in print? Are
there any frame numbers on the negatives?

Hartmann did measure the density of a portion of the unexposed
edge of the film negative, this is listed in one of his tables
in Condon.

>5) Joel is the first to suggest a truck mirror (other
>suggestions have been garbage can lid light shade, pie tin,
>paper model, etc.). None of the truck mirrors he suggests has
>exactly the same aspect ratio (length to width) or the same
>off-center "pole" (attachment post on the back of th mirror).

There must have been many manufacturers and models of vehicle
mirrors in the, say, years from 1930-1950.

>Also, a mirror hanging downward and photograped from below to
>give a (nearly, but not exactly!!!) elliptical bottom image as
>in photo 1, would provide a mirror reflection of the ground.

Evidently, it does. Hartmann's Table B (Scientific Study of
Unidentified Flying Objects, Bantam Edition, 1969, p 403) gives
densitometry results for different parts of the two negatives.
The results are normalized at 1.00 for the sky near the distant
horizon at 1.00. Listed here are a few results:

| | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----|
| Sky at distant horizon - | 1.00 | |
| Shaded bottom of the UFO | .675 | |
| Foreground underbrush | .417 | |
| Hill 1 | | .63 |
| Hill 2 | | .71 |
| Garage roof | .489 | |
| Illuminated metallic tank | .86 | |
| Shaded bottom of tank | .48 | |

These measurements seem to corroborate your hypothesis
that a suspended mirror would reflect the distant terrain.

<snip>

>6) There is much more to this case than just the photo analysis.
>I have long pointed out that it would be possible to fake the
>photos. My own "preference" would be for a paper model. This
>would require the desire, the time, and the cleverness needed to
>make up a photo and a story to go along with it.

But a common truck mirror would be a lot simpler an explanation,
and would not require such cleverness.

>Anyway, we have the Trents' whole life story to look at now,
>since they died several years ago. Anyone wishing to express an
>informed opinion of the case should read what I have written and
>also get a copy of the only video interview of the Trents, made
>in 1995 (2 years before Evelyn died). Contact Terry Halstead at
>halstead@pobox.com. Considering that this is the only video
>interview of two of the most famous people in UFO history (I bet
>that the trent photos have been published more than any others)
>-- whether you think them nasty hoaxers or down-to-earth honest
>people - this is a UFO collector's item. At the very least the
>skeptics will want this video so that they can refute Mrs.
>Trent's statements, one by one, and demonstrate how she managed
>to bamboozle literally dozens of investigators, interviewers and
>just plain interested people for nearly 50 years!

And even you?

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:53 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:14:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:13:45 -0400

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>Personally, I think you're _way_off_!

>Another futile attempt at dismissing a classic UFO case.

Michel, Roger, All:

Any particular reasons, other than just your opinion?
Perhaps a fact or two that you disagree with?

>What about the similar craft photographed near Rouen, France,
>four years later?

Has the identity of the photographer and the circumstances of
this picture ever been established?

>Another mirror?

Why not? There are clever people in France, too.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:16:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:08:09 -0700 (PDT)
>From: Mac Tonnies <macbot@yahoo.com>
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
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<snip>

>While the author if this page does a good job of illustrating
>that Trent's camera angle was not what one would expect, one
>must keep in mind that he didn't exactly "expect" to be
>photographing a UFO.

Mac, Roger:

This would be true if Trent did not hoax the pixs. On the
other hand, if he was taking a carefully staged pix, it may
represent a good explanation for the angles.

The really important thing about Joel Carpenter's hypothesis is
the possible identity of the object, itself: a truck mirror.
This would explain the brightness of the underside (mirror
reflecting the sky or distant terrain), and the brightness of
the (chromed) upper part. This brightness is what Condon Study
investigator William Hartmann thought could indicate that the
object was at a distance.

Look at the image of the truck mirror, and then at the Trent's
pix. Unbelievable!

Joel Carpenter's eagle eye may have put this one to bed,
finally. A lot of folks have wasted a lot of time on this
over the years.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:19:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:19:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:14:46 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo

>>Date: Mon, 18 Sep 2000 19:28:12 -0400
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Subject: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>My analysis of the photo taken by Canadian Air Force pilot RJ
>>Childerhose in 1955 is now available at
>>brumac.8k.com/rjc/rjc.html.

>>This was, and I think still is, the only photo endorsed by none
>>other than Philip J. Klass as a real unknown "UFO"...

<snip>

>Bruce, I read your careful analysis of this photo and I think
>the assumptions you made and incorporated in your calculations
>are reasonable ones. That said, in light of the conflicting and
>contradictory testimonies by the pilot who took the photo which
>you included in your paper and the newspaper article about UFOs
>he pilot wrote which was published in the Toronto Telegram
>where the pilot promoted his beliefs that UFOs were real and
>extraterrestrial, maybe we should seriously consider other
>possible explanations for the UFO in the photo.>

>I still cannot dismiss the hunch I had when I first saw your
>photo which suggested to me that the luminous UFO was simply a
>reflection of the Sun inside the aircraft's canopy window. Of
>course the UFO would not be as bright as the Sun (a smooth
>transparent surface would reflect up to about 5% the sunlight
>falling on it depending on the viewing angle off the surface)
>and would also appear elliptical in shape because of the
>curvature of the canopy window. This is what I observed in your
>UFO photo. If this UFO is indeed a reflection of the Sun off a
>window, we would also then expect to see a second reflection
>from the outside or second surface of the canopy window too. I
>propose that the lower rim observed on the UFO is just that. As
>proof of this, I suggest one look at another almost identical
>photo of a luminous daylight UFO found on page 70 in Peter
>Brookesmith's 'UFO The Complete Sightings'.*

Thanks for your comments on this photo. The suggestion of a reflection from the canopy has, of course, been studied. (If I recall correctly it was Dr. Robert Nathan, photoanalyst formerly at JPL,, proposed this explanation years ago. Then rejected it. Nathan also proposed that the sun reflected off some bright object in the cockpit and that this reflection was, in turn, reflected by the cockpit window. This explanation, too, was rejected.)

First of all, he was flying toward the sun, in which case there would be no reflecting surface properly aligned.

But in any case, to assume that he would have seen a reflection

of the sun and not realized it was merely a reflection in the canopy is difficult to imagine. He said he rolled his aircraft to take the picture. This surely would have changed any reflection, if he hadn't already realized he was looking at a reflection by moving his head. To advance the reflection hypothesis for the photo is therefore tantamount to saying that either the pilot was intent on creating a hoax when he took the picture or else he took the photo and realized later it was a reflection but continued to say it was a real object "out there" even though he knew it was a reflection

Furthermore, the rest of his story about the object and photo would have to be a hoax.

He said he flew past the object... as you would ride past a telephone pole or some object at the side of a highway... continuous motion toward the rear as you travel along. Reflections, on the other hand, change radically with small changes in angle or direction of travel.

The bottom line is, unless you assume the pilot created this sighting as a hoax, for whatever reason, you can't expect the reflection hypothesis to be accepted as a valid explanation. (If he were going to create a hoax he could have created an image that really matched his verbal description.)

(Your mention of his later claim that he "believes in UFOs" suggests that you would accept the hoax explanation. That is your decision. I reject the hoax explanation. He was completely cooperative in providing all the information he could including the original slide - which had been lost in James MacDonald's files for many years before I contacted Childerhose. If he had known it was a reflection it seems to me that he would have been worried that my investigation of the original slide would discover his hoax)

>Finally, I have to say that if such a bright object was below
>the clouds in the skies over southern Alberta, one would expect
>many people to have noticed it and a few to have even reported
>the unusual sight of a second Sun. Unfortunately, I was unable to
>find any such reports (although, interestingly, there is a file
>stamped SECRET of a similar Canadian fighter jet also flying in
>formation which mysteriously vanished just days before this UFO
>incident). If such a bright object was actually close to or
>within the clouds themselves, why are not the parts of the
>clouds around this luminous UFO brighter like the parts of the
>clouds facing the Sun which is to the left? To me this is
>further evidence that this UFO could not possibly be a large
>distant luminous object but rather a reflection from within the
>aircraft itself.

The lack of other witnesses is not necessarily a good argument against the reality of the bright "thing" as an "object out there" in the sky.

We don't know what the cloud cover underneath the bright object was. Perhaps there was a dense layer at 5000 ft or so, This was, after all, a huge tunderstorm with associated clouds. Furthermore, it occurred over an area of low population,. We don't know how long this bright object was in the sky, maybe for only a few minutes. Had someone seen it he/she might have associated it with lightning phenomena related to the storm. And, lastly, even if someone had seen it and said "Aha, a UFO," said person would have a relatively high probability of not reporting it.

So, for these reasons I accept the reality of an object..."out there."

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From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:21:11 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:21:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Eros' Square Craters - Young

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 22:09:38 -0400
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Eros' Square Craters
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>For Richard Hoagland

> (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

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>From: NASA Science News
>Subject: Square Craters

>NASA Science News for September 26, 2000

>NASA's NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft has spotted square-shaped
>craters on asteroid Eros, a telltale sign of mysterious
>goings-on in the asteroid belt long ago.

>Full story at:

>http://spacescience.com/headlines/y2000/ast26sep_1.htm?list

Ron, All:

There are also many six-sided large craters on the Moon, such as Sinus Iridium (the Bay of Rainbows). This is due, apparently, to the structure of the upper crust of the Moon.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:57:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:27:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Clark

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 22:12:03 -0500
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs [was: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims]
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:07:36 -0500

Dennis,

>Kinda makes you wonder, in the wake of the Mack affair, how UFOs
>and Abductions: Challenging the Borders of Knowledge (University
>Press of Kansas, David Jacobs editor) ever got published,
>doesn't it?

No, I don't wonder, since I know how it came about. Which makes me no less grateful, and maybe even hopeful that a precedent has been set. Still, the sad fact remains, it's the only essentially pro-UFO book published by an academic press since Indiana University Press issued David M. Jacobs's UFO Controversy in America in 1975.

>But just as we should (and can) accuse science of not doing
>enough ufology and abductionology, so, too, can we accuse
>ufologists and abductionologists of not doing enough good
>science. Re the latter I refer specifically to Hufford's
>criticisms/recommendations as published in the MIT Proceedings,
>Alien Discussions. Where, among other things, are complete
>transcripts of abductee interviews, retrieved consciously or
>with the use of hypnosis?

I agree that ufology and abductionology would do well to do better science. If we can't influence what others do, we can at least do the best we can for ourselves.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <sergesa@sympatico.ca>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 13:45:10 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 14:36:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Salvaille

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
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<snip>

Hello Roger, List,

"Verrry interesting but grrotisque" (Who said that?) ;)

First thing I did when I saw the research was to take a good
look at my 5 foot piano (I don't play), bend down a bit (I'm
5'9") and notice that:

1. To get a slight perceptual slope between the closest and
farthest parts of the top of my piano, I had to bend just 1 inch
below the horizon of the piano.
2. When I kneel down, the perceptual slope is nowhere close to
the slope that can be observed on the tank on the Trent photos:
it is a lot steeper.

Maybe this could be settled with some kind of computer model
simulation, at least, as far as the "point of view" of the
camera is concerned.

I flinched when I saw the computer model simulation: one of the
most important features of the scene - the fuel tank on the side
of the shed - is all wrong: it is much smaller and much lower
than it is in the actual pictures.

How can this be?

A computer simulation will allow you to view a scene from any
point of view you wish. Yet, Joel does not use this basic
feature of all 3D modeling programs to prove his point.

Strange...

Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Salvaille

I am always suspicious of geek talk thrown in a conversation just to impress the gallery.

Is it possible to get _all_ the data and measurements used in the simulation?

Regards,

Serge

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

From: **Nathan G. Daniel** <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:04:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 14:42:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Daniel

>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)
>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>From: Nathan G. Daniel <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 00:17:40 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>The problem is that scientists are also people with what let's
>call worldviews. These can be religious, philosophical or what
>have you. Its very hard for anyone, scientists included, to
>claim to be unbiased about something like Meier which can have
>such a tremendous impact on one's worldview. In fact, sometimes
>the rhetoric on this list looks suspiciously like thinly
>disguised worldview (belief system) defense. A jaundiced view of
>literally every tidbit of evidence, and a repetitive tendency to
>shoot at the messenger are often good clues.

>Well, once you start playing with something as fundamental as
>someone's worldview, in most cases I suspect it becomes nearly
>impossible to proceed in a neutral, openminded way.

So, it seems that there is no measurement to determine a hoax?
That's why pathological liars and con-artists get a thrill to
enter this field that has no standards. Con-men can make big
bucks spinning tales for dummy consumption.

>Sometimes worldviews and rational inquiry just don't mix. And
>with Meier, you're dealing with a major worldview issue.

Are you saying there can be no reasonable and balanced
worldview?-- Should there be irrational inquiry by someone
without a history? Who's that?

Do you see that anyone who calls the case a hoax is defending
his worldview? So what, is that wrong? Depends on the worldview
I guess, huh? My worldview is if someone is going to deceive the
public by creating a hoax, that person has to be accountable for
it. We have laws that are supposed to protect the public from
criminals and racketeers. I'm told that the Meier case
constitutes mail order fraud; a violation of the Ricco Statue,
etc, and whatever.

Does your worldview entitle charlatans to benefit from raping a
gullible public of their money? Does your worldview have any
laws that protect the public from criminals and swindlers? I'm
sure it does. And if you think about it, most worldviews are
filled with religious and moral laws. Most of them teach that
stealing and lying is not acceptable and punishable by
imprisonment. In the Islamic world, a thief gets his hand cut
off. Maybe that's how Meier lost his arm.

>Your panel won't work. Its an attempt to rationally examine an
>issue that pummels too many people's belief systems. The
>panellists probably won't be able to examine it rationally, and
>whatever conclusion they reach won't settle a thing. (Did Condon
>settle anything?)

This doesn't have anything to do with belief systems if you are referring to religion. It has to do with real vs. fraud. How do you know panelists would not be able to examine it rationally? First of all, the Meier case is irrational to common knowledge of our world. How would you define the words, Fact, Conjecture, Fraud?

I believe and have witnessed supernatural events, miracle healings, and stuff that can't be proved by most scientific standards, but were are not dealing with the intangible here, were dealing with a conartist who hides the cards whenever you want to get a closer look at his claims. It's the same smoke and mirrors Magicians thrive off of-- illusion--they show you something from a controlled perspective. If you stand near a magician's shoulder, the illusion usually disappears. Slight of hand, trick cards, mirrors and smoke-- ever hear of those things? Magicians are famous for showing you something that isn't really what you think it is.

Don't get me wrong. I have a deep belief in supernatural events only because I witnessed them. And I believe that some UFOs could be ET crafts. But it seems like a heck of a lot of cases that have been around for decades have been debunked-- Adamski / The Trent pixs / and more... So what is real in this field? I believed Meier until we examined his case.

James Deardorff spins tale after tale in defense of the case with lunatic analyses, then tries to bait fellow researchers into a logical debate based on twisted logic. He will defend Meier's case to the death it appears, because he's embraced the case as his religion. He knows the biggest selling book in the world is the Bible, and his mission is to rewrite it. Deardorff already has done that with the Talmud Jmmanuel. Wonder how his bank roll is building?

Another thing regarding Pleaidian technology: Many cars now have antennas built into the windows. Let's see the Pleaidians are thousands of years more advanced than us puny humans...do the superior Pleaidians use antennas on their spacecrafts? Yes. Just like the toy models, cartoons, and sci-fi comic books of the 1940's and 50's. Seems like advanced Pleaidians use old world technology from the 20th century. But wait, James Deardorff and Billy Meier can explain it--the Pleaidians don't want to overload our brains with the sight of technology that is too advanced because we may model it and turn it into a weapon of destruction. Also because when we look at the archaic antenna it gives us dumb humans a feeling of nostalgia and remembrances of our first Sony portable radio. ---

The antenna also makes a good device to hang the beamship from when Billy takes his phony pictures.

Cheers,

N. Daniel
Official member of the vast right-left wing conspiracy to debunk hoaxer Billy Meier and the Pleaidians (soon to be a rock band.)

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:25:05 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 14:45:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:38:16 -0400
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:51:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I "happened" upon a site regarding the Trent photos that, in my
>>opinion, pretty much drives the nail in a coffin well worn from
>>being opened and closed too many times. Readers know my past
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>>convinced that they're fake..

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>>other photos. (most important!)

Bruce writes:

>However, it is much more complex than just noting Joel's
>suggestion that Trent photographed a truck mirror hanging from
>the overhead wires.

And it could very well be just that simple.

>My research initially concentrated on analyzing the photos to
>determine (a) whether or not there was direct evidence of a hoax
>(e.g., an image of a string from from the overhead wire to the
>top of the UFO), and (b) whether or not William Hartmann
>(astronomer) of Condon Report fame was blowing smoke when he
>claimed that his brightness analysis of the bottom of the UO
>(unidentified object) in the first photo indicate that the UO
>was a distant object and hence large.

>The result of my investigation was (a) no clear photo evidence
>of hoax and (b) yes, after corrections were taken into account
>(veiling glare and the ratio of brightness of a vertical white
>surface as compared to a horizontal white bottom surface....
>read the paper to find out what this means) Hartmann was correct
>in his distance calculations. However, as I pointed out, it
>PROBABLY would be possible to construct a model, probably from
>paper, that could be consistent with the brightness calculation.

As I have pointed out before, density readings of a photographed
object don't really amount to much unless you know the original
reflective properties of the object as a baseline for
comparison. Most importantly, simply knowing the reflective
properties of the object are not enough. If the same conditions,
lighting, film, processing, paper, etc are not present, then the
exact same object will give different readings in a second set

of photos. If the object were a mirror, then that would change things tremendously, as unknown factors come into play regarding what is reflected, whether the mirror's surface was dirty and diffused, etc. Density readings allow for an educated guess; but a guess, none the less.

Continuing, Bruce wrote:

>1) the first photo of Paul Trent DOES show the left (southwest)
>corner of the house at the right hand side,

<snip>

>This has an impact on Joel's computer model (scroll down on his
>page) where he shows the field of view of the first photo (white
>rectangle) superimposed on Hartmann's 1967 photo of the scene.
>Note that Joel's field of view rectangle on the SECOND photo
>does show the corner of the house.

A distinction without a difference, really. The point is whether or not Trent was in his back yard and if your info impacts the ability of Trent to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread.

It doesn't.

>2) I don't think the camera was as low as Joel assumes based on
>my estimate of where, on the photo, was the horizon.

Again, another distinction without a difference. The point is whether or not Trent was in his back yard and if your info impacts the ability of Trent to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread.

It doesn't.

>Unfortunately we don't know how Trent
>typically held the camera to take pictures and hence we don't
>know how he would be most likely to be holding the camera if
>taking a picture of a slowly moving object at some distance
>under these circumstances.

All very true. But the point is still whether or not Trent was in his back yard and if your info impacts the ability of Trent to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread.

It doesn't.

>I would place the altitude of the camera 6" to 1
>foot higher than Joel.

Okay. But the point is still whether or not Trent was in his back yard and if your info impacts the ability of Trent to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread.

It doesn't.

>it is true that
>Trent walked southward into the back yard quite a distance.

Okay, so Trent was in his backyard for some reason. Does this info impact the ability of Trent to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread?

It doesn't.

Bruce writes:

>it could be because he came on the run and, not knowing
>exactly where to look, he ran toward where his wife had been
>standing, or near there (She had been coming from behind, i.e.,
>south of, the garage and was walking toward the back door of the
>house.). Perhaps the momentum of his rapid motion out the back
>door carried him farther south than needed.

Maybe. On the other hand, maybe he just wanted a convenient way to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread.

Bruce also writes:

>None of the truck mirrors [Joel] suggests has
>exactly the same aspect ratio (length to width) or the same
>off-center "pole" (attachment post on the back of th mirror).

In my opinion, not true. The mirror attached to the truck on the right hand side of the web page is a ringer. In fact, it looks more like the UFO than the second photo of the UFO does!

>Also, a mirror hanging downward and photograped from below to
>give a (nearly, but not exactly!!!) elliptical bottom image as
>in photo 1, would provide a mirror reflection of the ground. The
>image of the bottom of the UFO is large enough so that a mirror
>reflection of the ground should have been apparent.

This is a real stretch, Bruce. The Trent photos are not clear enough to see detail in the UFO itself, much less reflections of the ground. In fact, the bare ground isn't even that sharp.

Continuing, Bruce writes:

>There is much more to this case than just the photo analysis.
>I have long pointed out that it would be possible to fake the
>photos. My own "preference" would be for a paper model. This
>would require the desire, the time, and the cleverness needed to
>make up a photo and a story to go along with it. the skeptics
>have pointed out "inconsistencies" in the Trents' stories as
>reported in the early newspaper accounts. These inconsistencies,
>they say, indicate a hoax in which the ostensible witnesses
>didn't get their stories straight. ON the other hand, if each
>interview had produced exactly the same information from both
>witnesses (although interviewed separately) the skeptics would
>have cried "HOAX!" because no one could remember things that
>perfectly and different people recall different aspects of the
>same event.

Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.

But what impact does this have on Trent's ability to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread?

Again, it doesn't!

There is nothing in Bruce's analysis to preclude the mirror from being the most likely "truth" of all that have been discussed to date.

In fact, here's what we don't know:

- 1) We don't know how far away the object is.
- 2) We don't know the reflective properties of the object.
- 3) We don't know why Trent would be in his back yard to shoot a real UFO.
- 4) We don't know how Trent held his camera.
- 5) We don't know how tall Trent is.
- 6) We don't know what color his socks were.

However, we do know this:

The pictures sure look like a truck mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread!

Roger

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Stacy

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Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 14:47:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Stacy

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs
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Jerry, List

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Dennis Stacy

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Mortellaro

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Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 14:59:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 16:16:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Mortellaro

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Jim Mortellaro

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>sewing thread!

Hello Roger, Bruce, List,

Correct me if I am wrong, Roger, as I like to have my bearings
set OK:

You started this thread by pointing at a "research" of Joel
Carpenter who "says" that the Trent photos are a hoax _because_
he has "proven" that the pictures were taken from a camera
positioned 3 feet above the ground, which is inconsistent with
Trent's story.

Right?

Right.

If one proves that Joel Carpenter is in error and that the
pictures were taken rather at a height consistent with Trent's
testimony, then:

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2. And the Trent photos are genuine?

I'd like you to answer this one, 'cause I'd like to know if

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If you are professing an opinion, we'll never get anywhere.

If you are expressing a conclusion, that will be great.

I understand that, through your eyes, the Trent pictures look like a truck mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread, but, you know, the Moon really looks like a piece of cheese.

Regards,

Serge

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 15:11:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 16:17:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>From: David Rudiak <DRudiak@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:53:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:41:54 -0400
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!

<snip>

>The mirror shows nothing but the reflected image of the light
>source. If the light source is bright, then the mirror appears
>bright. If the light source is dark, the mirror appears dark.
>If you reflect the night sky off a mirror, the mirror looks
>black. It doesn't matter that a mirror has high reflectivity.
>High reflectivity does not mean it appears bright.

>I don't think Carpenter understood my argument. A car mirror
>would have been reflecting an image of the ground towards the
>camera and would have appeared dark.

Hi, Dave, Roger, List:

Please see my post today in response to Bruce Maccabee.
Hartmann's densitometry measurements published in Condon are
consistent with distant terrain being reflected in the mirror on
the bottom of the UFO.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Thompson

From: Paul Thompson <MrApol@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 15:20:11 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 16:40:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Thompson

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47Expert@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 09:00:22 EDT
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>The old car mirrors are a cute suggestion for a hoax model, but there are
>four main problems with it:

>1. If it is allegedly a mass manufactured object then it must be
>possible to find the exact model -- not just an 'Approximate'
>likeness. 'Close' and 'similar' just don't cut it. Scientific
>testability is a two-way street. Skeptical hypotheses must be
>testable.

So we'll keep looking. Anyone want to check the DMV and find out
what kind of vehicles the Trents owned?

>2. The 'pole' in the Trent photos is obviously off center. Yet
>not a single one of the car/truck mirrors had an off-center
>mount.

A non-issue. Part of the asymmetry is due to the angle of shot,
and part is due to the fact that the center post is on a
ball-and-socket mount. (I used to have mirrors like this on my
motorcycle). In fact, let's turn this question around: if the
object is not a vehicle mirror, why is the center post tilted
the way it is?

>3. A heavy car or truck mirror suspended from the telephone
>wire above would cause the 30-40-foot wire to sag and/or
>have a point defect at the spot where the alleged fishing
>line was attached -- no such sagging or defect occurs.

Do you know how much they weigh? The chrome steel mirrors off my
Yamaha 650 weigh six ounces. A truck mirror probably weighs
more, but I would estimate it at well under a pound. I don't
think the wires (if they were even used) would sag under a small
burden like that.

Paul Thompson

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Actually, I am going to make things easy on Errol and address this post to Serge, Bruce, Brad, and any other proponents of the Trent photos. I feel the points I am bringing up will answer most of your individual questions.

Previously, I wrote:

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Serge replied:

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Hi, Serge.

No. Not at all. What I said is that I already had my own opinions as to why the Trent photos could be fake. A casual glance at the archives will bear this out. After looking at Joel's site, I felt sure that the photos are fake. Joel makes no claims of "proving anything". He is pretty level headed and Bob Young and I really had to twist his arm to allow the list access to his site. He presents his work and let's other people make up their own minds. I made up mine after looking at his work.

Moving on, you wrote:

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>I understand that, through your eyes, the Trent pictures look
>like a truck mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread, but,
>you know, the Moon really looks like a piece of cheese.

My position is simple:

Most things look like what they are; the moon not
withstanding.;

Therefore, if you look at the mirror attached to the truck on
the right hand side of Joel's web page and compare it to the
UFO, it is a ringer. It even has the offset "stem".

So the questions become easy:

1) Is it reasonable that Trent had easy access to such a mirror?

Yes. Very reasonable. As Joel's research shows, these mirrors
were very common.

2) Is it complicated to photograph the mirror suspended in the
air?

No. Very simple. Plain white sewing thread would do just fine.

3) Would such a technique defy detection using modern photo
analyzing methods.

Yes. Programs designed to "detect" the vertical thread can't do
it if the image is obscured due to contrast, overexposure or
"overbleed" from the surrounding sky. (I've used white sewing
thread many times and it has never let me down.)

4) Would it have to hang from the power or telephone lines?

No. Only proponents of the Trent photos have maintained that
position. The mirror is very small and would be easy to hang
fairly close to the camera by a variety of methods; some as
silly as a fishing pole.

5) Would Trent's camera height make a difference in achievability
of the shot?

None at all. In fact, Joel may or may not be right about the
camera height. It simply doesn't matter.

6) Would the type of camera make a difference?

None at all.

7) Would Trent get more believable results in his yard or
further out front?

Better results from the yard for 2 reasons. One, it is more
convenient for suspension. Two, the buildings provides a better
frame of reference than blank sky.

8) Would Trent have to be smart to do these things?

No. Nothing could be simpler than hanging an old truck mirror
from a piece of thread and snapping a shot.

9) How would Trent know this would work?

He wouldn't know until he got the pictures back. So what? And
let's not forget that there are frames missing from the
negatives. Perhaps some did NOT turn out!

10) Why would he do it?

A waste of time trying to answer that one. No one knows
another's motives.

Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

So there it is. To make a case against the probability of the mirror being the object takes a lot more "guesswork" than simply looking at the practicality of it all.

In short, the damn thing looks like a mirror; Trent had access and means. To make it more complicated than that is silly.

Roger

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Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 22:31:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:19:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Rimmer

>From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 14:59:21 EDT
>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Stacy
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 14:04:27 -0500
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>From: Dennis Stacy <dstacy@texas.net>
>>Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs

>>Jerry, List

>>Just out of curiosity, does anyone know if Michael Swords, Bruce
>>Maccabee, Richard Haines, Tom Deuley, John Schuessler, Ron
>>Westrum and Peter Sturrock paid any career penalties for their
>>public involvement with the UFO subject?

>>Dennis Stacy

>Just out of curiosity, does anyone know if Dennis Stacey paid
>any career penalties for his involvement with the UFO subject?

Well he got eased out of editing MUFON Journal for not toeing
the party line, didn't he, and allowing the occasional glimmer
of scientific scepticism through.

John Rimmer
Magonia Magazine
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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

From: **Brian Cuthbertson** <bdc@fc.net>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 17:21:29 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:16:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Cuthbertson

>From: Nathan G. Daniel <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:04:59 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <bdc@fc.net>
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>Your panel won't work. Its an attempt to rationally examine an
>>issue that pummels too many people's belief systems. The
>>panellists probably won't be able to examine it rationally, and
>>whatever conclusion they reach won't settle a thing. (Did Condon
>>settle anything?)

>This doesn't have anything to do with belief systems if you are
>referring to religion. It has to do with real vs. fraud. How do
>you know panelists would not be able to examine it rationally?
>First of all, the Meier case is irrational to common knowledge
>of our world. How would you define the words, Fact, Conjecture,
>Fraud?

Interesting wording: "the Meier case is irrational to common
knowledge of our world". Now, you say just below that you've
witnessed supernatural events. Would you term such events
"irrational to common knowledge of our world"? I sure would!

And yet you say they happened. Meier says his events happened.
At least Meier offers a few photos to back up his story. What do
you offer to back up yours? Why should I believe either one of
you? Maybe you're both charlatans. See?

When it comes to events "irrational to the common knowledge of
our world", whether you're Meier or Nathan Danial, there will be
a tremendous tendency for folks to refuse to believe any of it
because they weren't there themselves and it thoroughly
antagonizes their worldview. Get it yet?

>I believe and have witnessed supernatural events, miracle
>healings, and stuff that can't be proved by most scientific
>standards, but were are not dealing with the intangible here,

That's not as clear to me as it appears to be to you ...

>were dealing with a conartist who hides the cards whenever you
>want to get a closer look at his claims. It's the same smoke and
>mirrors Magicians thrive off of-- illusion--they show you
>something from a controlled perspective. If you stand near a
>magician's shoulder, the illusion usually disappears. Slight of
>hand, trick cards, mirrors and smoke-- ever hear of those
>things? Magicians are famous for showing you something that
>isn't really what you think it is.

>Don't get me wrong. I have a deep belief in supernatural events
>only because I witnessed them. And I believe that some UFOs
>could be ET crafts. But it seems like a heck of a lot of cases
>that have been around for decades have been debunked-- Adamski/
>The Trent pixs/and more... So what is real in this field? I

>believed Meier until we examined his case.

The Trent pixs haven't been proven debunked - not yet to me, anyway. But it is interesting that supernatural events are "OK" because you were actually there and saw the evidence. Meier however is a fraud and the Trent photos are bunkum. Of course, you weren't personally either place at the time ...

Yeah, I understand real well. It looks like the same thing I see over and over again in the list: reports of events so odd that only the folks who see them firsthand can accept them. Most everyone else suspects misperception, delusion, or fraud for profit. Same song, 3000th verse.

Ya just had to be there, ya know?

>James Deardorff spins tale after tale in defense of the case
>with lunatic analyses, then tries to bait fellow researchers
>into a logical debate based on twisted logic. He will defend
>Meier's case to the death it appears, because he's embraced the
>case as his religion. He knows the biggest selling book in the
>world is the Bible, and his mission is to rewrite it. Deardorff
>already has done that with the Talmud Jmmanuel. Wonder how his
>bank roll is building?

Your opinion. I've looked at Deardorff's material. He sounds like an honest investigator to me. This isn't to say I agree or disagree with him; I'm just not into formal religion enough to want to spend time delving into obscure religious detail.

But that last "bank roll" crack speaks more to me about you than him. If you have facts, spit 'em out. Character deprecation by indirect accusation is one of those red flags that lights up my screen big time. I've seen it in threads before; it was ugly then and its ugly now.

>Another thing regarding Pleaidian technology: Many cars now have
>antennas built into the windows. Let's see the Pleaidians are
>thousands of years more advanced than us puny humans...do the
>superior Pleaidians use antennas on their spacecrafts? Yes. Just
>like the toy models, cartoons, and sci-fi comic books of the
>1940's and 50's. Seems like advanced Pleaidians use old world
>technology from the 20th century. But wait, James Deardorff and
>Billy Meier can explain it--the Pleaidians don't want to
>overload our brains with the sight of technology that is too
>advanced because we may model it and turn it into a weapon of
>destruction. Also because when we look at the archaic antenna it
>gives us dumb humans a feeling of nostalgia and remembrances of
>our first Sony portable radio. ---

>The antenna also makes a good device to hang the beamship from
>when Billy takes his phony pictures.

I'd bet you can still find plenty of antennae on commercial and military vehicles, aircraft, and spacecraft. Cars aren't aircraft or spacecraft. If you can prove me wrong though, feel free. Otherwise, take a breather.

>Cheers,

>N. Daniel

>Official member of the vast right-left wing conspiracy to debunk
>hoaxer Billy Meier and the Pleaidians (soon to be a rock band.)

I will say one thing for you, Nathan: You sure know how to talk a thread to death. And the sarcasm is so thick it cloggs your points the way chlesterol clogs arteries. Your argument flow would be much better off without it, or at least a bit shorter.

My 2 cents,

-Brian C.

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:49:39 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:22:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:38:16 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

<snip>

>>Apparently some 'nasty slashes' occurred to the
>>negatives between 1950 and 1967. The right edge of th first
>>photo and the left edge of the second photo were cut by someone
>>years and years ago. (no, the cut edges do not fit together) and
>>only the newspaper reproductions provide the complete photos.

>Bruce, Roger, Mac, All:

>Is it possible, therefore, that there are missing frames from
>the Trent film roll, frames that never appeared in print? Are
>there any frame numbers on the negatives?

Physically possible since the negatives aren't numbered and
we can't hold up for examination all the negatives from the
roll the photos were in. (I tried to get Mrs. Trent to find other
pictures during the "heat " of my investigation 25 years ago...
but she never did provide anything else.)

>Hartmann did measure the density of a portion of the unexposed
>edge of the film negative, this is listed in one of his tables
>in Condon.

And so did I.

>>5) Joel is the first to suggest a truck mirror (other
>>suggestions have been garbage can lid light shade, pie tin,
>>paper model, etc.). None of the truck mirrors he suggests has
>>exactly the same aspect ratio (length to width) or the same
>>off-center "pole" (attachment post on the back of th mirror).

>There must have been many manufacturers and models of vehicle
>mirrors in the, say, years from 1930-1950.

Yeah, so what? I never said it would be impossible to fake the
photos. The fact that no one has come up with a commercially
available item that matches in aspect ratio, (width to
thickness), off center pole, etc. doesn't mean much, Can't prove
a negative.... that there is NO device out there that looks like
what they photoed and is also small and light weight enough to
hang. I do know the pie pans won't work (did that investigation
years ago).

Incidentally, any object perfectly round won't work either,. The UFO had short straight segments for edges at the left side of the image... oddly enough reminiscent of Arnold's Air Force sketches of the rear ends of the objects he saw!!!

>>Also, a mirror hanging downward and photographed from below to >>give a (nearly, but not exactly!!!) elliptical bottom image as >>in photo 1, would provide a mirror reflection of the ground.

>Evidently, it does. Hartmann's Table B (Scientific Study of >Unidentified Flying Objects, Bantam Edition, 1969, p 403) gives >densitometry results for different parts of the two negatives. >The results are normalized at 1.00 for the sky near the distant >horizon at 1.00. Listed here are a few results:

>Sky at distant horizon - 1.00
>Shaded bottom of the UFO .675
>Foreground underbrush .417
>Hill 1 .63
>Hill 2 .71
>Garage roof .489
>Illuminated metallic tank .86
>Shaded bottom of tank .48>

>These measurements seem to corroborate your hypothesis >that a suspended mirror would reflect the distant terrain.

Would be "violating physics" if the mirror reflection showed anything but the ground, considering that the tilt of a hypothetical nearby object would be small... that is the bottom surface was nearly horizontal/. Try holding a mirror horizontal and above your head... look up at it and. what do you see... sky or ground.

<snip>

>>6) There is much more to this case than just the photo analysis. >>I have long pointed out that it would be possible to fake the >>photos. My own "preference" would be for a paper model. This >>would require the desire, the time, and the cleverness needed to >>make up a photo and a story to go along with it.

>But a common truck mirror would be a lot simpler an explanation, >and would not require such cleverness.

There are lots of things that would be a "simpler explanation" but not fit the shape of the image.

>>Anyway, we have the Trents' whole life story to look at now, >>since they died several years ago. Anyone wishing to express an >>informed opinion of the case should read what I have written and >>also get a copy of the only video interview of the Trents, made >>in 1995 (2 years before Evelyn died). Contact Terry Halstead at >>halstead@pobox.com. Considering that this is the only video >>interview of two of the most famous people in UFO history (I bet >>that the Trent photos have been published more than any others) >>-- whether you think them nasty hoaxers or down-to-earth honest >>people - this is a UFO collector's item. At the very least the >>skeptics will want this video so that they can refute Mrs. >>Trent's statements, one by one, and demonstrate how she managed >>to bamboozle literally dozens of investigators, interviewers and >>just plain interested people for nearly 50 years!

>And even you?

Yup,. me, Hartmann, Philip Bladine (newspaper editor), Frank Wormann (banker who probably "owned" the Trents), Bill Powell (photo editor of the newspaper, did the first investigation of the photos), etc... see the third paper entry at the web site for a list of people who were bamboozled.

Of course, you weren't.

>Clear skies,

Would be nice!

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:26:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:54 EDT
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 11:08:09 -0700 (PDT)
>>From: Mac Tonnie <macbot@yahoo.com>
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>Hello, one and all...

<snip>

>>While the author if this page does a good job of illustrating
>>that Trent's camera angle was not what one would expect, one
>>must keep in mind that he didn't exactly "expect" to be
>>photographing a UFO.

>Mac, Roger:

>This would be true if Trent did not hoax the pixs. On the
>other hand, if he was taking a carefully staged pix, it may
>represent a good explanation for the angles.

>The really important thing about Joel Carpenter's hypothesis is
>the possible identity of the object, itself: a truck mirror.
>This would explain the brightness of the underside (mirror
>reflecting the sky or distant terrain), and the brightness of
>the (chromed) upper part. This brightness is what Condon Study
>investigator William Hartmann thought could indicate that the
>object was at a distance.

The underside of the mirror "points" downward. It is tilted by a
small angle toward the camera. Hence if it were reflective it
would reflect the ground, not the sky. If it reflected the sky
the bottom of the UO would be as bright as the sky (mirror,
remember? Good reflection?)

It is true that the relative_brightness of the bottom of the
UO caught Hartmann's attention (admirable observation
considering that the bottom of the UO appears dark against the
sky background.) What Hartmann noticed was that the bottom of
the UO was darker than the sky but brighter than the nearby
shadows, in particular the shadows under the tank. He noted
that if the UO were a model nearby the bottom would be shaded
from the sky and sun and hence ought to be at least as dark as
the shadows near the bottom of the tank. It was from that
observation that his whole analysis was to spring forth...and
then get criticized by Sheaffer... and then "rectified" by me.

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 15:12:29 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:40:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 21:39:46 -0500
>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 10:49:23 -0700
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:02:35 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Deardorff

>Previously, Jim wrote:

>>In my previous response to you on this list, you'll find the
>>focal length as obtained by Stevens and listed in his 1982 book
>>on p. 400. I had written:

>>"The same limb's left-to-right width, subtended along the
>>horizontal, is less, about 16 inches. This subtended width
>>occupies 13% of the 35mm film's width (or length in the film's
>>along-the-roll direction). Then knowing the camera's focal
>>length of 42 mm, one finds this blurry limb's distance from the
>>camera as having been 16 feet. This uses the "camera" equation:

>>Width of object on 35mm film Actual width of object
>>----- = -----
>> focal length in mm Actual distance from camera

>>End of quote. I.e., 42 mm focal length.

>Yes, having gone back over the previous posts, I see that you
>did mention the focal length as being 42mm. I wish I had seen
>that earlier as this conversation could have been a lot shorter.
>...

<snip>

Roger,

Now that you know the focal length, you may go back to the photo
itself and, checking out lengths of the out-of-focus tree
branches on the lower right of photo #57, using dimensions of
spruce/pine/fir/ tree needles/branches, form your own estimate
of how far away this tree branch was. Then let's see how this
fits in with your manual's statements of depth of focus, and
then estimate what the aperture setting may have been.

Jim

<http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj>

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Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:58:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:42:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <YoungBob2@aol.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:53 EDT
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <ufoman@ican.net>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:13:45 -0400

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>Personally, I think you're way off!

>>What about the similar craft photographed near Rouen, France,
>>four years later?

>Has the identity of the photographer and the circumstances of
>this picture ever been established?

Bob,

You ought to read the ending of thr third Trent paper at my web
site... to see the only info we have on the Rouen photo.

brumac.8k.com

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Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos@yorku.ca>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 20:05:12 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:45:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Balaskas

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:19:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>Thanks for your comments on this photo. The suggestion of a
>reflection from the canopy has, of course, been studied. (If I
>recall correctly it was Dr. Robert Nathan, photoanalyst formerly
>at JPL,, proposed this explanation years ago. Then rejected it.
>Nathan also proposed that the sun reflected off some bright
>object in the cockpit and that this reflection was, in turn,
>reflected by the cockpit window. This explanation, too, was
>rejected.)

Hi Bruce.

Did Dr. Robert Nathan publish his reasons for rejecting the possibility that the UFO in the photo was a reflection of the Sun, including a multiple reflection of the Sun off other instruments within the cockpit? If so, I would be interested to read on how he came to this conclusion. I think you will agree that one should never rule out any possibility simply on the opinion of a single person, even if he is a photoanalyst (or just me).

>(Your mention of his later claim that he "believes in UFOs"
>suggests that you would accept the hoax explanation. That is
>your decision. I reject the hoax explanation. He was completely
>cooperative in providing all the information he could including
>the original slide - which had been lost in James MacDonald's
>files for many years before I contacted Childerhose. If he had
>known it was a reflection it seems to me that he would have been
>worried that my investigation of the original slide would
>discover his hoax)

What criteria do you use to reject the possibility of a hoax? Can it ever be ruled out in single witness testimonies? I agree that my comments allow for the possibility that the pilot could have been involved in an intentional hoax but my thoughts at the time I wrote them was that the pilot's testimony could have been simply an honest interpretation of what he believed to be a UFO in one of the several photos he took after he got his pictures.

One colleague who saw both of the photos in your paper made some interesting comments which I think should be considered. First, he said that if he was the pilot and had such a close encounter with a large luminous UFO, he would have done more than just roll his aircraft to take a single photo which may not have turned out good. Second, he made a comment on how unexpected dark the CF-86 jets looked in the other photo considering they were flying above the clouds and are highly reflective aircraft. He went on to propose that if one of these other aircraft were at the right location and orientation relative to the Sun and the pilot who took the photo, this aircraft would seem to momentarily brighten to an intensity comparable to the Sun (much like an Iridium satellite flash that others have may have identified as a UFO). On film the aircraft would appear as a featureless blob of light but it would retain the width and height ratio of the CF-86, which the UFO in the photo seems to

do.

>The lack of other witnesses is not necessarily a good argument
>against the reality of the bright "thing" as an "object out
>there" in the sky.

It would help though, especially since this UFO was not your typical inconspicuous daylight disk but a large luminous object comparable to the brightness of the Sun. Just remember that even a small mirror will attract the attention of the few people in a large (say 100 square miles) area of wilderness by person who is lost.*

>We don't know what the cloud cover underneath the bright object
>was. Perhaps there was a dense layer at 5000 ft or so, This was,
>after all, a huge tunderstorm with associated clouds.
>Furthermore, it occurred over an area of low population,. We
>don't know how long this bright object was in the sky, maybe for
>only a few minutes. Had someone seen it he/she might have
>associated it with lightning phenomena related to the storm. And,
>lastly, even if someone had seen it and said "Aha, a UFO," said
>person would have a relatively high probability of not reporting
>it.

>So, for these reasons I accept the reality of an object..."out
>there."

Considering all these things you mention above which we do not know, I would say these are just additional reasons to doubt the reality that a true UFO was out there.

Since the luminous UFO in the photo the CF-86 pilot took seems to be surrounded by clouds in shadow, how would you account that they could remain so dark if there was a very bright UFO in their vicinity? Wouldn't these clouds facing the UFO be bright much like the clouds facing the Sun are as I mentioned in my original reply? I still think the reflection of sunlight off the aircraft canopy makes more sense. A large bright UFO near or within the clouds is not supported by what is observed in the photo.

Nick Balaskas

*Sometime in the early 1980's during a flight from Toronto to Los Angeles I saw a very bright spot on the ground from my airplane window. I could not figure out at the time why it remained so bright for so long - impossible for a stationary mirror. I noted its location and sometime after I returned home I discovered that there was a large multiple mirror solar energy collection structure located there. When one mirror or set of mirrors were no longer at the correct angle to reflect light from the Sun towards my airplane as it moved across the sky, then another mirror or set of mirrors would be. I really wanted it this to be a luminous UFO which had landed in the western U.S. desert below but it turned out to be something much less exciting.

P.S. There is an excellent review article in the August 15 issue of EOS, the newspaper of the American Geophysical Union, about Blue Jets, Red Sprites (with tendrils), Elves (expanding disks up to 100 km or more in size), Upward Superbolts (not yet confirmed by science) and many other transient luminous atmospheric events that are now accepted as real by scientists in only the past decade or so. Maybe the photo of the luminous UFO taken by the Canadian CF-86 pilot could have been a yet unknown atmospheric phenomena, possibly not unlike the bright lights seen by several commercial pilots over the night skies near Toronto a while back which one Russian scientist seemed to think could be evidence for his "geophysical meteors".

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>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:38:16 -0400
>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:51:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500
>>From: Roger Evans <raka@swbell.net>
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>I "happened" upon a site regarding the Trent photos that, in my
>>opinion, pretty much drives the nail in a coffin well worn from
>>being opened and closed too many times. Readers know my past
>>opinions on the photos. After looking at this site, I am now
>>convinced that they're fake..

>>Take a look for yourselves:

>><http://www.ufx.org/mcminn/photo.htm>

>>Make sure that you also go all the way to the end for links to
>>other photos. (most important!)

<snip>

>As I have pointed out before, density readings of a photographed
>object don't really amount to much unless you know the original
>reflective properties of the object as a baseline for
>comparison.

The shadowed bottom of the object is much too light to be explained as a nearby object no matter what you assume about its reflectively. That's all you really need to know. It would have to be "whiter than white", i.e. have a reflectively greater than 100% if illuminated by ambient lighting.

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But that's not your argument, is it, so why should I argue this for you?

>Most importantly, simply knowing the reflective
>properties of the object are not enough. If the same conditions,
>lighting, film, processing, paper, etc are not present, then the
>_exact_ same object will give different readings in a second set
>of photos. If the object were a mirror, then that would change
>things tremendously, as unknown factors come into play regarding
>what is reflected, whether the mirror's surface was dirty and
>diffused, etc. Density readings allow for an educated guess; but
>a guess, none the less.

A mirror facing the ground and only about 7 feet off the ground would reflect darkened ground whether the mirror was dirty and diffused or whether it was clean and specular. Or are we supposed to suspend laws of physics here to satisfy your religious beliefs?

>Continuing, Bruce wrote:

>>1) the first photo of Paul Trent DOES show the left (southwest)
>>corner of the house at the right hand side,

<snip>

>>This has an impact on Joel's computer model (scroll down on his
>>page) where he shows the field of view of the first photo (white
>>rectangle) superimposed on Hartmann's 1967 photo of the scene.
>>Note that Joel's field of view rectangle on the SECOND photo
>>does show the corner of the house.

>A distinction without a difference, really. The point is whether
>or not Trent was in his back yard and if your info impacts the
>ability of Trent to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of
>sewing thread.

>It doesn't.

>>2) I don't think the camera was as low as Joel assumes based on
>>my estimate of where, on the photo, was the horizon.

>Again, another distinction without a difference. The point is
>whether or not Trent was in his back yard

No, the point is not whether Trent was or was not in his back
yard. Talk about a pointless point.

>and if your info
>impacts the ability of Trent to shoot a mirror hanging from a
>piece of sewing thread.

Does any of your info impact the ability of Trent to shoot a
distant object from his backyard?

>It doesn't.

It doesn't.

>Unfortunately we don't know how Trent
>typically held the camera to take pictures and hence we don't
>know how he would be most likely to be holding the camera if
>taking a picture of a slowly moving object at some distance
>under these circumstances.

>ll very true. But the point is still whether or not Trent was
>in his back yard and if your info impacts the ability of Trent
>to shoot a mirror hanging from a piece of sewing thread.

>It doesn't.

More inanity. Earth to Roger. The point is not whether Trent was
in his backyard. Trent was in his backyard. He could film either
a model close up or an object in the distance from his backyard.
Am I going to fast for you here?

Here's the real point. If this was a car mirror suspended from
a thread, then there should be clear signatures in the photos
themselves that this was a mirror suspended from a thread.

First of all, where's the thread? Trent was only about 16-18
feet from the overhead power lines (the logical suspension
point) if this was a model. If he used typical sewing thread,
then it would be detectable on the negatives assuming it had
some contrast against the background. But there is no evidence
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or Trent cleverly chose a thread of about the same lightness as
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So when you keep saying it was a "mirror hanging from a piece of
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repeat yourself 100 times. It might be true, but it currently
isn't supported by any evidence.

Next, where's the evidence of sag in the overhead power lines
from the weight of a car mirror? You are now talking about
something relatively heavy compared to a paper plate or aluminum

>enough to see detail in the UFO itself,

Now let's see if I've got this straight. "The Trent photos are not clear enough to see detail in the UFO." But at the same time they show a nearby "mirror suspended by a sewing thread." If they were nearby and a car mirror on a ball pivot joint, they should be showing all sorts of detail proving exactly that, including a clear image of the ball joint itself and the frame around the mirror on the bottom.

But they don't. This can't be merely explained away by being out of focus because the camera was focused at infinity. If the mirror was only 16 feet away, it would be only slightly out of focus. (By comparison, the rear of the oil tank against the garage in photo 2 is only about 25 feet away, and the details are very clear.) The surrounding frame of the "mirror" holding the mirror in place would still be easily discernible, e.g., even with a slightly defocused image. But the bottom of the object is absolutely even in lightness. There is no indication, not even the slightest, of the surrounding frame that would have to be there to hold the mirror in place.

And that brings us to the next point:

>much less reflections of
>the ground. In fact, the bare ground isn't even that sharp.

Well lets do a little more math. Assume in the best case scenario the mirror is suspended only 16 feet away and 4 feet above the camera (to optimize bottom showing to the camera). Then the spot of ground reflecting towards the camera is 16 feet in front of that (from law of specular reflection). The total distance along the hypoteneuses is about 33 feet. For a camera focused at infinity (to produce maximum blur to your car mirror), 33 feet is going to be sharply in focus (remember the garage and oil tank at similar distances with sharp details?).

Grass is not absolutely even in texture. The mirror is going to be reflecting an image of the grass and we should be seeing significant variations in the lightness on the bottom of the object.

But we don't.

Roger's next weasel to try to avoid this physical fact would probably be what he stated at the beginning of his post:

"If the object were a mirror, then that would change things tremendously, as unknown factors come into play regarding what is reflected, whether the mirror's surface was dirty and diffused, etc. Density readings allow for an educated guess; but a guess, none the less."

In other words, Roger would probably argue, "But we don't know that the mirror was specular. It could have been dirty and diffused, etc., etc., in which case the variation in lightness across the bottom could have been even."

"Very true Roger," I respond. "But if it's not specular, then why are you arguing it must be a mirror and not a paper plate with a piece of paper glued across the bottom? That would form a natural diffuse surface, whereas you would expect a specular one from a 'car mirror.' Furthermore, a light paper plate would not deflect the overhead wires like a heavy 'car mirror.' It would be a hoax object that better fits that actual observed details of the photos."

"And finally, Roger, whether a mirror or a paper plate, specular or diffuse, a model with the observed bottom showing relative to the camera is definitely reflecting light primarily from the nearby dark ground and should be much darker than it is."

"Unless Roger, like a true pelicanist, you wish to suspend laws of physics just to suit your religious beliefs."

<Internal dialog mode off>

<snip>

>There is nothing in Bruce's analysis to preclude the mirror from
>being the most likely "truth" of all that have been discussed to

>date.

>In fact, here's what we don't know:

>1) We don't know how far away the object is.

To explain the light bottom and lack of details without jumping through a million contortions of logic and suspending physical law, the most economical explanation is a distant object with contrast reduced, shadows lightened, and details reduced by atmospheric haze.

But if you want to believe it must be a side view car mirror, which in Joel Carpenter's example was 4 to 5 inches across, then the object would be roughly 15-20 feet away. But then what happened to all the detail in the alleged car mirror and why is the bottom so bright?

2) We don't know the reflective properties of the object.

You insist it was a car mirror, meaning ordinarily specular. Whether specular or "dirty" and diffuse in its reflecting properties, it would be picking up light from nearby dark grass and appear much darker than what we see in the photos.

3) We don't know why Trent would be in his back yard to shoot a real UFO.

Perhaps because he lived there and Mrs. Trent called him from the back yard?

>4) We don't know how Trent held his camera.

I presume he held it in his hands. He could have taken the photos standing up looking down through an overhead view finder or crouching looking through the direct viewfinder. He would get the same pictures.

>5) We don't know how tall Trent is.

It really doesn't make a helluva lot of difference.

>6) We don't know what color his socks were.

We do know what color the grass was: dark green. That would be the source of the light for "a truck mirror" and would make the bottom of the "truck mirror" much darker than what is actually seen in the photo.

>However, we do know this:

>The pictures sure look like a truck mirror hanging from a piece of >sewing thread!

And we do know this. After your endless boring mantra of "a truck mirror hanging from a piece of thread.," you have provided zero evidence to support either a thread or a "truck mirror." The best evidence is from the pictures themselves, and they simply do not support it.

So after all this, we are merely back to your expression of personal religious belief.

David Rudiak

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Re: Eros' Square Craters - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 23:38:46 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:52:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Eros' Square Craters - Gates

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 22:09:38 -0400
>From: Ron Cecchini <Ron.Cecchini@GD-CS.COM>
>Subject: Eros' Square Craters
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

> (Sorry. I couldn't resist.)

>.....

>From: NASA Science News
>Subject: Square Craters

>NASA Science News for September 26, 2000

>NASA's NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft has spotted square-shaped
>craters on asteroid Eros, a telltale sign of mysterious
>goings-on in the asteroid belt long ago.

Ah Ha, you have just uncovered proof of Hoagland's mars
conspiracy because just everybody knows that there is absolutely
nothing that is "square" or "round" found in nature, therefore
it is a giant pattern that illustrates that those craters were
dug by alien caterpillar diggers many eons ago, when they used
such simple technology as we use now..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 23:42:51 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 09:55:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims - Gates

>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 21:34:34 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>From: Nathan G. Daniel <7starspublishing@onemain.com>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 12:02:05 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims
>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>This post from Nathan Daniel was so rife with false claims and
>distortions as to make Korff proud. Here was one of them:

>>Did you hear that Meier claimed that he was Jesus' savior? ...

>Totally false.

>>(Meier claimed that one of his pals socked Jesus in the face
>>and Billy put an end to it.)

>Meier claimed no such thing. The man with Meier at the time did
>NOT sock "Jesus" in the face and was no "pal" of Meier. The
>episode as it was actually reported is contained within Meier's
>Contact Notes, though in a section that Stevens deemed either
>too sensitive or too lengthy to reproduce in his Vols. 1-4 of
>_Message from the Pleiades_.

>Finally, do you realize that I've asked twice what it was you
>supplied Korff with, which he calls in his book (p. 83) "the
>most significant analysis of the 'Talmud of Jmmanuel' of this
>writing"? And which he summarized by saying that UV "even
>discovered evidence proving that the 'Talmud of Jmmanuel' does
>not contain Aramaic!"; So far you've failed to respond. Does
>that mean you now understand that a translation of an Aramaic
>document into German contains words written in German, not
>Aramaic?

>Jim Deardorff
><http://www.proaxis.com/~deardorj>

I think you guys are just Korff baiting with this thread if you
ask me...

Cheers,

Robert

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Politics of UFOs/Disclosure Town Hall Meeting

From: **Steven G. Bassett** <ExPPAC@aol.com>
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 03:56:56 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 10:04:22 -0400
Subject: Politics of UFOs/Disclosure Town Hall Meeting

Politics of UFOs/Disclosure Town Hall Meeting in Santa Clara

X-PPAC
Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee

Press Release September 27, 2000

Washington, DC - As announced Tuesday evening on Coast to Coast AM with Mike Siegel, The Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee (X-PPAC), with the support of numerous co-sponsors, will hold a town hall meeting confronting the politics of UFOs/disclosure at the Santa Clara Convention Center at Great America on October 13, 2000. Additional sub-themes such as secrecy reform and intelligence agencies abuse, will also be addressed.

This will be the first town hall meeting of its kind ever held during a presidential campaign, or perhaps at any time, in the United States. Between 600 and 1200 citizens will be able to address unscripted questions to a broad panel of experienced members of the UFO/ET research/activist movement, political professionals, and campaign 2000 presidential/senate candidates (should they agree to appear).

The Politics of UFOs/Disclosure Town Hall Meeting at Santa Clara will have some similarities to the many town hall meetings conducted by ABC Nightline on a range of issues over the past two decades. Additional information is available at the Town Hall Webpage [www.x-ppac.org/TownHall.html].

Formal invitations to appear were sent to seven presidential and three California Senate campaigns on September 13. Seven possible dates were provided for consideration, and negotiations were begun immediately. As of this press release, three presidential campaigns (Democrat, Republican and Constitution) and two California Senate campaigns (Republican and Green) have declined the invitation. Negotiation with five other campaigns continues.

In addition to candidates there will other presenters and surprise guests. These include: Frances Barwood (via videotape), Stephen Bassett, Barry Bitzer, Elaine Douglas, Peter Gersten, Heather Harder, Richard Hoagland, Daniel Sheehan (via videotape), Ron Regehr, and Alfred Webre. Others are expected and will be announced at a later time.

The role of X-PPAC is to assist in driving political action, educate the political leadership, raise public awareness, and create a partnership between the American people and their government as regards the most important event in human history.

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Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 08:46:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 10:09:17 -0400
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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@compuserve.com>
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

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>Incidentally, any object perfectly round won't work either,. The
>UO had short straigh segments for edges at the left side of the
>image... oddly enough remeniscent of Arnold's Air Force sketches
>of the rear ends of the objects he saw!

Well, there's the problem! It is pelicans!

Sorry....couldn't resist :)

Bobbie

Bobbie "Jilain" Felder
--->backwoods of Mississippi
--->USA
--->planet Earth
--->somewhere in the cosmos

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~~~Tell me not, in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream!  
For the soul is dead that slumbers  
And things are not what they seem~~~

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Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 10:51:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:30:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Kaeser

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>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca) <<mailto:updates@sympatico.ca>>

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>So there it is. To make a case against the probability of the  
>mirror being the object takes a lot more "guesswork" than simply  
>looking at the practicality of it all.

>In short, the damn thing looks like a mirror; Trent had access  
>and means. To make it more complicated than that is silly.

>Roger

I think that it has been accepted that it was possible to fake the photos involved, but most of us would want to take it further than simply a possibility (which you further speculate is a probability). Of course, this analysis only looks at the images and ignores the witness statements and the statements of investigators who have examined their involvement in this matter for years.

Unfortunately, this genre requires the proverbial "smoking gun" to resolve issues of dispute, and that simply isn't seen in the information being provided. More information to review as the case is re-examined, but nothing that would put this matter to rest and allow us to close the book on this particular sighting.

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>underneath the object to supply the extra needed light.

>But that's not your argument, is it, so why should I argue this  
>for you?

Agreed. You have no idea what was reflected in the bottom of the mirror so why argue about something that you don't know and have no baseline for comparison.

Continuing, David wrote:

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>would reflect darkened ground whether the mirror was dirty and  
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>supposed to suspend laws of physics here to satisfy your  
>religious beliefs?

Boy, is this boring. Again, you have no idea what was reflected in the bottom of the mirror so why argue about something that you don't know and have no baseline for comparison. There are no laws of physics to apply here as you have no baseline for comparison. Can't you understand this?

Continuing, David wrote:

>Trent was in his backyard. He could film either  
>a model close up or an object in the distance from his backyard.

At least we agree on something!

Moving on, David declares:

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>a thread, then there should be clear signatures in the photos  
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>or Trent cleverly chose a thread of about the same lightness as  
>the background, meaning that there is insufficient contrast to  
>find it on the negatives.

Let me get ths straight, David: For you to believe that the mirror was hung with thread, you'd have to see it in the negatives. For that to happen, a black or dark thread would have to be used against a white sky. Now, by your own admission, a white thread ("cleverly chosen") that had no contrast against a white sky would not show up, as evidenced by the lack of visible support in the photos.

Let me ask you: How clever do you have to be to know NOT to use black thread against a white sky? Granted, there is no guarantee that using a white thread will work. However, YOU seem to think that it would. Why wouldn't Trent? Oh, that's right. He's not as "clever" as you. Only YOU would know not to use a black thread against a white sky. Duh!

David rages on:

>So when you keep saying it was a "mirror hanging from a piece of  
>sewing thread", you are merely stating one of your usual  
>unsupported opinions. It is not a statement of fact, even if you  
>repeat yourself 100 times. It might be true, but it currently  
>isn't supported by any evidence.

Sure it is, David. You just gave it support in the above paragraph when you suggested:

>Trent cleverly chose a thread of about the same lightness as  
>the background, meaning that there is insufficient contrast to  
>find it on the negatives.

Therefore it IS possible to suspend the mirror without detection. Now all we need is another mirror that looks like the one in the Trent photos. Oh! That's right, we DO!

Painfully, David asks:

>Next, where's the evidence of sag in the overhead power lines  
>from the weight of a car mirror? You are now talking about  
>something relatively heavy compared to a paper plate or aluminum  
>tart pan, which would cause no sag of any significance. The  
>power lines the Trents ran to the garage were not heavy duty.  
>They were used to light a single light bulb in the garage and  
>light in front of the garage. The answer is there is no  
>noticeable sag in the power lines, a point Brad Sparks made.

Frankly this is an often repeated dumb and desperate point. There is NO reason that Trent would have to use the power lines for suspension. Also, even if that were the case, a mirror weighs virtually nothing. The power lines wouldn't even show an effect of such negligible weight. And, by the way, this is a fact, not my opinion.

David writes:

>That's strikes two against a "mirror hanging from a piece of  
>sewing thread."

Wrong on both counts, David. All you've done so far is prove that you guys are still desperately guessing and have now tried to introduce unrelated information in an effort to confuse the issue.

Regarding possible reflections, David offers:

>I've been to the Trent place twice Roger, once in April and once  
>in June. It nothing but lush, dark green grass growing there.  
>This is western Oregon. It rains a lot there. And in 1950,  
>according to newspaper stories from local newspapers I checked,  
>this had been one of the rainiest years on record.

Okay, so it rained alot. Okay, so you went there in April and and June. Okay, so there's grass growing there now. What is important is that you were NOT there when Trent took the pictures and landscape changes a lot over time. I have pictures of my parents house taken 40 years ago and there is nothing but white dirt in the photos where now stands a perfect, green lawn. Most importantly, working farms and rural homestead plots usually had little grass due to animals, foot traffic, wagons, general traffic, etc.

The bottom line is you are STILL operating on assumptions, so my counter-assuptions about the ground are just as valid! Neither of us was there when the photos were shot, so why argue about it?

David writes:

>Now let's see if I've got this straight. "The Trent photos are >not clear enough to see detail in the UFO." But at the same time >they show a nearby "mirror suspended by a sewing thread." If >they were nearby and a car mirror on a ball pivot joint, they >should be showing all sorts of detail proving exactly that, >including a clear image of the ball joint itself and the frame >around the mirror on the bottom.

>But they don't. This can't be merely explained away by being out >of focus because the camera was focused at infinity.

Holy cow! Hold the presses! David must have, indeed, been there when Trent shot the photos! He knows that the camera was focused to infinity! Before we go any further, David, you MUST back up that statement. How the HELL do you know that the camera was focused to infinity? We'll discuss depth of field issues after that...

For the record, I never said that the mirror was out of focus. I simply stated what is true: The photos are not very good and don't have much detail. If the mirror were moving slightly, then detail would be obscured. After all, much has been made of the limited 50th of second shutter speed fo the Roamer I camera. Furthermore, if the camera were hand held, things in the foreground would be more affected by hand movement than things in the distance. In all, there are a variety reasons why the photos are not very good. However, the main point remains: They're good enough to tell that the thing hanging out there looks like a truck mirror!

Finally, David attempts to put words in my mouth by writing:

>In other words, Roger would probably argue, "But we don't know >that the mirror was specular. It could have been dirty and >diffused, etc., etc., in which case the variation in lightness >across the bottom could have been even."

In all, not a bad way of putting, actually!

David then replies to himself:

>"Very true Roger," I respond. "But if it's not specular, then >why are you arguing it must be a mirror and not a paper plate >with a piece of paper glued across the bottom?"

Uh... because it looks exactly like the photo of the truck mirror? Sheesh...

Continuing, David writes:

>Furthermore, a light paper plate would not >deflect the overhead wires like a heavy 'car mirror.' It would >be a hoax object that better fits that actual observed details >of the photos."

You guys and the damn power lines. Get real. The power lines don't have to be involved and wouldn't be affected, even if they were. This is nothing but a diversion from the real issue at hand: The thing in the Trent photos looks like the truck mirror and would produce the same results if suspended from a white piece of sewing thread; a technique that you admit would work (and apparently has!).

Finally, David writes:

>"Unless Roger, like a true pelicanist, you wish to suspend laws  
>of physics just to suit your religious beliefs."

>And we do know this. After your endless boring mantra of "a  
>truck mirror hanging from a piece of thread.," you have provided  
>zero evidence to support either a thread or a "truck mirror."  
>The best evidence is from the pictures themselves, and they  
>simply do not support it.

>So after all this, we are merely back to your expression of  
>personal religious belief.

Uh, what's with the "pelicanist" and "religious beliefs"  
nonsense?

Am I the one ignoring obvious photographic evidence of the truck  
mirror?

No.

Am I the one reduced to making assumptions about incomplete data  
because I have no baseline for comparison?

No.

Am I the one trying to smokescreen the facts by focusing on  
information such as the powerlines that has NOTHING to do with  
the discussion?

No.

Am I the one that hangs on to a belief despite obvious visual  
evidence to the contrary?

No.

In all, David, name calling is the last refuge for the  
defenseless. Have you reached that point so quickly?

Insults notwithstanding, I will play your game:

On the one hand, you seem to feel that the data from the photos  
regarding reflections and density readings is conclusive,  
despite the obvious fact that there is NO baseline for  
comparison; only assumptions. Yet more obvious data (such as the  
fact that the object looks EXACTLY like a truck mirror) is  
ignored, even though there IS a basis for comparison!

Certainly, you have better reasoning powers than that! After  
all, you are clever enough to know that white sewing thread  
would be perfect to hang the truck mirror from.

Gee. I wonder if Mrs. Trent could have possibly had any white  
cotton sewing thread...

Nah! That's crazy talk!

Roger

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## Another UFO Fighter Plane

From: **Dennis Stacy** <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 10:48:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:35:18 -0400  
Subject: Another UFO Fighter Plane

List,

All you fans of military UFOs should check out the following:

[http://www.boeing.com/news/releases/2000/news\\_release\\_000927n.htm](http://www.boeing.com/news/releases/2000/news_release_000927n.htm)

Click on the picture at top to enlarge. You can also download a short video of the thing in flight.

Also a picture of Boeing's UCAV pilotless plane in today's NY Times.

Dennis Stacy

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 12:47:29 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:45:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 22:02:54 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:38:16 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 19:51:28 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500  
>>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

I agree with David Rudiak's calculations presented in his most recent post:.

Lets go Full Monte Hoax Trent Photos Blowout and assume a 4" (or 5") diameter mirror hanging from ANY suspension (you pick it) at a particular distance such that the round (Perfectly Round) mirror makes an image 2.92 mm wide (see Figure 6 of the third Trent paper at [brumac.8k.com/papers](http://brumac.8k.com/papers)). Now, what might that distance be, hmmm? Not the distances that have been discussed before. The focal length of the camera we now know (Thanks to Carpenter and others... see near the end of the third Trent paper) was about 101 mm. Hence to get a 2.92 mm wide image from a round mirror, viewed obliquely so that the mirror looks like a PERFECT ellipse (but the UO image is not a perfect ellipse....see Figure 6... oh, well, let's do it anyway)

$4" \times 101\text{mm}/2.92\text{mm} = 138" = 11.5 \text{ ft}$   
(If a 5" diameter mirror the distance was =14.4 ft) This is the radial distance from the camera lens to the UO hanging from a "skyhook" ( a real flying saucer came along and dropped down a suspension to hang the model from. HAHAAHAHAHA.... uh oh, here they come to take me away.... again.....)

Assume also that the mirror was 8 ft above the ground and the camera was at low waist height of 3 ft (remember, full monte hoax blowout hypothesis; my own belief is that the camera was 40 or more inches above ground)

Now we have a triangle with the line of sight from the camera to the UO forming a hypotenuse of 11.5 ft (or 14.4 ft) and a vertical rise underneath the UO of  $8 - 3 = 5 \text{ ft}$ . The angle (oops, trigonometry here, sorry folks) would be  $\arcsin(5/11.5) = 25.8$ . This is the angle between the line of sight and any HORIZONTAL surface, such as the bottom surface of the hypothetical mirror, IF it were parallel to the ground (most likely if suspended by a thread attached to a "pole" at the center of the back of the mirror frame).

Hmmm, amusing.

IF this were a round mirror, the ratio of the minor axis to the major axis of the (nearly!!) elliptical image of the UO bottom would correspond to a tilt of the flat mirror surface with respect to the LINE OF SIGHT from the camera to the center of

the UO image of (more trigonometry)  $\arcsin(.35) = 21$  degrees (about) where .35 is the ratio of the minor axis (vertical width of the ellipse) to the major axis (length).

That means that if the mirror surface were horizontal the angle from the camera to the center of the mirror (or vice versa) would be 21 degrees, not 25.8.

But we just calculated 25.8 degrees as the angle between the line of sight and the surface of a HORIZONTAL mirror (mirror surface parallel with the ground). That means the assumption about the height of the mirror above the camera must be wrong. The angle calculated from height and distance can be LESS than 21, but not more,.

What about the 5" mirror assumption at 14.4 ft?

Now the angle of elevation of the mirror above the camera would be  $\arcsin(5'/14.4') = 20.3$ . This is close.

Make it 5.15 ft and get 20.95 which is close enough to 21.. Alternatively we could "save" the 4" mirror hypothesis by reducing the altitude difference from 5 ft to, say, 4.1 ft (UO 7 ft above ground, camera 3 ft above ground)  $\arcsin(4.1'/11.5') = 20.9$  degrees . Close enough

(Note to Rudiak and Sparks: previously we have "mixed hypotheses" ... which, like mixed metaphors, is a dangerous thing. Previously we used distances like 16 ft from the camera to the UO suspension point if a model because that was what came out from our calculations. This resulted in the angle from the camera to the bottom of a model UO being smaller than 21 degrees (e.g., 5 ft rise but 16 ft horizontal distance corresponds to 17 degrees). We made up the difference between 21 and the elevation of the sighting line by assuming the UO was tilted toward the camera by a small amount. (e.g.  $21 - 17 = 4$  degree tilt of bottom of UO). Naturally I was surprised to find that the "full monte truck mirror blowout hypothesis" resulted in a distance short enough that there is no tilt of the UO required!!! Not that it matters. HAHAHA)

SO: we could have a 4" mirror 4.1' up and 11.5' radially away which is  $11.5\cos(20.3) = 10.8$  ft horizontal measure

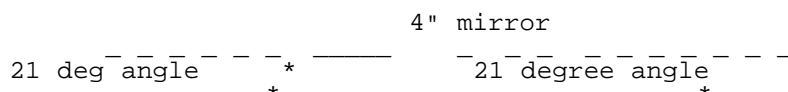
or we could have a 5" mirror, 5.15' up and 14.4' radially away from the camera which is  $14.4 \cos(20.3) = 13.5'$  horizontal measure

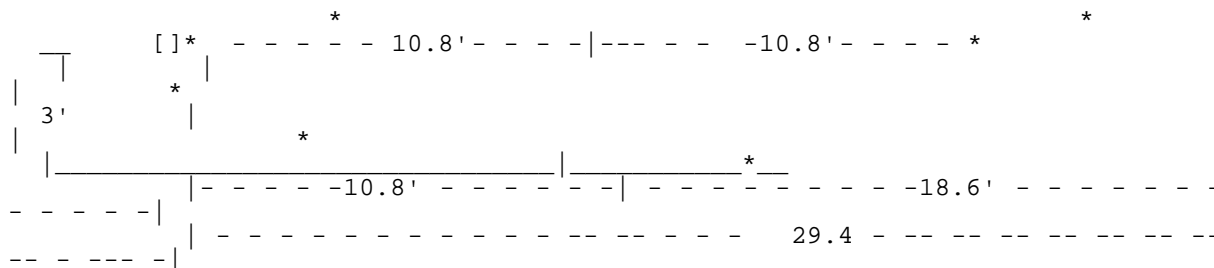
There is a "small" thing about a mirror: a light ray incident at some angle, say A, on the surface (angle measured between the ray and the surface) will bounce off at the SAME angle (angle of reflection =angle of incidence.... a fact that some skeptics seem to have ignored or not understood).

Thus, with a horizontal mirror, a light ray FROM the camera to the mirror making an angle of 21 degrees with the mirror surface would bounce off making another angle of 21 degrees. Since the initially the ray is going upward from the camera to the surface the reflection will go downward. But downward is toward the ground.

Those of you who understand what is going on here will realize immediately from the symmetry of the situation that the light ray would pass through a point at the same distance as the camera is from the mirror and at the same altitude as the camera is below the mirror. I hope the little sketch below comes out (try variable or fixed font to make it work)

Thus the ray will pass through a point 3' up from the ground and 21.6' from the camera (if the 4" mirror is used as below) and continue down another 3 ft and picking up another  $3\text{ft}/\tan(21) = 7.8$  ft of horizontal distance before it hits the ground at  $10.8+7.8 = 18.6$  ft from below the mirror or  $10.8 + 18.6 = 29.4$  ft from the camera.





Then the ray will continue down until it hits the ground , umm, but not at the distant horizon. (Sorry!)

If the mirror were 5" in diameter the numbers would be as follows: 13.5 ft horizontal measure from lens to underneath the mirror. Since the angle is still 21 degrees the added distance of the ray in traveling from 3 ft to the ground (right side of diagram) is still 7.8 ft = 3/tan(21). Hence the light ray would hit the ground 13.5 + 13.5 + 7.8 = 34.8 ft from the camera.

OK, so now reverse the picture. INstead of light going from the camera to the ground, the light actually comes from the ground. It follows the same path upward toward the mirror and then downward toward the camera lens. This, then is the source of light IF THE UO WAS A MIRROR hanging by some means.

Roger pointed out that the relative brightness of the bottom of the UO in Hartmann's measurements was comparable to that of the distant horizon. He used this as support for the suggestion by Joel that the UO could have been a truck mirror hanging from a suspension. What Roger, and Joel earlier, apparently didn't (could not? ) understand was that this coincidence in brightness is irrelevant IF THE UO was a mirror... because the mirror would not be reflecting light from distant ground or the horizon!!!!

The mirror would be reflecting light from the nearby grass or perhaps the driveway surface (bare dirt). Perhaps the ground could be as bright as the distant horizon, but I doubt it.

A dirty mirror surface would reflect less light than a clean surface but it would still be light from the ground.

The bottom line is that the mirror hypothesis is certainly not supported by the relative brightness of the bottom of the UO. Whether or not it is contradicted by the relative brightness as a point that may not be resolvable since we have no photography of the ground that would allow an estimate of the relative brightness of the ground (grass, dirt) itself under the same lighting conditions.

On the other hand, the distance measured along the light path would not be great (about 30 ft) and so the mage of the ground as reflected in the mirror bottom of the UO should be resolved. One can see small variations in the wall of the garage at a comparable distance, so one would expect to see variations in the reflected image of the ground., the "structure" of the reflected portion of the ground. There is no such structure in the image.

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Then there is the matter of non-roundness. The UO image is NOT a perfect ellipse. The left edge has two, perhaps three straight sections. Have to look at this carefully to see one of the "points" made by the intersection of straight segments. From the exact left end of the blowup (see brumac.8kcom/trent1.html; scroll down) draw a straight line segment upward and to the right at about 50 degrees compared to horizontal on the picture. Make the line segment about 0.7 inch long. Now draw a straight line from that point with a slope of about 15 degrees for a distance of about 1.1 inches.

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If Roger want's to "believe" (there's that word again) that the Trent's hoaxed their pictures using a truck mirror... then that's his prerogative.

There isn't any proof that they did so and some evidence rejects the hypothesis. (Note: the non-roundness of the bottom of the UO image rejects any hypothesis that makes use of a perfectly round model)

This is no better or worse than my claim.... made for the last 25 years.... that, frpm the point of view of photo analysis there was no proof of a hoax, nor was there proof against a hoax (Brad might argue with this). I, myself proposed a hoax hypothesis that would satisfy ALL the characteristics of the UO image (including non-roundness as a probable accident in building a paper model... couldn't cut a perfect circle).

The photo acts as an aide to the witness' memory ... that's all. The evidence against a hoax must come from the circumstances surrounding the photo. I found nothing in the circumstances that would indicate the Trents did or would even think of creating any hoax, practical joke, whatever. They were too busy surviving.

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:46:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:56:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:54 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>It is true that the relative\_brightness of the bottom of the  
>UO caught Hartmann's attention (admirable observation  
>considering that the bottom of the UO appears dark against the  
>sky background.) What Hartmann noticed was that the bottom of  
>the UO was darker than the sky but brighter than the nearby  
>shadows , in particular the shadows under the tank. He noted  
>that if the UO were a model nearby the bottom would be shaded  
>from the sky and sun and hence ought to be at least as dark as  
>the shadows near the bottom of the tank. It was from that  
>observation that his whole analysis was to spring forth...and  
>then get criticized by Sheaffer... and then "rectified" by me.

Bruce, et al.:

Yes, as I noted in my previous post, Hartmann's densitometry  
measurements are consistent with a hypothetical mirror  
reflecting distant terrain:

>Table B (Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects,  
>Bantam Edition, 1969, p 403) gives densitometry results  
>for different parts of the two negatives. The results are  
>normalized at 1.00 for the sky near the distant horizon  
>at 1.00. Listed here are a few results:

>Sky at distant horizon - 1.00  
>Shaded bottom of the UFO .675  
>Foreground underbrush .417  
>Hill 1 .63  
>Hill 2 .71

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Simone Mendez

From: **Karl Pflock** <[Ktperehwon@aol.com](mailto:Ktperehwon@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 14:26:25 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:49:29 -0400  
Subject: Simone Mendez

TO ALL AND SUNDRY -- Today is Simone Mendez' 41st birthday and she's been MIA for more than a year.

A few days ago, Jim Moseley had a call from one of her brothers, asking if he or I knew of her whereabouts. Simone has been out of touch with her family for even longer than she's been out of touch with Jim and me, and they are quite worried about her. Simone has been estranged from them for decades, but nonetheless, they do remain concerned about her welfare.

Does anyone out there have any idea where Simone might be? If so, I'd appreciate knowing or having a message conveyed to her to get in touch with Jim or me. Please tell her that we will respect any confidentiality requirements she may have--including not passing anything along to her family unless she explicitly authorizes it.

Thx. -- Cheers, KARL

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## Re: Eros' Square Craters - Tonnies

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot@yahoo.com](mailto:macbot@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 11:42:03 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:52:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Eros' Square Craters - Tonnies

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 23:38:46 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Eros' Square Craters  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>NASA's NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft has spotted square-shaped  
>craters on asteroid Eros, a telltale sign of mysterious  
>goings-on in the asteroid belt long ago.

>Ah Ha, you have just uncovered proof of Hoagland's mars  
>conspiracy because just everybody knows that their >is  
>absolutely nothing that is "square" or "round" found in nature,  
>therefore it is a giant pattern that illustrates that those  
>craters were dug by alien caterpillar diggers many eons ago,  
when they used such simple technology as we use now.....:)

While I don't think the square craters on Eros are likely artificial, the notion of keeping an eye on asteroids for signs of intelligent activity isn't a bad idea. If we've been visited (or have been visited) by an extrasolar civilization, the Asteroid Belt would provide a wealth of raw materials for construction, life-support, etc. Gregory Benford and Gerard K. O'Neill have made similar comments.

O'Neill, specifically, noted that the low gravity on asteroids would make them especially attractive celestial real-estate for shipping/launching purposes.

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MTVI: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/mtvi.html>  
Cydonian Imperative: <http://www.geocities.com/macbot/cydonia.html>

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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:54:37 -0400  
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>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:58:36 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:53 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Michel M. Deschamps <[ufoman@ican.net](mailto:ufoman@ican.net)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 20:13:45 -0400

>>>What about the similar craft photographed near Rouen, France,  
>>>four years later?

>>Has the identity of the photographer and the circumstances of  
>>this picture ever been established?

>Bob,

>You ought to read the ending of the third Trent paper at my web  
>site... to see the only info we have on the Rouen photo.

>brumac.8k.com

Bruce,

Thanks for reminding me where I had seen this. For the benefit  
of others, I am taking the liberty of quoting from your report:

"THE ROUEN PHOTO

In 1957 two magazines, the Flying Saucer Review and the Royal  
Air Force Flying Review both published a photograph that was  
said to have been taken by a French military pilot. These  
publications are illustrated in the files labelled  
TrntRouenFSR.jpg and TrntRouenRAFFR.gif. The text of neither  
publication discussed the photo and the only information is  
contained within the photo caption. At my request Claude Poher,  
formerly of the French National Space Agency (CNES), tried to  
locate the presumably French military source for the photo. At  
the same time I contacted the publishers of both the magazines.  
This was done in the 1976-1977 time frame, 20 years after the  
photo was published. In both cases the search ended in failure  
to locate the original source.

About all that can be said about the image in the photo is that  
it is clearly the same sort of object as appears in the Trent  
photo #2 but it is not simply a "rephotograph" of the Trent  
photo because the orientation in 3-D space is different, i.e.,  
the object in the Rouen photo is rotated somewhat from the  
orientation in Trent #2. If the story behind the photo is  
correct, that it was taken by a French military pilot, then it  
provides strong corroboration for the Trent photos.  
Unfortunately we will probably never know whether or not the  
Rouen photo is actually what it purports to be."

A really ugly thought just popped up. What if the Rouen photo  
\_is\_ part of the missing piece of Trent film? Does anybody happen  
to know which magazine, FSR or the Royal Air Force journal,  
published the pix first?

Hey, just trying to keep the pot stirred.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 15:00:26 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:56:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 22:02:54 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 11:40:13 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>The shadowed bottom of the object is much too light to be  
>explained as a nearby object no matter what you assume about  
>its reflectively. That's all you really need to know. It would  
>have to be "whiter than white", i.e. have

No, if the object were a mirror, the image of distant terrain  
would be similar to the actual image of the same terrain.  
Hartmann's densitometry, published in Condon, is consistent with  
this.

<snip>

Or a light colored nylon fishing line.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 15:04:53 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:58:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 08:46:38 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: Bobbie Felder <[jilain@digidezign.com](mailto:jilain@digidezign.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!

>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:49:39 -0400  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

<snip>

>>Incidentally, any object perfectly round won't work either,. The  
>>UO had short straigh segments for edges at the left side of the  
>>image... oddly enough remeniscent of Arnold's Air Force sketches  
>>of the rear ends of the objects he saw!

>Well, there's the problem! It is pelicans!

Hi, Bobby, Bruce, the list:

I doubt that, but maybe just an old, dented edged mirror Trent  
had laying around in his garage.

Someone is probably going to get me in a discussion about how I  
have not proven that the thing was originally in his garage.

Clear skies,

Bob Young

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From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 15:05:18 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:59:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:49:39 -0400  
>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:57 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 26 Sep 2000 18:38:16 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>Anyway, we have the Trents' whole life story to look at now,  
>>>since they died several years ago. Anyone wishing to express an  
>>>informed opinion of the case should read what I have written and  
>>>also get a copy of the only video interview of the Trents, made  
>>>in 1995 (2 years before Evelyn died). Contact Terry Halstead at  
>>>[halstead@pobox.com](mailto:halstead@pobox.com). Considering that this is the only video  
>>>interview of two of the most famous people in UFO history (I bet  
>>>that the trent photos have been published more than any others)  
>>>-- whether you think them nasty hoaxers or down-to-earth honest  
>>>people - this is a UFO collector's item. At the very least the  
>>>skeptics will want this video so that they can refute Mrs.  
>>>Trent's statements, one by one, and demonstrate how she managed  
>>>to bamboozle literally dozens of investigators, interviewers and  
>>>just plain interested people for nearly 50 years!

>>And even you?

>Yup, . me, Hartmann, Philip Bladine (newspaper editor), Frank  
>Wormann (banker who probably "owned" the Trents), Bill Powell  
>(photo editor of the newspaper, did the first investigation of  
>the photos), etc... see the third paper entry at the web site  
>for a list of people who were bamboozled.

> Of course, you weren't.

Bruce,

Well, actually, when I first read Condon 31 years ago, I  
remember being disappointed that it didn't offer more support  
for my wish that there really were ET spaceships zipping around.  
My belief, then, went something like this, "There's probably  
something to it because there are so many reports." Well, I was  
young and hopeful, then, I guess.

After about 10 years taking UFO reports (my phone number was  
listed as an alternate number for a public observatory until my  
wife rebelled - "No more 2 AM UFO calls" - I'm sure others on  
this list know the problem well) I concluded that there probably  
wasn't anything there. (note the deliberate use of the word  
"probably"). Now, after 20 more years with the observatory and a  
public planetarium, I have to say that I haven't run into  
anything to change that (still tentative) conclusion.

As to the Trent pixs, I had read about them, but never really

looked closely into them, myself, until they came up earlier this year on this list. I'm glad that your stuff, Joel Carpenter's and others are available on the Net so that this can be done. But, the error bars seem pretty big, here, and there are questions even about the time of day, cloud cover, etc. And mirrors get dented when they are dropped or knocked off. Maybe that's why it was laying around to be used.

I'm not convinced that there is any evidence of an extraordinary object here.

>>Clear skies,

>Would be nice!

Yes it would, then we would know whether that 1950 Sun was peeking through the clouds, around an itty bitty one, or just coming up. Well, I'm leaving tomorrow for a week of hiking in Utah and will be mostly off-line. Maybe one of the many bright folks who read this list but haven't put in their nickel, yet, can offer an insight or two.

Bob Young

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## '2001 Mars Odyssey' For NASA's Next Trip To Mars

From: NASA News <[NASANews@hq.nasa.gov](mailto:NASANews@hq.nasa.gov)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 13:10:25 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 03:46:26 -0400  
Subject: '2001 Mars Odyssey' For NASA's Next Trip To Mars

Donald Savage  
Headquarters, Washington, DC  
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September 28, 2000

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IT'S "2001 MARS ODYSSEY" FOR NASA'S NEXT TRIP TO THE RED PLANET

As NASA's next spacecraft to the red planet begins a crucial round of testing in preparations for launch next year, the mission has been given a new name: 2001 Mars Odyssey.

"The year 2001 has a special significance to many of us who recall the thrill of reading the book and watching the movie '2001: A Space Odyssey.' We looked forward to the exciting future of space exploration that the year 2001 promised," said Scott Hubbard, Mars Program Director at NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC.

"NASA's next mission to Mars, launching in the year 2001, represents the start of a new wave of exploration at the red planet," said Hubbard. "It seemed fitting to name the mission 2001 Mars Odyssey not only in honor of the story and the movie, but also to herald the start of our new long-term journey to explore Mars."

Hubbard added that Arthur C. Clarke, author of "2001: A Space Odyssey," enthusiastically endorsed the new mission name.

The orbiting spacecraft is designed to find out what Mars is made of, detect water and shallow buried ice and study the radiation environment. The spacecraft begins thermal vacuum testing this week at Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver, CO, where it was designed and built.

"It's exciting to have a new name for the mission, and going into the thermal vacuum testing chamber is the next big step for the spacecraft," said George Pace, project manager for 2001 Mars Odyssey at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. "We will simulate the full range of temperatures that the spacecraft will be subjected to during its entire mission, from the coldest to the warmest."

"We have done several things in response to the NASA review board recommendations to ensure mission success, like adding additional staff and transitioning development personnel to operations. I'm confident we have a solid mission," Pace added.

The orbiter will study the kinds of minerals on the surface and measure the amount of hydrogen in the shallow subsurfaces of the planet, which will give scientists clues about the presence of water, either past or present. It will also provide information on the structure of the Martian surface and on the geological processes that may have caused it. Finally, the orbiter will take all-important measurements of the planet's radiation



environment so potential health risks to future human explorers can be evaluated. To do this, the spacecraft carries three science instruments: The Thermal Emission Imaging System (THEMIS), the Gamma Ray Spectrometer (GRS), and the Mars Radiation Environment Experiment (MARIE).

2001 Mars Odyssey is scheduled for launch on April 7, 2001, on a Delta II launch vehicle from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL. The space explorer is scheduled to arrive at Mars in October 2001.

In August, NASA announced plans to launch twin rovers which will land on Mars in 2003, and later this fall, will announce details of the multi-year Mars exploration program plan.

The mission is managed by JPL for NASA's Office of Space Science. Lockheed Martin Astronautics, Denver, CO, is JPL's industrial partner. JPL is a division of the California Institute of Technology.

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:41:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:35:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 12:47:29 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:45:04 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

Previously, Bruce wrote:

>SO: we could have a 4" mirror 4.1' up and 11.5' radially away  
>which is  $11.5\cos(20.3) = 10.8$  ft horizontal measure  
>  
>or we could have a 5" mirror, 5.15' up and 14.4' radially away  
>from the camera which is  $14.4 \cos(20.3) = 13.5$ ' horizontal  
>measure

Ahhhhh. So it could be done!

But, Bruce warns:

>There is a "small" thing about a mirror: a light ray incident at  
>some angle, say A, on the surface (angle measured between the  
>ray and the surface) will bounce off at the SAME angle (angle of  
>reflection =angle of incidence.... a fact that some skeptics  
>seem to have ignored or not understood).

On the contrary, Bruce. I understand that completely as do most people. The simple fact is that you do not know what the mirror was reflecting and never will!

Bruce then writes:

>Roger pointed out that the relative brightness of the bottom of  
>the UO in Hartmann's measurements was comparable to that of the  
>distant horizon.

Actually, that was another combatant - Bob Young (losing track of your opponents, Bruce?;)

Actually, I have little faith in the desity readings. They mean nothing to me as there is no baseline for comparison. An interesting exercise; but pointless, really.

Continuing, Bruce wrote:

>He used this as support for the suggestion by Joel that the UO  
>could have been a truck mirror hanging from a suspension. What  
>Roger [not me!], and Joel earlier, apparently didn't (could  
>not?) understand was that this coincidence in brightness is  
>irrelevant IF THE UO was a mirror.... because the mirror would  
>not be reflecting light from distant ground or the horizon!!!!

Never claimed it would. In fact, no knows what it was reflecting.

However, I love this part where Bruce now writes:

>The mirror would be reflecting light from the nearby grass or

>perhaps the driveway surface (bare dirt). Perhaps the ground  
>could be as bright as the distant horizon, but I doubt it.

Why? Because it would support the mirror theory? This is  
astounding to me considering the number of assumptions you are  
willing to make just keep the UFO idea on lifesupport.

>Then there is the matter of non-roundness. The UO image is NOT a  
>perfect ellipse. The left edge has two, perhaps three straight  
>sections. Have to look at this carefully to see one of the  
>"points" made by the intersection of straight segments. From the  
>exact left end of the blowup (see brumac.8kcom/trent1.html;  
>scroll down) draw a straight line segment upward and to the  
>right at about 50 degrees compared to horizontal on the picture.  
>Make the line segment about 0.7 inch long. Now draw a straight  
>line from that point with a slope of about 15 degrees for a  
>distance of about 1.1 inches.

Frankly, Bruce, I've looked at the images and just do not see  
it. And before people accuse me of not "wanting" to see it,  
guess again. The images just are not good enough to make that  
kind of claim for certain. In fairness, I suppose the images  
also are not good enough for me to claim that the mirror IS  
round with certainty, either. I'll concede to a draw on this  
point since the photos are inadequate.

However, it sure looks like the truck mirror to me!

Finally, Bruce writes:

>This is no better or worse than my claim... made for the last  
>25 years.... that, frpm the point of view of photo analysis  
>there was no proof of a hoax, nor was there proof against a hoax  
>(Brad might argue with this). I, myself proposed a hoax  
>hypothesis that would satisfy ALL the characteristics of the UO  
>image (including non-roundness as a probable accident in  
>building a paper model... couldn't cut a perfect circle).

How about a dented mirror. Why not? It would have been a cast  
off item, anyway.

In closing, Bruce suggests:

>The photo acts as an aide to the witness' memory ... that's all.  
>The evidence against a hoax must come from the circumstances  
>surrounding the photo. I found nothing in the circumstances that  
>would indicate the Trents did or would even think of creating any  
>hoax, practical joke, whatever. They were too busy surviving.

That must be why he plunked down a small fortune for a Roamer  
camera and a matching leather carrying case. Absolutely could  
not survive without it!

Please.

Poor people have fun, too, Bruce. And they might be clever  
enough to hang a disgarded, dented truck mirror from a piece of  
white sewing thread for a couple of fun pics, just to see what  
it looked like. It would seem that you are more intent on  
implying sinister motives than anyone. After all, you pointed  
out long ago that the pictures were long forgotten about until  
you started investigating them. In your opinion, it seems the  
only reason for them to fake the photos is to commit fraud. What  
about simple fun?

Roger

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Cashman

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 21:41:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:44:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Cashman

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 11:53:25 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Carpenter posed this hypothetically to me in e-mail some months  
>back and asked me if I thought it possible that a mirror like  
>this might be reflecting the sky from in back towards the  
>camera.

>I told him no, this didn't seem possible. Mirrors reflect  
>specularly, not diffusely. In plainer English, that means that  
>if you draw a line from the camera to the plain of a "model"  
>mirror hanging above the camera 15 to 20 feet away, the light  
>bouncing towards the camera had to have come from a direction at  
>exactly the same angle on the other side of the mirror

>In the case of the first Trent photo showing the "saucer"  
>bottom, any model would have had its bottom surface nearly  
>parallel to the ground. So the light source on the other side of  
>the mirror would have been at an angle towards the ground. In  
>fact, the light source would have been the ground, not the  
>sky. The bottom of the "saucer" would have appeared much darker  
>than it does. (A mirror would have been reflecting the dark,  
>lush green grass that would have been growing at that time of  
>year.)

>The mirror shows nothing but the reflected image of the light  
>source. If the light source is bright, then the mirror appears  
>bright. If the light source is dark, the mirror appears dark.  
>If you reflect the night sky off a mirror, the mirror looks  
>black. It doesn't matter that a mirror has high reflectivity.  
>High reflectivity does not mean it appears bright.

>I don't think Carpenter understood my argument. A car mirror  
>>would have been reflecting an image of the ground towards the  
>camera and would have appeared dark.

Hi, David!

Having caught the implication of this from something in one of  
Bruce Maccabee's papers, I implemented a scaled 3D model in  
Carrara, using a blue sky and a red and black checkered infinite  
ground. The result was indeed exactly as you state - no part of  
the sky was visible, only the checkerboard pattern.

The data was drawn from Bruce's estimates of 30m object size and  
1.06km distance. However experimentation showed that to attain  
an angular size similar to that in the main photo, a simulated  
distance of 1.2km was needed for the 30m object. The altitude,  
based on attempting to duplicate the framing of the photo using  
a simulated 100mm lens, was 250m. The camera altitude was set at  
3 feet, as estimated by Joel Carpenter. However, it was  
interesting to find that the image framing is almost completely  
insensitive to the camera height at the simulated distance - I  
tested 3 and 6 foot high camera placements.

The object in this image is in a bank of about 20 degrees, and a  
"nose" up of about 9 degrees.

The simulated images can be found at

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/500511.htm>

Interestingly, the original photo does not show notable variations from one side of the disk to the other, suggesting that the bottom of the disk is not mirror reflective.

An indirect comment on this can be found in the Hartmann analysis (at the same URL)

"Thus the UFO in any interpretation is known to have a brighter surface than the foreground tank. Thus, the photometry at once confirms the witnesses' report that the UFO was shiny, like a fresh, aluminum-painted surface, but not a specular surface."

In other words, while the object is reflective, it is not a mirror or chrome finish. But it is bright...

Thus, a mirror such as the A 1911 Ford Model T mirror would not be a candidate for the hoax object, since it is chrome plated on the non-mirror side. Yet, the hoax mirror would have to have a very bright, non-specular surface, for instance, white in color.

The analysis continues:

"Fig. 3 graphically illustrates the problem. For example, if the object is a model suspended from the wire only a few meters away, its surface is some 37% brighter than that of the tank, and the shaded side is probably more than 40% brighter than the shadow on the tank. But this is nearly impossible to maintain in the face of the photometry. Although the distant house's surface is roughly twice as bright as the tank's surface, its shadows can be only a few percent brighter, intrinsically, than those on the tank. This is basically the problem that was suggested by initial inspection of the photos: the shadowed side of the UFO appears to be so bright that it suggests significant scattering between it and the observer.

"The upshot is that if the top and bottom surfaces of the UFO are made out of essentially the same material, i.e. with the same albedo, the photometry indicates that the UFO is distant, at roughly  $r = 1.3 \pm 0.4$  km (est. P. E.). The witnesses referred to a slightly different hue of the bottom side of the UFO: they said it was more bronze than the silvery top side. We have assumed this change in tint had negligible effect on the photometry, although the implication is that the bottom has slightly lower albedo. If so the UFO would be still more distant. "

I believe these are the essential points that must be addressed by any critique of these photos.

Note that I am also sending a copy of this to Joel. He may not be aware that his paper is under discussion - to the best of my knowledge, he has not announced its availability, and it may even be a work in progress.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:46:04 -0400  
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>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 10:37:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>Let me get ths straight, David: For you to believe that the  
>mirror was hung with thread, you'd have to see it in the  
>negatives. For that to happen, a black or dark thread would have  
>to be used against a white sky. Now, by your own admission, a  
>white thread ("cleverly chosen") that had no contrast against a  
>white sky would not show up, as evidenced by the lack of visible  
>support in the photos.

>Let me ask you: How clever do you have to be to know NOT to use  
>black thread against a white sky? Granted, there is no guarantee  
>that using a white thread will work. However, YOU seem to think  
>that it would. Why wouldn't Trent? Oh, that's right. He's not as  
>"clever" as you. Only YOU would know not to use a black thread  
>against a white sky. Duh!

Reading the actual reports of those who have worked on the  
photos is useful for resolving this part of the dispute...

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/trent2.html>

"The camera was evidently well focused, and perhaps a large f#  
was used (like f#22), since distant telephone wires can easily  
be seen in the photographs. The most distant wires were probably  
over 60 m away. Using a wire diameter of about 0.6 cm (1/4"),  
the angular width of the distant wires would have been about  
0.0001 radians . Experiments with detection of small linear  
structures (e.g., threads) by photographic means indicate that  
if there is sufficient contrast between the structure and the  
background a linear image structure much smaller than the grain  
size of the film can be detected. Since the grain size of the  
film used by the Trents was on the order of 5-10 microns, linear  
structures with images as narrow as 1 micron might be  
detectable, corresponding to angular sizes of about 0.001  
mm/100mm = 0.00001 radians (where 1 micron = 0.001 mm). This  
would correspond to a thickness of about 0 .05 mm at a distance  
of 5 meters (about 16 ft) , which would have been the distance  
to the object if it had been hanging under the overhead wires. A  
typical thread is about 0.03-0.06 mm in diameter.

"Images comparable in size to the film grain are very "bumpy"  
or rough. The film grain accounts for a portion of the blurring  
of the edges of the images in the photographs. This blurring is  
especially apparent in high -power blowups of images . Other  
contributors to image blur are diffractive ("MTF") effects and  
perhaps a slight amount of imperfect focus or motion blur.  
Nevertheless, in spite of the slight blurring effects, it  
appears that the photographs should have been able to detect a  
linear structure as small as a thread under the illumination  
conditions prevalent at the time if the thread had a high  
contrast relative to the background sky, for example if it were  
either black or white, but not if it had been color matched to  
the sky. No such structure has been found in any analysis of the  
photographs. "



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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254@aol.com](mailto:RGates8254@aol.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 23:03:36 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:48:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Gates

>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:58:36 -0400  
>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:53 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>Bruce,

>Thanks for reminding me where I had seen this. For the benefit  
>of others, I am taking the liberty of quoting from your report:

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>correct, that it was taken by a French military pilot, then it  
>provides strong corroboration for the Trent photos.  
>Unfortunately we will probably never know whether or not the  
>Rouen photo is actually what it purports to be."

If I may add a reflection or two..and see if anybody takes the  
bait on my fishing line... pun intended...

Ah but we do know exactly what it is. Multiple choice

- 1) A pie pan being suspended by fishing line
- 2) A mirror being suspended by thread
- 3) Its some kind of hoax, unfortunately the evidence doesn't  
exist to prove it...
- 4) All or combination of the above...

:)

Cheers ,

Robert

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Salvaille

From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@sympatico.ca](mailto:sergesa@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 23:14:17 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:50:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Salvaille

>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 16:17:21 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@sympatico.ca](mailto:sergesa@sympatico.ca)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 15:14:20 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 16:19:07 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Salvaille

Hello Roger, List,

Not trying to be the wise guy here, but...

<snip>

>No. Not at all. What I said is that I already had my own  
>opinions as to why the Trent photos could be fake.

<snip>

Then, referring to Joel's site:

>I made up mine after looking at his work.

So, you already had an opinion but had not yet made up your mind  
until you looked at Joel's site?

This point is important, as Joel's work is the factor causing  
you to make up your mind.

I am thus sorry that you didn't answer my previous post which  
specifically addressed the pertinence of Joel's research.

Allow me to repeat:

"I flinched when I saw the computer model simulation: one of the  
most important features of the scene - the fuel tank on the side  
of the shed - is all wrong: it is much smaller and much lower  
than it is in the actual pictures.

"How can this be?

"A computer simulation will allow you to view a scene from any  
point of view you wish. Yet, Joel does not use this basic  
feature of all 3D modeling programs to prove his point.

"Strange...

"I am always suspicious of geek talk thrown in a conversation  
just to impress the gallery.

"Is it possible to get all the data and measurements used in  
the simulation?"

Some other observations:

Some of Joel Carpenter's lines on Hartman's photo are wrong.

His estimate of the position of the horizon is flawed.

Which makes me wonder:

<snip>

>After looking at  
>Joel's site, I felt sure that the photos are fake. Joel makes no  
>claims of "proving anything". He is pretty level headed and Bob  
>Young and I really had to twist his arm to allow the list access  
>to his site. He presents his work and let's other people make up  
>their own minds.

<snip>

Did you check his work?

Ufology 101: trust no one - even PhDs :) Recent personal experiences on the List have convinced me that you must do the homework.

Please note that my critics of Joel's analysis and conclusions are nothing personal. Joel can only be congratulated for putting up the data. I'm not patronizing either. Hey, I may be full of it myself as far as my analysis of the data is concerned (life sucks).

It all bears down to attitude. Which brings me to a last comment:

>Actually, I am going to make things easy on Errol and address  
>this post to Serge, Bruce, Brad, and any other proponents of the  
>Trent photos.

I am not a proponent of the Trent photos.

I just happened to follow your link (that will teach you!) and stumbled on a few discrepancies.

Regards,

Serge

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 23:59:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:53:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 14:49:11 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>>>>What about the similar craft photographed near Rouen, France,  
>>>>four years later?

>>>Has the identity of the photographer and the circumstances of  
>>>this picture ever been established?

>>You ought to read the ending of the third Trent paper at my web  
>>site... to see the only info we have on the Rouen photo.

>>[brumac.8k.com](http://brumac.8k.com)

>Bruce,

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[Bob]

>A really ugly thought just popped up. What if the Rouen photo  
>\_is\_ part of the missing piece of Trent film? Does anybody happen  
>to know which magazine, FSR or the Royal Air Force journal,  
>published the pix first?

>Hey, just trying to keep the pot stirred.

They were published at the same time, i.e., in issues of the

two journals that appeared in the same month.

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## Strange Nation - The Paranormal Down Under

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Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:59:01 -0400  
Subject: Strange Nation - The Paranormal Down Under

Check the new 'Strange Nation' site, mainly devoted to the paranormal and strange down under.

I've written a book review on Bruce Maccabee's FBI book for the site and an account of my own University of New England "daylight disk" sighting back in 1972.

Enjoy,

Bill Chalker

<http://www.strangenation.com.au/bookshelf.htm>  
[http://www.strangenation.com.au/sna\\_uni\\_ufo.htm](http://www.strangenation.com.au/sna_uni_ufo.htm)

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Rudiak

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Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 02:00:35 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 06:00:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Rudiak

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 15:00:26 EDT  
>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:56:12 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Young

>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak@aol.com](mailto:DRudiak@aol.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 22:02:54 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

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>>The shadowed bottom of the object is much too light to be  
>>explained as a nearby object no matter what you assume about  
>>its reflectively. That's all you really need to know. It would  
>>have to be "whiter than white", i.e. have

>No, if the object were a mirror, the image of distant terrain  
>would be similar to the actual image of the same terrain.  
>Hartmann's densitometry, published in Condon, is consistent with  
>this.

Even if the object were a mirror, it cannot be reflecting an  
image of distant terrain if it is tilted at the wrong angle,  
unless you want to create your own physical law of specular  
reflection.

If you hadn't clipped out critical sections of the rest of my  
post, I covered this. So did Bruce Maccabee today in much more  
detail.

If you assume a circular object, then it is simple math to  
calculate the tilt of the object w.r.t. to the camera based on  
the length/width ratio of the observed bottom.

If Trent were photographing a nearby model from underneath, then  
most and perhaps all of the tilt can be explained given certain  
assumptions of the size and distance of the object and how far  
beneath the object the camera was.

Joel Carpenter said the truck mirrors were 4-5 inches across.  
Using these sizes and the actual angular size of the object in  
the photos, one can calculate the distance a 4-5 inch object  
would have to be to appear the size it does in the photos. Then  
using the most generous figures possible for the vertical  
distance between the camera and the object in order to give your  
hypothesis the best chance possible of succeeding, at best, the  
flat surface of the "mirror" would have been parallel to the  
ground. This means the light bouncing off the mirror and  
reaching the camera could only have come from nearby ground,  
most likely dark, lush green grass.

This is why your "distant terrain" hypophesis is untenable. It's  
just basic math and the law of specular reflection at work.

Then there is the second problem of why we don't see any  
unevenness in the lighting on the bottom of the object. If the  
"mirror" image is nothing but ground on the other side (or even

distant terrain), one would expect some unevenness to the lighting. But in reality it is very even on the object bottom.

Then there are other little details, like why can't we see the frame around the mirror if this really is a nearby "truck mirror". Instead, again, the bottom is very evenly lit with no hint of a frame lip around it.

David Rudiak

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 39

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Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:28:09 -0400  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 5 Number 39

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

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UFO ROUNDUP  
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Editor: Joseph Trainor

<http://ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

PHILIPPINES RELEASES  
SECRET UFO FILES

"Now it can be told."

"A team from the Philippines Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has admitted actively participating in the investigation of what is known as Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

"UFOs or unidentified flying objects, in particular, Elmer Escosia, team leader, team leader, said they opined files to reveal what they discovered so far instead of keeping the information to themselves."

"Our files and records are open to the public and anyone can read or research," Escosia told the Manila Times.

"The team, he said, is composed of eight members under PAGASA's Astronomy Division, which was assigned to investigate UFO sightings in the country," i.e. the Philippine Islands.

"According to Escosia, they were able to explain most of the UFO sightings from all over the country, which were reported to PAGASA."

"But, he admitted, they were stumped and found no logical explanation for three such sightings."

"The first was in 1984, or 16 years ago, when children reported that they saw 'bulbous-non-human beings' alight from a large, disk-shaped 'spacecraft' which landed in Ormoc City in western Leyte."

(Editor's Note: Ormoc is a port city on the west coast of Leyte Island, located about 640 kilometers or 400 miles southeast of Manila, the national capital. Ormoc was the site of a ferocious battle between the Imperial Japanese Army and the U.S. Army's 77th Division in September 1944 during World War II.)

'It was impossible not to believe the children's testimonies since they gave the same descriptions,' Escosia said."

"He added they sent the description of the 'aliens' to other investigators in the USA who appeared to be similarly stumped."

"The two other unexplainable sightings were in Las Pitás and Muntiniupa City in 1997 and on May 10 of this year (2000)."

"In 1997, Escosia reported, at least 400 people reported that they saw 13 odd-shaped flying objects that were clearly visible in the following subdivisions: Uranium Street, Pilar village, Las Pitás" (and) "Dona Josefa, also in Las Pitás,

and Heroes Hill in Muntiniupa."

"The eyewitnesses described the UFOs as transparent and hollow at the middle, closely resembling a school of jellyfish minus the tentacles." (See the Manila Times for September 14, 2000, "Three sightings of UFOs aliens stump PAGASA astronomical experts," by Jeannette Andrade. Many thanks to Rev. Billy Dee for forwarding the newspaper article.)

"ANGEL HAIR" FALLS NEAR  
ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA

A housewife in rural Hampshire County, near Romney, West Virginia (population 2,000) reported that the mysterious gossamer substance known as "angel's hair" fell in profusion on her family farm during the evening of Tuesday, September 19, 2000.

"Last night (Tuesday, September 19, 2000), at about 7 p.m., I heard a loud 'droning' sound, like a large airplane. I went out to look to see if I could see it, but I could not see it," the witness, Rusty, reported. "The droning lasted about an hour."

"This morning (Wednesday, September 20, 2000), when I got up, my yard was full of this 'spider web stuff.' Don't know exactly how to describe this other than they looked like spider webs but at the same time they were not your usual 'circular' webs."

"I immediately got the camera out and took a dozen photos. I had my husband go to town to buy some rubber gloves so we could get some samples. On his way in (to Romney--J.T.) there were a few spots he could see on the way to town, which was seven miles (11 kilometers away) but nothing as heavy as was in my yard."

"The first sample he tried to get with the gloves soon turned into a goo-like substance as soon as he touched it. He put the samples on a piece of paper towel and put the gloves in with it in a plastic bag."

"I went to town to the One-Hour Photo place and got the photos developed."

"I have lived here in Romney, W.V. for six years and I have never seen anything like this."

Rusty has posted the "angel hair" photos on her website. UFO Roundup readers can reach the website by setting their browsers for this URL:  
[http://www.homestead.com/rustys\\_retreat/spiderstuff.html](http://www.homestead.com/rustys_retreat/spiderstuff.html)

Romney, W.V. is on Highway 50 in the northeastern corner of West Virginia, approximately 27 miles (43 kilometers) south of Cumberland, Maryland. (Many thanks to Louise A. Lowry for forwarding the report.)

CHUPACABRA BLAMED FOR  
FIFTY DEAD SHEEP IN CHILE

"The new-mythical 'Chupacabra' and starving pumas (also known as cougars or mountain lions--J.T.) are now disputing authorship over the deaths of fifty sheep in the section of Carahue commune in (Chile's) Ninth Region."

"The event mobilized the Carabineros (Chile's national police--J.T.), health services personnel and veterinarians aimed at determining the cause of the strange event."

"According to eyewitness testimony, the deceased animals presented wounds in the jugular veins through which blood was apparently extracted."

"The find sent shivers through all the people living in the field owned by Aliro Pedreros Jaque. They stated that regardless what is to blame for the slayings--either the Chupacabra or pumas enraged by the lack of sustenance (due to a hard winter--S.C.) it nonetheless constitutes a hazard."

"Losses due to sheep deaths are nearing the one million (Chilean) peso mark. This is the motive behind the intensification of efforts to determine exactly what happened in order to prevent another animal attack."

"The animal deaths took place at La Gloria farm, some 14 kilometers (8 miles) to the west of Carahue. It was the workers themselves who made the discovery

while performing forestry work. Almost speechless, the farmhands ran to the overseer to notify him of the event. Angrily the man returned to the place in question, where he was able to verify that his farmhands weren't delusional and that the deaths of the sheep had been caused by a very strange animal."

"Investigators are clearly mystified by the fact that the victims were enclosed in a pen--much the same as 15 other animals who died under similar circumstances three days ago (Wednesday, September 13, 2000), displaying wounds in the neck and literally bloodless."

"Residents stated that their first guess was that the pumas were responsible. When starved, these animals descend from the mountains (the Andes--J.T.) and make free with any animal that gets in their way. It was later, after having observed the (dead) animals that the peculiar stories of the despised Chupacabra began to emerge."

"According to the accounts of several section residents, this true terror of the animal world had already made his presence felt in Angel, where it destroyed dozens of fowl."

"Juan Carlos Sanhueza, one of the workers in the pasture, stated his disbelief (in the Chupacabra) and opined that 'the one responsible for the animal deaths is likely a puma or a lion. And that's that!'" (See the Chilean newspaper La Cuarta for September 17, 2000. Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, autor de los libros, Chupacabras and Other Mysteries y Forbidden Mexico para eso articulo de diario.)

### THREE UFOs SIGHTED OVER SAN FRANCISCO

On Sunday, September 17, 2000, "just after 6 p.m., I spotted a UFO, just like the white ones San Jose," witness James W. reported.

"A couple of minutes later, another UFO came next to the first one. I saw two of them floating there. I was sitting down and watched them hover from about a 900-foot elevation. The UFOs were very high. The UFOs were just a little southeast of the Mount Sutro tower and Twin Peaks, well over the air traffic-- I'm guessing 8,000 feet (2,400 meters) or more."

"I decided to run home to get my binoculars. I looked up some more to try to find them again. This time there were three in a row, just like in San Jose. When I got home about five minutes later, about 6:25 p.m., I couldn't find them again. I looked hard for another ten minutes, scanning the sky, but I couldn't find them. I did see a big (Boeing) 747 coming in from the north, heading for" San Francisco International Airport. "Those UFOs had to be at least as twice as high" as the big jetliner. (Email Form Report)

### HIGH-FLYING UFOs SEEN SOUTH OF KANSAS CITY

On Monday, September 18, 2000, at 6:20 a.m., D.A. opened the front door of his home in Prairie Village, Kansas (population 25,000), a suburb about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Kansas City, and stepped onto his front walk. "I was outside to get the morning paper and noticed how bright and clear the sky was," he reported, "The moon was bright. You could see Orion's three stars clearly."

"As I perused the sky, I could see two bright white objects moving from the southwest. One, followed by another. They were really high up, shaped like a triangle. Seemed to be moving rather fast. no sound, no vapor trail, going to the northeast. I watched for about a minute and a half. There were no other airplanes in the sky, only stars."

"The two objects seemed to be white in color and triangle in shape. They were both moving very fast."

D.A. added that he contacted a TV station in Kansas City, but the receptionist wasn't interested. (Email Form Report)

### ATLANTIS WRAPS UP 12-DAY SPACE STATION MISSION

The space shuttle Atlantis touched down safely on Wednesday morning, September 20, 2000 following a successful 12-day mission to the International Space Station.

"We had a great time,' Commander Terrence Wilcutt said, 'We're all glad to be back.'"

"We've had a really great flight,' (NASA) flight director Wayne Hale said."

"During their five days inside the space station, Atlantis' crew hauled in three tons of equipment. Another crew is scheduled to depart for the space station October 5 aboard (the shuttle) Discovery."

On Tuesday, September 12, "shuttle pilot Scott Altman showed off the (newly-installed) bathroom inside Zvezda (one of the station's Russian modules--J.T.) and one of the two sleeping compartments."

"Each cabin comes with its own window,' he pointed out."

"At 6-foot-4, 230 pounds, Altman barely fit inside the sleeping compartment. He is ineligible for a stint aboard the space station because he's too big for the Russian escape capsule." (See USA Today for September 13, 2000, "Astronauts furnish the space station," September 20, 2000, "Space shuttle planning touchdown today" and September 21, 2000, "Atlantis returns; Discovery preps for liftoff.") (Editor's Comment: Don't let it bother you, Scott. As the skipper of Altman's Ark, you hold the record for ferrying the largest number of Earth life-forms into space. That record may stand for decades."

#### OUT-OF-PLACE ALLIGATOR SNAPS AT A MAN IN KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

One of the weirdest Fortean phenomena is the "Crazy Croc syndrome," the sudden and unexplained appearance of alligators in places far from their natural habitat.

Just such an incident occurred last week in Kennebunkport, Maine (population 1,200), a seaside resort town on Route 9 located about 26 miles (40 kilometers) south of Portland.

(Editor's Note: The Bush family mansion, summer home of former President George Herbert Walker Bush, and his son, Gov. George W. Bush, the current Republican Party candidate for USA president, is located on Walker's Point in Kennebunkport.)

(Editor's Comment: Cue spooky organ music...)

"An alligator that nipped at a man's trousers was likely someone's pet that was set free, police said."

"William Sartry shot the 31-inch-reptile dead. He said the alligator approached him while he was walking around a pond in his back yard."

"You're going to think I'm nuts,' Sarty told a police dispatcher when he reported the incident." (See USA Today for September 20, 2000, "Maine," page 6A.)

(Editor's Comment: Can I possibly top this? You betcha! If you want to see a hilarious picture of Dubya, check out the October 3, 2000 issue of the tabloid newspaper Globe, page 9. Globe is on sale in USA supermarkets everywhere this week. Question: if Dubya is a self-professed born-again Christian, then why is he making the Sign of the Goat, aka the Sign of the Horned God, aka the Sign of Lucifer, in that photo?)

#### EX-ARMY OFFICERS CRITICIZE BLACK HELICOPTER PROGRAM

Recently-retired U.S. Army officers, one of them formerly assigned to the 160th Aviation Regiment, also known as "the Night Stalkers" disputed the USA Defense Department's claim that recent helicopter exercises are designed to train U.S. troops for deployment overseas.

The disclosures were made to WorldNet Daily "by former Night Stalker Captain Jeff Norgrove."

"These aren't really military exercises,' Norgrove said. 'They are SWAT training. The Army will never admit that to you, but that's what it is.'"

In March 1999, "Delta Force and the Night Stalkers were involved in a controversial exercise in Kingsville, Texas, where the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) used live ammunition and explosives to conduct their training."

"Special Operations Command officials at Fort Bragg, North Carolina insist that only 'training ammunition' was used during the exercise in Kingsville and other American communities."

"A number of retired military officers have come forward to insist that Army claims of the use of only training ammunition are untrue."

"'They really think that we're so stupid that we can't figure this out,' Norgrove said."

"Most of the Night Stalkers and the Delta Force troops, according to Norgrove...are young and not fully aware of what is going on."

"'They just do what they are told,' Norgrove explained. 'It's exciting and the pay is very good.'"

In addition, "a high-ranking retired Special Operations Command officer" told the Washington, D.C. weekly newspaper The Spotlight that "elite military units have been undertaking urban warfare training" across the USA "in preparation for assuming the duties of U.S. law enforcement."

"The retired colonel confirmed for the first time that that the mysterious training engaged in by U.S. Army Special Forces and Delta Force, Navy SEALs, Marines Force Recon and U.S. Air Force Air Commandos is intended for domestic operations."

"The Delta Force and Night Stalkers do not even wear standard military uniforms. Instead, just like any SWAT team, they are garbed in black uniforms, complete with black helmets and face shields. They also wear bulletproof body armor and are discharged from the Night Stalkers' helicopters wielding German-made Heckler and Koch 9mm submachine guns."

"The maneuvers are always conducted at night. The helicopters are painted dark with a special paint that has a sandpaper texture, appears black and enables the aircraft to avoid radar. They are flown without lights by Night Stalker pilots utilizing night vision goggles. The helicopters bear no markings and can be seen in the darkness." (See The Spotlight for September 25, 2000, "Military trained for police ops," page 6.)

#### FREAK SNOWSTORM CLOBBERS WYOMING

The USA's western state of Wyoming was hit by an unusually heavy snowstorm last weekend.

"From Friday (September 22) through midmorning Sunday (September 24, 2000), the (state) capital, Cheyenne, "had recorded 10.5 inches of snow, though the number was fleeting. By noon, clumps of snow were falling from sun-warmed trees and roofs."

"The last comparable September snowfalls for Cheyenne were on Sept. 28, 1985 when a storm had left 4.9 inches, and on Sept. 18, 1942, when 4 inches fell, according to the National Weather Service."

"About 1,200 travelers were "stranded in Rawlins and Rock Springs...A few of them began moving on as Interstate (Highway) 80, which had been closed Saturday, reopened a section at a time."

"'We had 15 miles in Rawlins that is nothing but a parking lot for trucks,' said Don Brinkman, chairman of the Red Cross branch in Carbon County."

"About 550 travelers had spent the night at the Rawlins Family Recreation Center, 350 to 400 more were at the Wyoming National Guard armory in town."

"On Friday and Saturday, the storm struck central and south-central Wyoming. It deposited 12 to 15 inches in Casper; 19 in Rock Springs; six in Lander; six to eight in Kemmerer; three in Riverton; 3.5 in Buffalo; four north of Cody; four north of Greybull; and one to two inches in Jackson. "

"Pine Bluffs received the most serious (snowfall) toward the end of the storm, about 12 inches." (See USA Today for September 25, 2000, "Snowstorm buries Wyoming's record," page 4A.)

(Editor's Comment: Wyoming wasn't the only place hit Fortean weather last weekend. Check out the following

story.)

SOUTHERN ASIA INUNDATED  
BY MONSOON FLOODS

"Millions of residents of India and Bangladesh tried to find refuge Monday," September 25, 2000, "from torrential rains and floods that have killed more than 700 people and left millions more homeless in the last week."

"Late monsoon rains sent water rushing over riverbanks and dams, submerging villages, and the homes of more than 10 million people in eastern India and 200,000 in Bangladesh."

"In India's West Bengal region, the worst-hit area, 652 people were feared dead, according to Deputy Chief Minister Buddhadev Bhattacharjee. He said 415 bodies had been recovered, and another 217 people had been washed away by strong currents."

"In neighboring Bangladesh, at least 15 people have died in the country's northwestern districts."

"Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ordered the army and paramilitary troops to join relief work after floodwaters damaged or washed away about 40,000 mud-and-straw huts, leaving at least 200,000 people homeless."

Floodwaters raged elsewhere in Asia, as well.

"In Vietnam, floodwaters claimed the lives of more than 120 people, of which nearly 100 were children, in the past several weeks. Officials say the floods have been the worst to hit the Mekong Delta area in decades."

"In Thailand, at least 47 people have been killed by rising floodwaters, which have hit 43 of the country's 76 provinces."

"In Cambodia, at least 173 people have died in flooding that began in August. More than 715,000 acres of rice crops have been destroyed by the floods." (See USA Today for September 26, 2000, "'Gigantic' task waits in floodwaters' wake," page 16A. Many thanks to Binh and Trinh for the news tip.)

from the UFO Files...

1954: ALIENS LAND IN  
EASTERN PORTUGAL

On September 24, 1964, Cesar Cardoso was driving on a two-lane road near Almaseda, a village about 216 kilometers (135 miles) northeast of Lisboa (Lisbon), the capital of Portugal.

While driving in this hilly rural area not far from the border with Spain, Cardoso heard a strange humming noise. All at once, his car engine began to sputter and cough. He pulled over to the side of the road beside a low green hill.

Frowning, Cardoso turned the ignition key and tried to restart the car. The engine made a noise like nails rattling in an empty coffee can. As he stepped out of the car, he saw two other cars pulling over. The humming sound grew louder. Then a circular shadow passed over his car.

Looking up, Cardoso let out a yell of excitement. Floating downward toward the nearby hilltop was a flattened silver disc about 13 meters (40 feet) in diameter.

Afterward, Cardoso reported, "I was near the village of Almaseda when I saw a flying saucer, out of which stepped three beings in suits of shining aluminum. They were two meters (6 feet, 7 inches--J.T.) tall."

The aliens moved around the hilltop, taking samples of the local vegetation. Cardoso reported, "They picked and cut flowers, snipped off twigs from bushes and put them in a shining box."

Then the aliens noticed Cardoso and the other three humans on the roadside. Without speaking, they made gestures of invitation, pointing to the saucer's open hatch.

"I and three companions were invited to enter the saucer. But when we refused, the beings did not insist. They climbed back into their saucer and ascended vertically at an immense speed, emitting a shower of sparks." (See the book Flying Saucers Uncensored by Harold T. Wilkins, The Citadel Press,



New Jersey, 1955, page 55. See also the Portuguese newspaper Diario de Lisboa for September 28, 1954.)

That's it for this week. Join us next time for more UFO and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." Assuming those idiots don't destroy Jerusalem, we'll see you them.

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 07:02:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 10:53:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

>From: Serge Salvaille <[sergesa@sympatico.ca](mailto:sergesa@sympatico.ca)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 23:14:17 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 05:50:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Salvaille

>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 16:17:21 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Previously, I had written:

>>What I said is that I already had my own  
>>opinions as to why the Trent photos could be fake.  
>>I made up mine after looking at his work.

Serge reasonably asks:

>So, you already had an opinion but had not yet made up your mind  
>until you looked at Joel's site?

Yes. In my previous discussions with Bruce, part of his support for the Trent photos was speculation about what kind of people the Trents were. Granted, he had done density readings of the negs, etc. However, as I have pointed out many times, I put no faith in those readings as there is no baseline for comparison. In short, regardless of whether the bottom of the object were mirrored or not, there is no way of knowing what it was reflecting or if the changes in density were caused by overbleed from the surrounding sky, grazing due to minimal motion blur, etc. I truly mean no disrespect to Bruce, but to fill in the "holes" in his data with assumptions and then to also make assumptions about the Trents to back up the data is too much of a stretch for me. Simply too many assumptions. Therefore, in my mind, the photos could be fake as there was no technical reason precluding such fakery. Joel's work pointed me toward the truck mirror and that was the missing element for me. After looking at the mirror, the Trent photos and considering the number of foreground miniature shots I've done for clients, I felt that the Trent photos were fake.

Continuing, Bruce wrote:

>"I flinched when I saw the computer model simulation: one of the  
>most important features of the scene - the fuel tank on the side  
>of the shed - is all wrong: it is much smaller and much lower  
>than it is in the actual pictures.

<snip>

>Some of Joel Carpenter's lines on Hartman's photo are wrong.  
>His estimate of the position of the horizon is flawed.  
>Did you check his work?

>I am not a proponent of the Trent photos.

>I just happened to follow your link (that will teach you!) and  
>stumbled on a few discrepancies.

Sorry for the grouping. I was just trying to lighten the load on Errol as this thread has generated a lot of posts and I didn't want to repeat the same answers to the same questions in multiple posts.

Perhaps I can best answer the question(s) this way.

Let's say that you own a store that is burglarized and there is a security camera mounted on the wall in clear view of the crime. Then, later, the suspect is identified by comparing the photo of the crime with another photo from a mugshot at the police station.

Now, in the course of the investigation, you are asked how high the camera was mounted on the wall and you answer "7 feet" and it turns out to really be 7.5 feet or even 8. Then Bruce, the attorney representing the suspect, tries to make a case for the suspect's innocence on the basis that the camera was not at the height you said it was. I don't think you would accept that nor would any other reasonable person.

And this is my point.

It doesn't matter if Bruce and Joel differ on their estimates on the height of the camera; after all they're both estimates. In either instance, the identity of the object isn't really affected. It still looks like the truck mirror to me (and, by the amount of email I've received, to most people it would seem!)

Regarding the computer imagery, that was added well after I had made up my mind and Joel clearly indicates it is a first pass. So I suspect it would be followed up with updated data. However, this still is a distinction without a difference. Even if the perspectives are altered slightly, everyone agrees that Trent was in his backyard taking pictures of the object in question.

And, as I understand it, this is what launched Joel on his research.

Proponents of the Trent photos are forced to speculate about how Trent would react in order to justify his position in the backyard. Again, assumptions to support more assumptions.

On the other hand, regardless of whether you are in favor of Bruce's data or Joel's regarding perspective and camera height, it is a fact that being in the backyard would make fakery of the photos much easier and, perhaps, even necessary. To be fair, it would an assumption also, at this point, to say that the photos are fake if there were no other data available.

But, of course, there is.

The mirror attached to the truck on Joel's web page is a good match to the mystery object and would produce the same effect if suspended by a light thread regardless of camera height or position. The fact that Trent was in his back yard only strengthens the theory of fakery for obvious reasons. Add to this the fact that such a mirror was readily available and the technique was not beyond Trent's ability, and you've got a better case for fakery than for it being a real UFO.

Concrete? Maybe not, but proof beyond a reasonable doubt, to be sure.

And, without beating up on Bruce too much, this is probably the biggest rub for me regarding his research. In the Gulf Breeze saga, Bruce puts much emphasis on whether or not Ed Walters was smart enough to produce the photos in question since, in Bruce's opinion, the photos would require more effort and skill than Ed could muster. This same approach was evident in the Trent investigation, as well, as Trent was described as being too simple minded to produce the shot.

Yet, it is now clear that the shot would not be complicated to produce and that the object required was readily available.

Still, Bruce favors a multitude of assumptions to fill out his theory rather than face the simplest of truths: He was fooled by a guy hanging a truck mirror from a piece of thread.

Roger

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## Recent Action: Illinois, Wisconsin and Arizona

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 08:30:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 10:56:34 -0400  
Subject: Recent Action: Illinois, Wisconsin and Arizona

The following report is courtesy of Mr. Charles Stuart, a researcher from West Chester, Ohio.

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While listening to Chicago radio station WLS 890 AM last night (Sept. 28, 2000), I heard a woman call in reporting what she thought was an aircraft going down in flames and sparks. She thought it was only a couple miles away. Soon thereafter, other callers called in reporting similarly. Several callers stated that within minutes of the event, the sky was full of planes and helicopters with "searchlights". Two callers from outside the area, (central Illinois and Wisconsin) also reported seeing an orange fireball going down at a 30-40° angle. One caller said the object came from the southwest.

Curiously enough, they called 4 police stations and none admitted receiving any calls about the fireball or having any knowledge of it. Anyway, the obvious possibility that this was simply a large meteor ( although the first caller said that it was moving too slowly for a meteor) or space junk must be considered.

A similar event occurred just two days ago in the southwest U.S.A. [article enclosed below] and was attributed to a large meteor or bolide. Does anyone know if the Iridium satellites are coming down at this time? I heard that they were to be crashing soon.

PS: The time of the "event" was around ( 9:15 local time - Central)

Filed,  
Sept. 29, 2000  
Charles Stuart

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"Asteroid Chip May Have Caused Bright Flash in California Sky"  
Wednesday, September 27, 2000  
© Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- A green and orange flash people saw streak from the high desert to the Pacific Coast across the night sky was most likely a meteor, according to an astronomer.

The flash was seen in the clear Southern California sky about 8 p.m. Tuesday. It was visible more than 100 miles away, as far east as the Arizona line and as far south as the U.S.-Mexico border.

"From the description I got, it sounds like a very bright meteor or fireball as we call it," said Patrick So, an astronomer with the Griffith Park Observatory in the hills just north of downtown. He said it was mostly likely a fragment of an asteroid that broke up long ago.

Such objects give off a green glow as they burn up in the Earth's atmosphere, So said.

Trucker Tom Lawson was driving along Interstate 8 near Gila Bend, Ariz., when he says he saw "a green light with kind of an orange tail going from the southwest sky."

"It just kind of faded out as it got to the West Coast," he said.

Others said they witnessed the flash from San Diego and from Joshua Tree, in the Mojave Desert.

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Blanton

From: Terry Blanton <[commenqr@bellsouth.net](mailto:commenqr@bellsouth.net)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 08:58:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 10:57:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Blanton

>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:41:26 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>On the contrary, Bruce. I understand that completely as do most  
>people. The simple fact is that you do not know what the  
>mirror was reflecting and never will!

Or the glass was broken if, indeed, it is a truck mirror.

Probably broken off by a close encounter with a tree or flying saucer!

Terry

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## UFO Report: Girard, Ohio - 9/19/2000

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo@fuse.net](mailto:ufo@fuse.net)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 10:40:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 11:00:38 -0400  
Subject: UFO Report: Girard, Ohio - 9/19/2000

For details and a map showing the areas of two recent UFO sightings near Youngstown and Ravenna, Ohio, see:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/9-19-00.html>

Thanks for your attention,  
KENNY YOUNG

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 12:18:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:06:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:41:26 -0500  
>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 12:47:29 -0400  
>>Fwd Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:45:04 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>Previously, Bruce wrote:

>>SO: we could have a 4" mirror 4.1' up and 11.5' radially away  
>>which is  $11.5\cos(20.3) = 10.8$  ft horizontal measure

>>or we could have a 5" mirror, 5.15' up and 14.4' radially away  
>>from the camera which is  $14.4 \cos(20.3) = 13.5'$  horizontal  
>>measure

>Ahhhhh. So it could be done!

Never said it couldn't be done! In fact, I showed how it could be done.

>But, Bruce warns:

>>There is a "small" thing about a mirror: a light ray incident at  
>>some angle, say A, on the surface (angle measured between the  
>>ray and the surface) will bounce off at the SAME angle (angle of  
>>reflection = angle of incidence.... a fact that some skeptics  
>>seem to have ignored or not understood).

>On the contrary, Bruce. I understand that completely as do most  
>people. The simple fact is that you do not know what the  
>mirror was reflecting and never will!

Glad you understand about reflection.

I know the mirror was reflecting the ground. Why don't you?

Oooopppsss Wait a minute. I suddenly get your point. (This is your point, is it not?)... you think it was reflecting something other than the ground. Where might that something have been? Could it be that they put something down to cover the ground so the ground itself could not be seen reflected in the mirror?

Gee, they should have put a small doll at that location. Then the photo would have shown a small image of a "creature" and they could have said an alien was waving to them.

HAHAHA.

But, aside from the doll, I suppose while milking that cows that morning Paul Trent or his wife could have calculated where the light hitting the mirror (and then entering the camera lens) could have come from using the reflection law and trigonometry or similar triangles and placed a white piece of paper there to make it appear as if the bottom of the UFO was bright, even though all it was doing was reflecting white paper. Yeah, the Trent's might

have been clever enough to think of that... but I doubt it.

(In this case the white paper would have been lit by skylight and would be a lot brighter than white paper on the bottom of the UO..)

(My own solution, if I hadn't run through all the calculations of brightness would have been to put white paper over the mirror surface making a white paper bottom. This white paper wul be diffusely reflecting light coming upward from the ground.

But the calculations based on relative brightness say the bottom was brighter than white paper would have been under those conditions. see below.

The reflection of white paper lying on the ground would be brighter than the white paper pasted onto the bottom of the mirror and therefore would make the object appear distant. Gee, Roger. You're a genius!)

>Bruce then writes:

>>Roger pointed out that the relative brightness of the bottom of >>the UO in Hartmann's measurements was comparable to that of the >>distant horizon.

>Actually, that was another combatant - Bob Young (losing track >of your opponents, Bruce?;) Sorry. Didn't have time to track back through so many emails.

>Actually, I have little faith in the desity readings. They mean >nothing to me as there is no baseline for comparison. An >interesting exercise; but pointless, really.

They mean nothing to you?

They represent hundreds of hours of work to me, time that was necessary until I got it right, spread over several years.. Hartmann was impressed when I sent him an early version of my paper that repeated his work with more accuracy.

The density reading are, in fact, quite accurate, whether you have "faith" in them or not. And, in fact, one aspect of the cleverness of Hartmann's analysis was the realization by him that he could use the distant white house brightness as a "baseline for comparison." I then did better by using the tiny image of a portion of the nearby Trent house, also white, as another "baseline for comparison."

But you are correct in one sense.... the exercise was "pointless" because it could not prove the object was distant. What it did do, however, is "up the ante" in terms of what the Trent's had to do if they had constructed a model. Their model had to meet the brightness requirements that I determined from the analysis of their negatives. Specifically, IF it were a model a dozen or so feet away (truck mirror or whatever), then having a pure white bottom was not enough... it had to be a source of light. This is all discussed in my first paper on the photos, wherein I point out that a translucent paper model might work (light from the sky coming filtering through th top paper and downwards through the bottom)

In the light of the previous truck mirror discussion it is interesting to note that (a) the ground is not as bright as white paper hence the reflection of the ground is not as bright as white paper and (b) if they had put a white paper on the bottom of the truck mirror model UO, then it wouldn't have been bright enough still because sky light couldn't get through the metal backing of the mirror (or the silver/aluminum metal coating that formed the mirror) and therefore could not be coming through the white paper bottom.

However, from the above discussion we now know for the first time anywhere that if they had used a mirror from a truck or whatever and the mirror surface was facing down and they placed a white paper of some size at the "ground reflection point" that the image of the bottom of the UO would be an image of that white paper and would have been bright enough to appear distant.

>>Continuing, Bruce wrote:

>>>He used this as support for the suggestion by Joel that the UO  
>>>could have been a truck mirror hanging from a suspension. What  
>>>Roger [not me!], and Joel earlier, apparently didn't (could  
>>>not?) understand was that this coincidence in brightness is  
>>>irrelevant IF THE UO was a mirror.... because the mirror would  
>>>not be reflecting light from distant ground or the horizon!!!!>>>

>>Never claimed it would. In fact, no knows what it was  
>>reflecting.

Yup I agree. If it wasn't reflecting the ground it was  
reflecting something the Trents put on the ground.

>>However, I love this part where Bruce now writes:

>>>The mirror would be reflecting light from the nearby grass or  
>>>perhaps the driveway surface (bare dirt). Perhaps the ground  
>>could be as bright as the distant horizon, but I doubt it.

>>Why? Because it would support the mirror theory? This is  
>>astounding to me considering the number of assumptions you \_are\_  
>>willing to make just keep the UFO idea on lifesupport.

Grass and dirt are not as reflective as white paper. And I  
pointed out above that only the white paper on the ground would  
have worked.

>>Then there is the matter of non-roundness. The UO image is NOT  
a >>perfect ellipse. The left edge has two, perhaps three  
straight >>sections. Have to look at this carefully to see one  
of the >>"points" made by the intersection of straight segments.  
From the >>exact left end of the blowup (see  
brumac.8kcom/trent1.html; >>scroll down) draw a straight line  
segment upward and to the >>right at about 50 degrees compared  
to horizontal on the picture. >>Make the line segment about 0.7  
inch long. Now draw a straight >>line from that point with a  
slope of about 15 degrees for a >>distance of about 1.1 inches.

>Frankly, Bruce, I've looked at the images and just do not see  
>it. And before people accuse me of not "wanting" to see it,  
>guess again. The images just are not good enough to make that  
>kind of claim for certain. In fairness, I suppose the images  
>also are not good enough for me to claim that the mirror IS  
>round with certainty, either. I'll concede to a draw on this  
>point since the photos are inadequate.>

>However, it sure looks like the truck mirror to me!

>Finally, Bruce writes:

>>This is no better or worse than my claim.... made for the last  
>>25 years.... that, frpm the point of view of photo analysis  
>>there was no proof of a hoax, nor was there proof against a hoax  
>>(Brad might argue with this). I, myself proposed a hoax  
>>hypothesis that would satisfy ALL the characteristics of the UO  
>>image (including non-roundness as a probable accident in  
>>building a paper model... couldn't cut a perfect circle).

>How about a dented mirror. Why not? It would have been a cast  
>off item, anyway.

>In closing, Bruce suggests:

>>The photo acts as an aide to the witness' memory ... that's all.  
>>The evidence against a hoax must come from the circumstances  
>>surrounding the photo. I found nothing in the circumstances that  
>>would indicate the Trents did or would even think of creating any  
>>hoax, practical joke, whatever. They were too busy surviving.>

>That must be why he plunked down a small fortune for a Roamer  
>camera and a matching leather carrying case. Absolutely could  
>\_not\_ survive without it!

>Please.

Small fortune for the Roamer? I don't know what it cost. But  
they certainly had if for a time before the event and a long  
time afterward. There is no evidence that they bought the camera  
simply to create a UFO hoax..... so the argument here that

they spent a "fortune" to buy the camera does not compare with my claim that they were too busy to think of and carry out a hoax.

>Poor people have fun, too, Bruce. And they might be clever  
>enough to hang a discolored, dented truck mirror from a piece of  
>white sewing thread for a couple of fun pics, just to see what  
>it looked like. It would seem that you are more intent on  
>implying sinister motives than anyone. After all, you pointed  
>out long ago that the pictures were long forgotten about until  
>you started investigating them. In your opinion, it seems the  
>only reason for them to fake the photos is to commit fraud. What  
>about simple fun?

Yeah, yeah, yeah. It always boils down to the same argument:  
they COULD have done it for whatever reason (fun, money, fame,  
to prove Mrs Trent was not lying when she said she had seen  
flying saucers before... etc. Same old tired argument.

If they did it once and were amazingly successful (newspaper  
story, free trip to NYC) why didn't they do it again? After all  
they never got paid for the pictures so I should think that they  
would have said... let's do another one and this time we won't  
let the city slickers take it away from us!

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## French Book By Astronomer Pierre Guérin

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[GBourdais@aol.com](mailto:GBourdais@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 13:46:48 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:10:00 -0400  
Subject: French Book By Astronomer Pierre Guérin

Good evening

I have the pleasure to announce the publication in France of an important book on UFOs, written by astrophysicist (retired) Pierre Guérin, of the National Institute of Astrophysics, in Paris.

I dare say it's an important, because it is a very articulate approach, not only of the reality of ufos, but of the question of secrecy and disinformation. Hence its provocative title :

"UFOs. The Mecanisms of Disinformation  
(in French: OVNI. Les mécanismes d'une désinformation).  
(published by Albin Michel. ISBN 2-226-12022-X)

Pierre Guérin has been involved in ufos since the beginning of the 50's when he was a young astronomer, and he had to do that very discreetly at the beginning.

He has been friend of Aimé Michel, Jacques Vallée and many others, and has been all the way a very courageous defender of ufos, in the face of continuous skepticism and debunking. His book gives a rather unique insider story of French ufology. His global approach is close to the Cometa Report published last year, notably in his views on the American policy of secrecy.

After so many years of predominant skepticism in France, with the so called "sociopsociological" school, or "new ufology", it is good to see that not everybody fell into that deadly trap. Guérin is a tough man and he hits hard and efficiently at the skeptical arguments. Of course, some of his viewpoints are debatable. He would certainly agree on that, but unfortunately he very ill now, being stricken at the same time by cancer and hepatitis C, so that his life is in danger, and he won't be able to enter in such a debate now. At least he had the time to write his book.

Let's hope someone will want to translate it and publish it in English. It is well worth it.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Enquiry - Beth Collings & Anna Jamerson

From: **Gar Anthony** <[garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk](mailto:garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 19:13:00 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:16:00 -0400  
Subject: Enquiry - Beth Collings & Anna Jamerson

Dear UpDates Colleagues,

Can anyone tell me how and where I may contact Beth Collings and Anna Jamerson, authors of the book 'Connections'?

Any information would be helpful.

All best regards,

Gary Anthony

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## Strange Lights Frighten Driver In Pennsylvania

From: Stan Gordon <[paufu@westol.com](mailto:paufu@westol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 14:05:31 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:18:56 -0400  
Subject: Strange Lights Frighten Driver In Pennsylvania

Strange Lights Frighten Driver In Pennsylvania 09/19/00

PA UFO Hotline (24 hours) 724-838-7768  
Stan Gordon's UFO Anomalies Zone: <http://www.westol.com/~paufu>

I recently interviewed a witness who reported a UFO sighting which occurred on September 19, 2000, between 4:30 and 4:45 A.M. in a rural area outside of Marysville, Pennsylvania. While I am awaiting further details, what I have learned initially is that the witness commonly travels through this area on the way to work. The location of the sighting was described as a valley with fields surrounded by mountains. From approximately a mile away, the driver observed "what looked like stadium lights over an open field." This observer knew that no such lights were located in that area.

As the witness continued to watch, at one point the car window was lowered, but no sound could be heard. What the observer described seeing were two very large round lights. These lights were white in color, non-blinking, and were very brilliant. According to the witness, this luminous source was extremely large and was estimated as being as long as a football field. At first it seemed as though this was one object, but it became apparent that there were two separate lights positioned side by side.

The lights were quite low in altitude, motionless over the field, and according to the driver, the illumination from the lights "lit up the whole sky." The witness proceeded down the road for a distance, then returned several minutes later, but the lights could no longer be seen. This observer indicated that this was a very frightening experience. During the time of the observation, another vehicle came up the road. The witness is hopeful that driver of the other car will also report this event.

There have been numerous UFO sightings reported during August and September, 2000, from across Pennsylvania. Both the National UFO Reporting Center, and myself have been receiving these reports. Besides UFO encounters, other strange incidents have also come to my attention from across the state. I will be releasing further information as investigative reports become available.

Stan Gordon

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## MUFON E-mail Directory

From: Bob Long <[Alienchasr@aol.com](mailto:Alienchasr@aol.com)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:00:47 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:27:07 -0400  
Subject: MUFON E-mail Directory

Hello,

This is Bob Long, Assistant State Director of NY MUFON. I am in charge of the MUFON e-mail directory. I am searching for members whom have not gotten on the list yet.

This is only for the use of its members for ease of communications and not a junk generator.

If you are a Mutual UFO Network member and wish to be on the list of almost 400 members, please give me your state, title, region, etc and any corrected e-mail addresses as well as addresses of other members in your state.

If you are not a member or no longer a member, please disregard this message.

Regards,

Bob Long  
ASD NY MUFON  
MUFON E-mail Directory Editor

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## Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:57:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 18:55:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo - Maccabee

>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 20:05:12 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos@yorku.ca](mailto:nikolaos@yorku.ca)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:19:42 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Canadian Air Force Pilot's Photo  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>Thanks for your comments on this photo. The suggestion of a  
>>reflection from the canopy has, of course, been studied. (If I  
>>recall correctly it was Dr. Robert Nathan, photoanalyst formerly  
>>at JPL,, proposed this explanation years ago. Then rejected it.  
>>Nathan also proposed that the sun reflected off some bright  
>>object in the cockpit and that this reflection was, in turn,  
>>reflected by the cockpit window. This explanation, too, was  
>>rejected.)

>Hi Bruce.

>Did Dr. Robert Nathan publish his reasons for rejecting the  
>possibility that the UFO in the photo was a reflection of the  
>Sun, including a multiple reflection of the Sun off other  
>instruments within the cockpit?

He did not publish his reasons for rejecting. This was basically  
a private discussion between him and me.

Considering the shape of the canopy and the location and  
mobility of the pilot's head in the canopy we concluded that  
even if there were a reflection of sunlight (coming basically  
from the front of the a/c) from a small bright object, (Nathan  
suggested a button or pilot's ring) that (a) it is unlikely the  
pilot would be confused and think the light was at a great  
distance and (b) as soon as he rolled toward it to take the  
picture the direction to any reflection would change greatly.  
(The rate of change in direction of reflected light is twice as  
fast as the rate of change of direction of the reflecting  
surface.) In other words, after thinking about it for a while  
Nathan could not imagine that the reflection would seem to the  
pilot to be in exactly the same direction before the roll as  
during the roll. Instead, once the roll began the reflection, if  
it continued to be visible to the pilot (not very likely) would  
move with the airplane roll and the pilot would immediately  
realize he was looking at a reflection and not a bright object  
"out there."

>If so, I would be interested to  
>read on how he came to this conclusion. I think you will agree  
>that one should never rule out any possibility simply on the  
>opinion of a single person, even if he is a photoanalyst (or  
>just me).

>>(Your mention of his later claim that he "believes in UFOs"  
>>suggests that you would accept the hoax explanation. That is  
>>your decision. I reject the hoax explanation. He was completely  
>>cooperative in providing all the information he could including

>>the original slide - which had been lost in James MacDonald's  
>>files for many years before I contacted Childerhose. If he had  
>>known it was a reflection it seems to me that he would have been  
>>worried that my investigation of the original slide would  
>>discover his hoax)

>What criteria do you use to reject the possibility of a hoax?  
>Can it ever be ruled out in single witness testimonies? I agree  
>that my comments allow for the possibility that the pilot could  
>have been involved in an intentional hoax but my thoughts at the  
>time I wrote them was that the pilot's testimony could have been  
>simply an honest interpretation of what he believed to be a UFO  
>in one of the several photos he took after he got his pictures.

I would assign a low probability to outright hoax. Could the pilot have failed to identify some natural phenomenon that was extremely unusual? Could he had thought, "Wow, that's amazing,. Maybe it was a UFO."? Sure. The point of my paper is that the source of the light has not been identified. It was rejected by Applied Optics under the pretense that it could be identified as a) sundog (rejected) b) reflection from a lake (also rejected). I raised the question of gigantic ball lightning. No one has jumped on this case as evidence of gigantic ball lightning other than PJK.

On the other hand the pilot said the object looked like a coin seen obliquely. His photo does not exactly support this, so for him to say it is to go out on a limb with his "hoax".

Nevertheless, maybe he was hoaxing the "coin" claim. Maybe he saw the bright object, photographed it and subsequently said to himself,. AHA. I can use this as proof of UFOs... I'll say the object looked like a coin-shaped flying saucer.! Then I'll be rich and famous... or have some fun pulling the legs of my other flight buddies... or get an article published in a UFO magazine,.

Yeah, he could have thought about one these things, but I doubt it.

>One colleague who saw both of the photos in your paper made some  
>interesting comments which I think should be considered. First,  
>he said that if he was the pilot and had such an close encounter  
>with a large luminous UFO, he would have done more than just  
>roll his aircraft to take a single photo which may not have  
>turned out good.

Perhaps... if he KNEW he was looking at a UFO. On the other if he just thought that it was an interesting phenomenon, then he might have figured it was worth photographing and that was all.

He was at work at the time (preparing for a speed flight the next day or so) and flying with a team. Rolling and a/c/ and taking a picture would not put him behind his flight, but "going after" a bright object would.

At any rate what he "would" or "Would not" have done is no more than the personal opinion of someone who was not there at the time and so couldn't know all the competing "forces" at work on the pilot that made him decide to do what he did.

>Second, he made a comment on how unexpected  
>dark the CF-86 jets looked in the other photo considering they  
>were flying above the clouds and are highly reflective aircraft.  
>He went on to propose that if one of these other aircraft were  
>at the right location and orientation relative to the Sun and  
>the pilot who took the photo, this aircraft would seem to  
>momentarily brighten to an intensity comparable to the Sun (much  
>like an Iridium satellite flash that others have may have  
>identified as a UFO). On film the aircraft would appear as a  
>featureless blob of light but it would retain the width and  
>height ratio of the CF-86, which the UFO in the photo seems to  
>do.

It is obvious from the second photo where the other planes were. He claimed that the bright object was in the lee of the anvil of a thunderstorm. None of the planes was near that thunderstorm.

If there were a glint from an aircraft it would not necessarily have the width to height ratio of the airplane itself.

But in any case, if there was a glint from one of the other aircraft he surely would have known about it... since he knew where the other a/c were with respect to him... and therefore to photograph the glint and claim it was a bright object under a thunderstorm anvil would be tantamount to a hoax (certainly not a misidentification).

>>The lack of other witnesses is not necessarily a good argument >>against the reality of the bright "thing" as an "object out >>there" in the sky.

>It would help though, especially since this UFO was not your >typical inconspicuous daylight disk but a large luminous object >comparable to the brightness of the Sun. Just remember that even >a small mirror will attract the attention of the few people in a >large (say 100 square miles) area of wilderness by person who is >lost.\*

Yeah, on a clear day!

>>We don't know what the cloud cover underneath the bright object >>was. Perhaps there was a dense layer at 5000 ft or so, This was, >>after all, a huge thunderstorm with associated clouds. >>Furthermore, it occurred over an area of low population,. We >>don't know how long this bright object was in the sky, maybe for >>only a few minutes. Had someone seen it he/she might have >>associated it with lightning phenomena related to the storm. And, >>lastly, even if someone had seen it and said "Aha, a UFO," said >>person would have a relatively high probability of not reporting >>it.

>>So, for these reasons I accept the reality of an object..."out >>there."

>Considering all these things you mention above which we do not >know, I would say these are just additional reasons to doubt the >reality that a true UFO was out there.

>Since the luminous UFO in the photo the CF-86 pilot took seems >to be surrounded by clouds in shadow, how would you account that >they could remain so dark if there was a very bright UFO in >their vicinity? Wouldn't these clouds facing the UFO be bright >much like the clouds facing the Sun are as I mentioned in my >original reply? I still think the reflection of sunlight off the >aircraft canopy makes more sense. A large bright UFO near or >within the clouds is not supported by what is observed in the >photo.>

We don't know really how far the bright object was from the various clouds. It does seem to be illuminating tiny clouds just below it, but it may have been too far from the largest clouds to contribute noticeably to the ambient lighting.

>Maybe the photo of the luminous >UFO taken by the Canadian CF-86 pilot could have been a yet >unknown atmospheric phenomena, possibly not unlike the bright >lights seen by several commercial pilots over the night skies >near Toronto a while back which one Russian scientist seemed to >think could be evidence for his "geophysical meteors".

Maybe, .

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:57:54 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 18:56:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 13:50:40 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 19:56:31 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>

>>From: Bob Young <[YoungBob2@aol.com](mailto:YoungBob2@aol.com)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2000 12:03:54 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

<snip>

>>It is true that the relative brightness of the bottom of the  
>>UO caught Hartmann's attention (admirable observation  
>>considering that the bottom of the UO appears dark against the  
>>sky background.) What Hartmann noticed was that the bottom of  
>>the UO was darker than the sky but brighter than the nearby  
>>shadows, in particular the shadows under the tank. He noted  
>>that if the UO were a model nearby the bottom would be shaded  
>>from the sky and sun and hence ought to be at least as dark as  
>>the shadows near the bottom of the tank. It was from that  
>>observation that his whole analysis was to spring forth...and  
>>then get criticized by Sheaffer... and then "rectified" by me.

Bruce, et al.:

>Yes, as I noted in my previous post, Hartmann's densitometry  
>measurements are consistent with a hypothetical mirror  
>reflecting distant terrain:

>>Table B (Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects,  
>>Bantam Edition, 1969, p 403) gives densitometry results  
>>for different parts of the two negatives. The results are  
>>normalized at 1.00 for the sky near the distant horizon  
>>at 1.00. Listed here are a few results:>

>>Sky at distant horizon - 1.00  
>>Shaded bottom of the UFO .675  
>>Foreground underbrush .417  
>>Hill 1 .63  
>>Hill 2 .71

Yes, and as I pointed out in a more recent message (problem of  
time lag between messages) the coincidence is irrelevant because  
the mirror would not have reflected the distant horizon. If the  
mirror was covered with some dirt or something else it would  
have reflected the ground about 30 ft from the camera.

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## Re: Enquiry - Beth Collings & Anna Jamerson - Stacy

From: Dennis Stacy <[dstacy@texas.net](mailto:dstacy@texas.net)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:50:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 18:57:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Enquiry - Beth Collings & Anna Jamerson - Stacy

>From: Gar Anthony <[garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk](mailto:garyant@mithrand.karoo.co.uk)>  
>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Enquiry - Beth Collings & Anna Jamerson  
>Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 19:13:00 +0100

>Dear UpDates Colleagues,

>Can anyone tell me how and where I may contact Beth Collings and  
>Anna Jamerson, authors of the book 'Connections'?

>Any information would be helpful.

>All best regards,

>Gary Anthony

Gary,

Failing all else, write to them care of their publisher.

Dennis Stacy

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## Real X-Files Hot Gossip UK - Oct 2000

From: Georgina Bruni <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 00:28:37 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 20:45:11 -0400  
Subject: Real X-Files Hot Gossip UK - Oct 2000

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Well, after almost two years I am back with my regular "Real X-Files" column for Hot Gossip UK.

This month's column is mostly dedicated to three books being published on the UFO subject, Nick Pope's 'Operation Lightning Strike', release date 2 October. Tim Good's 'Unearthly Disclosure', release date 12 October, and my own, 'You Can't Tell The People', release date 10 November.

But first.....

### CATCHING UP WITH FRIENDS

On Saturday 23 September I gave a small dinner party for Peter Robbins, who was visiting London and staying with Nick Pope after speaking at the Leed's conference. Other guests included Nick, Tim Good, Lady Anna Brocklebank and Chuck de Caro. Many of you will recall that Chuck was a defence journalist with CNN and investigated the Rendlesham Forest case for the programme 'Special Assignment'.

Being a typical Italian, well American Italian, Chuck wanted to make dinner, so he ended up taking over my kitchen and cooking a superb seven course meal which concluded at 3am. I must say it was a very pleasant evening and great to catch up with everyone. Chuck was passing through on his way to Germany so his presence was completely un-planned. He still finds it amazing that he has been written about in several books relating to UFOs, including Peter's 'Left At East Gate' co-authored with Larry Warren, Tim's 'Above Top Secret' and of course my book 'You Can't Tell The People'.

Anna is a dear friend, who although does not have a great interest in UFOs, is a social wonder and great dinner party guest. She advised us all to make sure we pay special attention to the younger generation for it seems that her fourteen year old son and his college friends are very much interested in the subject.

### ULTIMATE UFO!

Probably the best UFO footage ever produced is the world's largest collection of UFO footage on two DVDs. I fully enjoyed these discs which feature 250 film clips from 26 countries, backed up with US government documents, many formerly classified as secret. There are five and half-hours worth covering almost fifty years of sightings. The really great thing about the DVD's is that they include a special bar which enables you to pause, return, forward, zoom in and everything you ever want to do with such a superb collection of film. The commentary is made by

Peter Robbins and Antonio Huneeus. For more details and to order the footage please visit: [www.ufocity.com](http://www.ufocity.com)

#### NICK POPE'S BOOK

OPERATION LIGHTNING STRIKE, the latest book by Nick Pope is published on 2 October and I will be reviewing it for my November column. The techno thriller, which is a sequel to OPERATION THUNDER CHILD is set in the future and deals with the political and military response to an alien invasion.

The story begins with an alien spaceship heading towards earth which is beaming powerful messages to world governments and the media, assuring them of their peaceful intentions and promising partnership and prosperity. But any chance of a peaceful settlement is swept aside when a mysterious shadowy group known as The Enterprise engineers a devastating attack against the visitors. Forced into a war which earth cannot win but dare not lose, the government and military struggle to contain an increasingly desperate situation but time is running out.

It promises to be an interesting thriller based on factual information, and believe it or not - I am also a player in this story. A blast from the past, no less!

Nick's publishers are giving away ten copies of 'Operation Lightning Strike' to the first ten people who offer the correct answer to the following question. Wow, that's not a difficult one:

Q: What year was the Roswell incident?

Competition: Please e-mail your answer to the editor [georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk) and you could be a lucky winner. (UK readers only)

Operation Lightning Strike published by Pocket Books: Price 9.99  
PR and Publicity: Naomi Creeger 0207 316 1938

PICTURE: Cover of 'Operation Lightning Strike'

#### TIM GOOD'S BOOK

'Unearthly Disclosure' with a foreword by Lord Hill-Norton GCB is published on 12 October and I hope to review it for a future column.

Tim Good's latest book reveals new information about alien bases, alien contacts and abductions, genetic mutants, animal mutilations and government paranoia. It covers important cases from North and South America and the US Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Tim reveals the story of the teleportation of a British Airways captain and the disappearance of an aircraft and its pilots after reporting a UFO encounter off the coast of Puerto Rico. The central section of the book deals with the incredible story of Filiberto Caponi's photographs of an alien creature, which Tim has spent several years investigating.

Above all, a high-ranking source who worked at the pentagon in the USAF Air Staff and Joint Staff discloses astounding new information about alien bases on earth.

Unearthly Disclosure: Conflicting Interests in the Control of Extraterrestrial Intelligence is published by Century on 12 October. Price 16.99

PR and Publicity: Sarah Harrison 020 7840 8614

#### GEORGINA BRUNI'S BOOK

Well, at last my long awaited book on the Rendlesham Forest incident 'You Can't Tell The People' will be published on 10 November. This is the definitive account of Britain's Roswell, an incident that took place on the perimeter of RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk, England during Christmas week 1980. I'll keep you updated on this.

The casebook reveals fresh information about the incident and the possible alien encounter that ensued, as well as the story

behind the cover-up and an explanation of why the key witnesses have been silent for so long. There are interviews with former high ranking military officers, special agents, political figures, police officers and witnesses who have never talked about the incident until now.

The casebook also re-examines Lt Colonel Halt's famous memorandum and tape recording of the incident and discloses the truth concerning the official witness statements. It also reveals vital new evidence which aims to prove that the UFOs not only penetrated British air space but actually landed in Rendlesham Forest. 'You Can't Tell The People' answers the critics, the cynics and the silencers who did not want the real story to be told.

#### COMPETITION

Sidgwick and Jackson are offering hard-back books to the first five people to give the correct answer to the following question: (UK readers only)

Q: In what county did the Rendlesham Forest incident take place?

Please e-mail your answers to the editor: [georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)

You Can't Tell The People published 10 November by Sidgwick and Jackson. Priced 17.99

PR and Publicity: Kate Wright-Morris: Telephone 0207 881 8173 or e-mail: [K.Wright-Morris@macmillan.co.uk](mailto:K.Wright-Morris@macmillan.co.uk)

Picture: Cover of 'You Can't Tell The People'

Until next month

Georgina Bruni  
London  
October 2000

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## Hot Gossip - Nick Pope's Weird World - Oct 2000

From: Georgina Bruni <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 00:45:15 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 20:47:09 -0400  
Subject: Hot Gossip - Nick Pope's Weird World - Oct 2000

NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD

Welcome to the October column, and another roundup of news and views from the world of ufology, the paranormal, and defence issues.

Operation Lightning Strike

My new book, Operation Lightning Strike, is published on 2 October by Simon & Schuster. Although entirely self-contained, it's a sequel to Operation Thunder Child, which is published in paperback on the same day. The new book is about alien invasion, and is part science fiction, part politico-military techno-thriller and part non-fiction, as it incorporates some real information about UFOs and the way in which the Government would respond to a national emergency. I've blended fact with fiction and drawn n knowledge picked up while doing my official Government UFO work, mixing this with experience that I picked up while working in the Joint operations Centre during the Gulf War. As with the last book this meant that for legal reasons we couldn't use the standard disclaimer that is printed in all novels ("This is a work of fiction. The events described here are maginary ...") but had to design something unique that would satisfy all those parties who have an interest in the contents of the book. In many ways this is the most controversial book that I've written, because it explores some aspects of the UFO situation that I would never have been able to include in my non-fiction books. Some of the scenarios covered may have to be addressed for real someday - perhaps sooner than many might suppose. Accordingly, although Operation Lightning Strike is written as a novel, it's also aimed at a very specific audience, designed as a speculative brief for various Establishment personnel. For obvious reasons I can't go into too many details about this, but as it's unclassified, I can quote briefly from the review of Operation Thunder Child that appeared in the Ministry of Defence house journal, Focus, who described it as "A fast-paced action thriller incorporating genuine UFO incidents" (My emphasis). The review highlights the statement on the front cover of the book, which says "The Truth can only be told in fiction" and says "And one is left with the uneasy feeling that it is best left that way". Nobody wants to scare the public unnecessarily, but I've always believed that people have a right to know about the very serious defence and national security issues raised by the UFO phenomenon. We'd all like to hope that our first open contact with an extraterrestrial civilisation will be peaceful. But things don't always turn out the way we'd like them to. Operation Lightning Strike costs 10.00 while Operation Thunder Child retails at 6.99.

UFO Drama On TV?

Those people who enjoyed Operation Thunder Child may like to know that one of the principle independent drama production companies in the UK has just optioned the TV rights to the book. I've signed a contract with Carnival Films, the company responsible for such films and TV series as varied as Shadowlands, The Mill on the Floss, Bugs, Crime Traveller, Under Suspicion and Poirot. The screenplay is being written by

acclaimed writer Christopher Russell, whose credits include Bergerac, Eastenders, The Bill and A Touch of Frost. Watch this column for more news on this.

### Abduction Research Competition

I've often commented on the poor shape of abduction research in the UK, and pointed out how far behind the United States we are in terms of the support facilities that exist for abductees (see for example my article in the July/August 2000 edition of UFO Magazine). The UFO Investigators Network (UFOIN) have responded to this situation by announcing an essay competition entitled "New Directions in Alleged Alien Abduction Investigation and Research". One rule of this competition is that papers mustn't propose research initiatives that violate the UFOIN Code of Practice. Now here's the interesting point about this: the Code of Practice includes a total ban on the use of regression hypnosis. I'm not sure what to make of all this. The UFOIN team are certainly free to make their own rules here, but it seems odd to be quite this dogmatic, when they are speaking as ufologists and not as mental health professionals. John Mack, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, has said that if regression hypnosis is used responsibly in examining cases of alien abduction, it can be a valuable tool both diagnostically and therapeutically. While I suppose UFOIN are free to ignore such expert views, it does seem a little strange. Most ufologists would acknowledge Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs and John Mack as the world's leading experts on the alien abduction phenomenon. Each have used regression hypnosis responsibly in hundreds of cases. And yet, if they were to enter the UFOIN competition by writing papers that incorporated regression hypnosis, their entries would be ruled ineligible. It seems to me bizarre to proclaim that you want to take forward understanding of this phenomenon, while closing your eyes and minds to the views of the leading authorities in the field.

### British Abduction Figures

While others are doing a lot of navel gazing on alien abductions, some people are getting out there, meeting the abductees and working with them directly. I've looked into over one hundred cases to date and generally do this work out of the glare of publicity. I'll be publishing some detailed analysis of these cases in the future, as time permits, but I've been asked to say something about the scope of this phenomenon in the UK, with particular reference to the ratio of male to female abductees. The raw data is as follows: To date this year I have 13 new cases, five of which involve men and eight of which involve women. Last year I had 30 new cases (pretty much the average that I receive each year), 17 of which involved men and 13 of which involved women. Further updates and analysis to follow.

### Timothy Good's New Book

Tim Good's new book, *Unearthly Disclosure*, is published on 5 October and promises to be highly controversial. Containing new information about underground bases, close encounters and some of the bizarre goings-on in Puerto Rico, this book includes sensational new testimony from a number of government and military insiders, and a number of astounding photographs. Tim is one of the world's leading figures in the field, and his books are always meticulously researched and highly readable. He's not afraid to speak his mind and goes where the data takes him, upsetting believers as well as sceptics with his slaying of various ufological sacred cows. It's this integrity that places him at the head of the pack, and he's someone who says what he thinks as opposed to what he thinks people want to hear. He backs up what he says with scholarly referencing, and like an intelligence analyst, is always careful to differentiate between what he thinks and what he knows. *Unearthly Disclosure* is published by Century and costs 16.99. As with previous books, the foreword is written by Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton GCB. Watch out for Tim in the media and at fully-illustrated lectures in London (7 October), Birmingham (9 October) and Manchester (11 October). Further details are in UFO Magazine and at [www.ufomag.co.uk](http://www.ufomag.co.uk) and there's a mail order hotline for these lectures, which is 0113 260 4450.

## Bentwaters Witness Statements

The truth has finally emerged about the witness statements from some of those United States Air Force personnel involved in the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident. UFO buff James Easton has for some time now been offering selective quotes from some of the witness statements in an attempt to support the theory originally offered by science writer Ian Ridpath, namely that some of the lights seen in the forest might have been generated by the Orford Ness lighthouse. Easton has irritated some researchers who suspect that he's simply been trying to write himself into the Rendlesham affair and wants to be seen as a "player". I don't know about this, and it may be an unfair accusation. What has emerged, however, is the truth about how Easton came by the witness statements in the first place. Despite potentially misleading statements alluding to detailed research and investigation and hinting at the possession of various sources, it transpires that Jan Aldridge simply sent Easton the statements (which comprised part of the CAUS file on the incident) through the post some time ago! If you want to see all the statements and not just selective quotes, and if you want to see how proper research on this material has been done, all the data is included in Georgina Bruni's forthcoming book on the Rendlesham Forest Incident. You Can't Tell The People will be published on 10 November by Sidgwick & Jackson, and costs 17.99. And by the way, Georgina's book blows the lighthouse theory out of the water.

## The Unopened Files

Issue 18 of The Unopened Files hit newsagents on 28 September, and contains the usual mix of fascinating articles on mysteries, cover-ups, conspiracies and other information that "they" don't want you to have. This really is one of the best magazines on the market, and anyone who has an interest in defence and national security issues, the military, intelligence, science, technology and a whole range of surprising and disturbing data on the state and the military/industrial complex should definitely subscribe.

## Armageddon Averted?

The Government's Near Earth Object Task Force report has now been published. The Task Force members, Dr Harry Atkinson, Professor David Williams and Sir Crispin Tickell have produced an excellent report which describes the impact hazard from comets and asteroids clearly and accurately. Two of those who have played a major part in this pioneering work are Lembit Opik MP, who has championed this issue in Parliament, and Jonathan Tate, Director of Spaceguard UK (the group that has lobbied on this subject and briefed the key players). I'll be keeping readers informed of progress on the implementation of the Task Force proposals as things evolve over the next few months. This is an issue that cannot be ignored and will not go away. The report can be seen in entirety at [www.nearearthobjects.co.uk](http://www.nearearthobjects.co.uk).

Nick Pope's four books, Open Skies, Closed Minds, The Uninvited, Operation Thunder Child and Operation Lightning Strike are available from all good bookshops and from the usual Internet book sites. His British publishers are Simon & Schuster. In America, his first two books are published in hardback by The Overlook Press and in mass-market paperback by Dell Publishing.

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## McMinnville Photos - Joel Carpenter

From: Mark Cashman <[mcashman@temporaldoorway.com](mailto:mcashman@temporaldoorway.com)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 20:28:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 20:50:06 -0400  
Subject: McMinnville Photos - Joel Carpenter

Please post this to the list for Joel...

Thanks.

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From: carpenter\_joel <[carpenter\\_joel@EMAIL.MSN.COM](mailto:carpenter_joel@EMAIL.MSN.COM)>,  
Date: 9/29/00 11:01 AM:  
To: [PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM](mailto:PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM)

Concerning my McMinnville web pages -

I've been stunned by the volume of hits and the amount of comment generated. Unfortunately I haven't had time to respond due to personal issues.

The page was obviously incomplete, a work in progress from last spring. The ideas may or may not be correct. I expect thorough rebuttals are in progress. I'd guess that Brad Sparks's will be the most weighty, when it arrives.

I'll attempt to address issues of concern on my site, not here. Hopefully, others will take a new look at the photos too.

I tried to post this message to UpDates this morning but it bounced repeatedly. Maybe someone could forward it.

Thanks -

Joel Carpenter

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com>  
- Original digital art, writing, music and UFO research -

UFO cases, analysis, classification systems, and more...  
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/index.htm>  
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## 9/2000 UFO Photos?

From: Charles Chapman <[charlesrc@earthlink.net](mailto:charlesrc@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:32:48 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 20:51:15 -0400  
Subject: 9/2000 UFO Photos?

Dear UpDates Colleagues,

Today I read a post on the Usenet newsgroup alt.paranet.ufo regarding some new, September 2000 UFO photographs. I thought you might find them of interest.

Perhaps the most interesting description, analysis and photographs are located at:

<http://www.lanset.com/sirius/companions/record21y2.html>

Other photographs, accompanied by descriptions and analysis, can be found, in at least my order of interest :), at:

<http://www.lanset.com/sirius/companions/record19y2.html>

<http://www.lanset.com/sirius/companions/record23y2.html>

<http://www.lanset.com/sirius/companions/record20y2.html>

<http://www.lanset.com/sirius/companions/record22y2.html>

The above web pages include links to pages with earlier photographs.

Is anyone familiar with these photographs, or with the man, Anthony J. Sanner, who took them? Are any of the photographs of interest?

-- Charles

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"Reason is, and ought only to be the slave of the passions."  
David Hume, A Treatise of Human Nature, (1888) Oxford University Press, Book II, Part III, pg. 415.

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## Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 20:06:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 09:45:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Evans

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac@compuserve.com](mailto:brumac@compuserve.com)>  
>Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 12:18:46 -0400  
>Fwd Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 17:06:46 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout! - Maccabee

>>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2000 19:41:26 -0500  
>>From: Roger Evans <[raka@swbell.net](mailto:raka@swbell.net)>  
>>Subject: Re: Trent Photos Blowout!  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)

Okay, so here is where things get interesting. Previously, Bruce wrote:

>>>SO: we could have a 4" mirror 4.1' up and 11.5' radially away  
>>>which is  $11.5\cos(20.3) = 10.8$  ft horizontal measure

>>>or we could have a 5" mirror, 5.15' up and 14.4' radially away  
>>>from the camera which is  $14.4 \cos(20.3) = 13.5$ ' horizontal  
>>>measure

We also know from David Rudiak that:

>Trent [could have] cleverly chose a thread of about the same  
>lightness as the background, meaning that there is insufficient  
>contrast to find it on the negatives.

(I assume Bruce agrees with this)

And, lastly, Bruce wrote:

>I know the mirror was reflecting the ground. Why don't you?

Now, if we stop right here, what we have is an amazing thing. According to both Bruce and David it IS possible that the object in dispute is, in fact, a mirror!

However, Bruce takes issue with my lack of concern over his density readings. He writes:

>They represent hundreds of hours of work to me, time that was  
>necessary until I got it right, spread over several years..

>The density reading are, in fact, quite accurate, whether you  
>have "faith" in them or not.

(Perhaps you are a little too attached to these readings, Bruce?)

The truth is that I have never doubted the accuracy of your readings. I merely have pointed out that you have nothing to compare those readings to. In fact, in an earlier post you wrote:

>we have no photography  
>of the ground that would allow an estimate of the relative  
>brightness of the ground (grass, dirt) itself under the same  
>lighting conditions.

However, there is one result of your readings that is very important. You wrote:

>But you are correct in one sense.... the exercise was  
>"pointless" because it could not prove the object was distant.

So here's how things shake out:

- 1) We know that object could have been up close.
- 2) We know that it could be suspended undetected by a piece of light thread.
- 3) We know that if it were a mirror, whatever we see in the mirror is a reflection of whatever was present beneath it.

and most importantly,

- 4) We know that the thing looks like a truck mirror!

See, Bruce, I never suggested that the mirror was NOT reflecting ground. What I said is that you have no way of knowing what it was reflecting, and you still don't. Your issue is that the "ground isn't supposed to look like that" or some such thing. You even suggested (half heartedly) that there could have been something on the ground that was lighter.

The problem is that the area reflected in the mirror is outside the range of the camera! Therefore, you are reduced to speculation about what is NOT in the photo and not so much about what IS in the photo. And, frankly, this is what I've been edging toward since this whole thing started.

You have density readings of everything in the photo, including the bottom of the "mystery object". However, the one thing that you do NOT have, to prove your case, is the only thing missing from the photo; the ground being reflected by the mirror because it is outside the range of the camera. In the absence of any additional data, the only left to do is one of two things:

- 1) One could take the position that whatever the mirror is reflecting simply looks like what it looks like. In other words, if we saw a reflection of Harpo Marx in the mirror, then we'd have to accept that Harpo Marx was laying on the Trent's lawn whether it fit our theory or not!

or

- 2) One could argue that we shouldn't see Harpo Marx in the reflection in spite of the obvious fact that we DO see Harpo Marx.

My position is that the thing not only looks like a truck mirror but, in fact, is a mirror reflecting whatever it "saw"; the end result being a grainy, fuzzy blotch of dark grey that is practically too vague to make any sense of with or without something to compare it to.

Your position is that the thing can't be a mirror because you don't like what you see in the mirror. Yet, you have nothing to compare the reflection to, so you are reduced to making proclamations that have no basis in fact; only assumption.

In short we are at a point where you admit that it could be a truck mirror successfully suspended without detection at a workable distance from the camera and such technique would not be beyond Trent's ability. The only thing that you take exception to, really, is the one thing you cannot prove because, despite all your readings, you don't have any data on it.

In the end, who's making the most assumptions, here?

Roger

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## Re: Strange Nation - The Paranormal Down Under -

From: Roy J Hale <[royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk](mailto:royjhale@netscapeonline.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 05:03:28 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 09:49:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Nation - The Paranormal Down Under -

>From: Bill Chalker <[bill\\_c@bigpond.com](mailto:bill_c@bigpond.com)>  
>To: <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Strange Nation - The Paranormal Down Under  
>Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 14:54:09 +1000

>Check the new 'Strange Nation' site, mainly devoted to the  
>paranormal and strange down under.

>I've written a book review on Bruce Maccabee's FBI book for the  
>site and an account of my own University of New England  
>"daylight disk" sighting back in 1972.

>Enjoy,

>Bill Chalker

><http://www.strangenation.com.au/bookshelf.htm>  
>[http://www.strangenation.com.au/sna\\_uni\\_ufo.htm](http://www.strangenation.com.au/sna_uni_ufo.htm)

I tried this link but kept getting an error page appear?  
I am the only one to have this happen?

Roy..

[www.thelosthaven.co.uk](http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk)

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## Re: Hot Gossip - Nick Pope's Weird World - Oct

From: James Easton <[voyager@ufoworld.co.uk](mailto:voyager@ufoworld.co.uk)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 06:06:02 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 09:52:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hot Gossip - Nick Pope's Weird World - Oct

>From: Georgina Bruni <[georgina@easynet.co.uk](mailto:georgina@easynet.co.uk)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>Subject: Hot Gossip - Nick Pope's Weird World - Oct 2000  
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 00:45:15 +0100

'Go-Go Georgie' wrote:

>NICK POPE'S WEIRD WORLD

>Bentwaters Witness Statements

>The truth has finally emerged about the witness statements from  
>some of those United States Air Force personnel involved in the  
>Rendlesham Forest UFO incident.

The... err... 'truth'... was first revealed in March 1998 when, after I had published 'Rendlesham Unravalled', Richard Hall publicly stated, "My forthcoming account of the case in 'The UFO Evidence: II' is based on direct communications with Colonel Halt, who has been very helpful and cooperative, and on the same set of documents from the CAUS files that others are talking about".

No sweat Nick, it was only 29 months ago... we'll all wait for you to catch up. You're not perchance part of the British 4 x 100 relay team?

>UFO buff James Easton has for some time now been offering  
>selective quotes from some of the witness statements...

As you well know, or should if you've actually looked into this, which I doubt, the full statements were made available long time ago, either publicly or privately to those who had long researched the case.

>...in an attempt to support the theory originally offered by  
>science writer Ian Ridpath, namely that some of the lights seen  
>in the forest might have been generated by the Orford Ness  
>lighthouse.

Zoink! How appalling can your research be? If you have any idea about these statements, which apparently you haven't, then you would know they confirm the abortive lighthouse chase.

Don't you understand this basic proof? No. I expect you haven't a Scooby-Doo.

>Easton has irritated some researchers who suspect that he's  
>simply been trying to write himself into the Rendlesham affair  
>and wants to be seen as a "player". I don't know about this,  
>and it may be an unfair accusation.

Your ignorance of any substantive evidence wouldn't stop you though, and not for the first time, you pitiable little bitch.

>What has emerged, however, is the truth about how Easton came by  
>the witness statements in the first place.

Only to you and more than two years later.

Welcome to the wide-awake club...

>Despite potentially misleading statements alluding to detailed  
>research and investigation and hinting at the possession of  
>various sources...

As I say, you're so full of shite.

>...it transpires that Jan Aldrich simply sent Easton the  
>statements (which comprised part of the CAUS file on the  
>incident) through the post some time ago!

No kidding.. through the post!

Obviously your only source of 'information' is Jan Aldrich's recent UpDates rage that Brad Sparks or Bruce Maccabee had informed him how on UFORL I posted 'LIST ONLY' material which came from a contemporary of [then] Lt. Col Halt and was scathing about Halt's credibility on base.

Jan - that wasn't you finest hour - you see how clowns like this pick up on it?

The true story of the six months I spent trying to get Jan Aldrich, Richard Hall and FUFOR et al to permit publication of those original witness testimonies - and that I was not only never given permission, but Halt was 'warned' about my ultimate intentions - will imminently be told.

Jan, I had hoped, as I said to you here, that it wouldn't be critical, but, you know, fuck that. Pope and yourself can argue the toss. He's your pal, not mine.

As you sow... I do not appreciate these widely publicised accusations. I'm sure you understand that I must confirm the facts and have all the supporting evidence.

>If you want to see all the statements and not just selective  
>quotes, and if you want to see how proper research on this  
>material has been done, all the data is included in Georgina  
>Bruni's forthcoming book on the Rendlesham Forest Incident.

Gosh, such objective praise for the sycophantic Ms Bruni.

Excuse us while we reach for a brown paper bag.

>You Can't Tell The People will be published on 10 November by  
>Sidgwick & Jackson, and costs 17.99.

Important info, the price I mean.

>Nick Pope's four books, Open Skies, Closed Minds, The Uninvited,  
>Operation Thunder Child and Operation Lightning Strike are  
>available from all good bookshops...

Yes indeedy..

As my UFOIN colleagues will appreciate, if they can stop falling about laughing, I once experienced a 'psychic premonition' and prophesised:

"There's no 'middle-ground' anymore. When I revealed the existence of those original documents - which was a difficult situation because I chose to do this despite no response to my repeated requests for permission [I believe it's called an 'awkward silence'] - I became an enemy of the UFO fanatics. Not for the first time and unquestionably not the last!

We're dealing with worse than that now - fanatical, vitriolic idiots who will express a disdainful view of the 'stupid debunkers and sceptics who claim the UFOs were a flying lighthouse'.

Although I hope I'm being overly pessimistic, I expect the battle will be a proverbially bloody one, with significant casualties, primarily I suspect what little credibility 'ufology' has left in the UK. It will also, by necessity, make hard-core skeptics out of some who were once otherwise.

No big deal; this has been on the cards for a long time and a



while back I commented that such was the state of ufology there would ultimately have to be a realignment in recompense for the unstoppable lurch it had taken towards abject stupidity - see your next major UFO conference for appropriate details [if I recall, in our case it's 'UFO Magazine' present Larry Warren, plus Drs Wood on the 'reality of MJ-12' ad nauseous...].

In this relative benign atmosphere of the UFOIN and UFORL forums, at present we can still discuss the issues, establish facts with which we all concur and even have momentous disagreements. Outwith, I'm afraid it's time to prepare some fortifications for the coming storm. And also, of course, paint myself with woad.

I expect to be lambasted... and any continued, critical stance to the coming Rendlefest will incur the publicised ire of twits like Pope and some 'prominent' American 'ufologists', the latter offering praise and thanks that their beliefs are being nurtured.

Lamentably, there's little encouragement for an objective response under circumstances where the attacks could be personal and I anticipate, pathetically nasty.

Also, don't be surprised how many, especially when Halt's long awaited book is published, will disregard established facts and join the crusade, especially against 'skeptics and debunkers' and their 'ridiculous lighthouse theory'.

Just you watch... [END]

Nick, it's embarrassing, and I'm sure not just to myself, to demonstrate how predictable your sad, pathetic and typically unresearched comments are. It was so obvious this abysmal diatribe was imminent and so far ahead of you it's scary.

I've always stood my ground on behalf of serious ufology - whether in heated debates with 'believers' or 'skeptics' - will above all do so as a team member of UFOIN and, trust me, these colours don't run.

'Rendlesham' is a fascinating UFO case, with probably more 'witnesses' than any other. I could offer considerable, unpublished evidence and the significant advantage of two years' evaluation re those original witness statements. UFORL and UFOIN subscribers might appreciate what I'm hinting at.

How can I reveal this though, if it's ultimately 'ammunition' for the likes of Bruni, Pope and the 'SUN' newspaper?

This is the issue I've raised in UFORL discussions - is there any room left for a 'middle ground' in ufology?

Some might say recent 'Meier' and 'Trent' debates have illustrated the difficulties. Let's add the 'Ed Walters' photographs or preposterous claims of a NASA 'cover up', et al. Same result; where is there any room for an 'objective' stance? Ideally there is, yet, in practice, there isn't...

Perhaps the issue is that so far as 'Rendlesham' goes, any 'middle ground' has been poisoned by the likes of Pope and Bruni and we're left to 'take sides'.

Yes, that's the overall disappointment... it's no fun anymore...

Best wishes,

James Easton.

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## Contactees, Cults, and Culture Paper Published

From: **Todd Lemire** <[tlemire@home.com](mailto:tlemire@home.com)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 01:24:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 09:56:19 -0400  
Subject: Contactees, Cults, and Culture Paper Published

List,

I have the pleasure of announcing the web publication of a paper that appeared in the 1976 MUFON Symposium Proceedings. The paper is titled, Contactees, Cults, and Culture by David Stupple and William McNeece. Mr. cNeece and John Schuessler have granted the permission neMeded to publicly post this paper and Mr. McNeece has added an updated bio to the introduction.

You can view this paper at  
<http://members.home.net/tlemire/mcneece.html>

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

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## Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Chapman

From: Charles Chapman <[charlesrc@earthlink.net](mailto:charlesrc@earthlink.net)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 02:00:10 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 09:58:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Science's Neglect Of UFOs - Chapman

>Date: Mon, 25 Sep 2000 07:55:10 +0100  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk](mailto:jrimmer@magonia.demon.co.uk)>  
>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>From: Brian Cuthbertson <[bdc@fc.net](mailto:bdc@fc.net)>  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Sep 2000 15:31:16 -0500 (CDT)  
>>To: [updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)  
>>Subject: Re: Meier-Hoax Claims

>>Let me get this straight: "A panel of \_neutral\_ recognized,  
>>leading scientists"? Uh huh. Sorry Nathan, when it comes to the  
>>UFO phenomenon you've just stipulated a non-existent species.

>>"Leading scientists" aren't neutral when it comes to UFOs, it  
>>tends to prevent grants being renewed. And one can just imagine  
>>what could happen to the careers of your esteemed panelists if  
>>by some chance they decided in favor of Meier.

>We hear this claim a lot. Can anybody come up with a documented  
>example of a scientist losing research grants after having taken  
>a serious - repeat, serious - interest in UFOs?

The following does not directly answer your question, but you may nevertheless find the information interesting.

In the book UFOs and Abductions, Challenging the Borders of Knowledge, (2000) University Press of Kansas, edited by David M. Jacobs, the second chapter is entitled "Limited Access: Six Natural Scientists and the UFO Phenomenon." Said chapter is by Ron Westrum, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Technology at Eastern Michigan University.

In the section entitled "Barriers to Entry and Limitations on Inquiry," Westrum states:

"UFO work also hurt the reputations of those who did it. Of the six men considered [i.e., Donald Menzel, Carl Sagan, James E. McDonald, J. Allen Hynek, Jacques Vallee, Edward U. Condon], only one (Sagan) emerged unscathed from his involvement. Stigma is a real risk for those entering taboo research areas. A variety of restrictions, from informal pressures (evident in the case of Hynek, inferred in the case of Sagan) to outright sanctions against research in this area (McDonald), are evident."

Id. at 52 (brackets added, parenthesis in original).

Speaking of Hynek, Westrum states:

"Hynek's early involvement with the field is a case in point. Brought in by the air force as a consultant in 1948, Hynek recognized the pressures brought to bear not only on himself but also on the air force project (successively Projects Sign, Grudge, and Blue Book). Hynek knew he was supposed to keep a low profile, and he did. Only later, as department chair of astronomy at Northwestern, and thus in a basically unassailable position, was he persuaded by the Invisible College (in support) and James McDonald (in accusation) to make a positive position

public. He stated during a 1973 interview that he knew that any other course of action would have ended his participation and sidelined his career."

Id. at 52 (parenthesis in original).

Westrum discusses the situation regarding McDonald at some length at pages 38 to 40.

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## Friedman On Siegel, Oct. 2

From: Stan Friedman <[fsphys@brunnet.net](mailto:fsphys@brunnet.net)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 08:20:39 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 10:01:41 -0400  
Subject: Friedman On Siegel, Oct. 2

I was asked on Thursday to be on the Mike Siegel Coast-to-Coast show on Monday Night from 2AM (Tuesday morning) Atlantic Time until 6:00AM.. I intend to take a strong stand about Robert Park's totally unscientific and irrational book "Voodoo Science: the Road from Foolishness to Fraud" with a special focus on the really bad chapter about Roswell. The book is a splendid example of voodoo science! Park is a PhD and very active in the American Physical Society of which I have been a member for about 45 years. The book has unfortunately had favorable reviews... obviously from people who have checked nothing.

I intend to challenge him to a debate, though I understand he had a bad accident and might still be in the hospital. Reminds me of Dr. Krauss ("Physics of Star Trek") with whom I tangled on Jeff Rense's show. He refused a debate challenge on his campus.... after all as the mantra for nasty noisey negativists goes "Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up."

Stan Friedman

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## Check Out This Crop Circle!

From: Kelly Peterborough <[kellymccg@attcanada.ca](mailto:kellymccg@attcanada.ca)>

Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 08:41:10 -0400

Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 10:08:58 -0400

Subject: Check Out This Crop Circle!

Reconstruction Of The 2000 Chilbolton Radio Telescope Crop  
Formation -

<http://cropcircleconnector.com/2000/chilbolton/chilbolton2000reconstruction.htm>

Courtesy of Sightings <http://www.sightings.com>

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## UpDates Off-Line Until Wednesday, October 4th, 2000

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[updates@sympatico.ca](mailto:updates@sympatico.ca)>  
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 10:26:34 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2000 10:26:34 -0400  
Subject: UpDates Off-Line Until Wednesday, October 4th, 2000

Those of you have been readers of UFO UpDates for several whiles will recall that, periodically, 'work' drags me away from screen, keyboard, text editor and Eudora.

A manufacturer of 4-wheeled transpo demands to give me money in return for assistance with the launch of their 2001 line of vee-hicles. So, being like so many others in this field, monetarily disadvantaged, I need to heed the call.

Consequently, as of this post UFO UpDates will be off-line until p.m. this coming Wednesday, October 4th.

I realise that this will, for differing reasons, cause angst for some. And to the severely addicted I 'pologise. Try not to use news.groups in the interim, you never know what you'll pick up.....

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